

The Alaskan Joint Legislative Health Caucus

2008 National Week of Cover the Uninsured

Monday, April 28th

Noon until 2:00 PM

Anchorage Legislative Information Office

716 W. 4th Avenue / 2nd Floor Conference Room

"An increased effort is being made by many to address the steadily growing issue of uninsured individuals. A lack of health insurance often brings negative impacts to individuals, families, communities, local economics and rising health costs as well." ~ *Representative Sharon Cissna*

The 6th Annual National Week of Cover the Uninsured will be hosted by the Alaskan Joint Legislative Health Caucus. Presenters scheduled to join in the forum topics of discussion will be:

Topic: Recent research and analysis of Alaska's uninsured –

Alice Rarig, MPH PhD, Project Director for the State Planning Grant on Insurance Coverage, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Virgene Hanna, Director, Kid Count Alaska, Institute of Social & Economic Health, UAA

Topic: The status of health coverage and the lack in Alaska presently –

Linda Hall, Director, Division of Insurance, State of Alaska

Heather Tonga, Physician Assistant, Seldovia Village Tribe Health Center, Homer

Topic: Week of Cover the Uninsured in Alaska, Health events -

Representatives of sponsoring organizations will give updates

Individuals will give testimony of their own or community member's experiences.

The forum information is developed for Legislators and their staff but members of the public are very welcome to attend. During this critical issue discussion all are invited to tell about their own or communities present concerns about those uninsured for health care.

Call 907-269-0190 for information on teleconference numbers to call if local LIOs are unable to be connected during this Legislative interim Health Caucus.

We hope you can join us!

Sharon Cissna, Co Chair Legislative Health Caucus