

Requested by: Mayor Keller
Adopted: September 10, 2007
Vote: Cox, Ewing, Massie and Menard in favor; Holler and Metiva absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 07-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING MAT-SU HEALTH SERVICES, INC., IN ITS EFFORTS TO BECOME A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN THE GREATER WASILLA AREA.

WHEREAS, the growing cost of health care is creating greater hardship on a growing number of City of Wasilla and Mat-Su Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Public Health estimates that 40% of the City of Wasilla and Mat-Su Borough residents are uninsured, underinsured, or working poor; and

WHEREAS, the Federally Qualified Community Health Center in the Wasilla area is available to be the medical home to all who enter its doors, providing the highest quality preventative and urgent care available; and

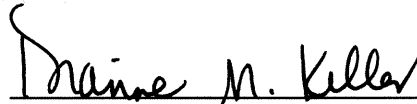
WHEREAS, Mat-Su Health Services, Inc., has developed a collaborative relationship with primary care providers in our community in order to build a healthcare model that meets the needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, Mat-Su Health Services is committed to continue to operate a Community Health Center that reflects community governance in order to meet the needs of the residents of the City of Wasilla and Mat-Su Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that we support Mat-Su Health Services to continue as a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in the Mat-Su Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council supports a locally owned and operated Community Health Care Center that would have a board comprised of local MSB residents.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on September 10, 2007.

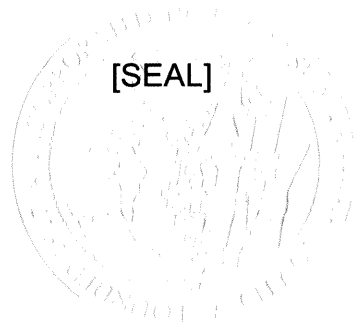


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk





**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 07-30 REGARDING COUNCIL ADOPTION AND SUPPORT OF THE MAT-SU HEALTH SERVICES, INC., IN ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO BECOME A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN THE GREATER WASILLA AREA.

Agenda of: September 10, 2007
 Originator: Mayor Dianne M. Keller

Date: August 24, 2007

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police Chief Youth Court, Dispatch, Code Compliance	
	Culture and Recreation Services Director Library, Museum, Sports Complex	
	Public Works & Recreation Facility Maintenance Director	
	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>S. Harley</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>Smits</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

S. Harley for the Mayor

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Mat-Su Health Services, Inc., for nearly two years, has been providing integrated primary medical and behavioral health care to the working poor, uninsured and under-insured residents of the Mat-Su Borough.

As a city governmental agency, a major part of our mission is to develop both economically, as well as improving the quality of life in our community. The Greater Wasilla, Meadowlakes area is the fastest growing population in Alaska. The poverty level in this area ranges up to 22%. According to the Alaska Department of Public Health, 40% of the people who live and work here are considered uninsured, under-insured and/or working poor. Due to the ever rising cost of health care premiums, small to medium businesses in our area are unable to provide health care plans for their employees.

The City of Wasilla is committed to building a foundation that is strong enough for future generations to build upon. We have a tremendous need to provide a medical home for

our many families who need quality health care but cannot afford it. It is imperative that the funding to sustain Mat-Su Health Service's community health center needs to continue in order that they may provide a medical access point for our residents.

Council adopted Resolution No. 04-19 on April 26, 2004 when Mat-Su Health Services, Inc. originally asked for our support in their efforts to become a Federally Qualified Community Health Center in the Greater Wasilla area.

Resolution No. 07-30 asks for Council's continued support of Mat-Su Health Services.

