



September 1, 2015

Dear Alaska Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative Advisory Committee,

This letter is written to express the support of {insert health care organization name} to the national and statewide effort to decrease the use of unnecessary antimicrobial agents. Through active participation in the Alaska Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative, a partnership between the Alaska State Hospital Association and the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, we will achieve better patient outcomes, reduce the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria, and reduce healthcare costs.

As the Chief Executive Officer, I support antimicrobial stewardship program development and sustainability through dedicated human, financial, and information technology resources. Our commitment is demonstrated by the following actions:

- Leadership has identified an active antimicrobial stewardship team with a physician champion and clinical pharmacist.
- Clinicians have access to an Infectious Disease specialist for medication review or are engaged in the A2SC Infectious Disease Specialist Access Pilot Project to improve access.
- The antimicrobial stewardship team will meet at least quarterly to review data and assess antimicrobial utilization and share findings with appropriate providers.
- The antimicrobial stewardship team commits to reporting to the executive board annually on the progress of the team's work, including trends in antibiotic prescriptions, antimicrobial resistance, and rates of Clostridium difficile infections.
- A representative has been appointed to serve as our organizational lead to A<sup>2</sup>SC and to disseminate best practice information within our organization.
- The antimicrobial stewardship team will provide an annual in-service training on the core concepts of antibiotic stewardship to pharmacy and medical staff.

On behalf of {insert health care organization name}, I applaud the efforts taking place throughout our nation to improve care through the use of evidence-based guidelines for antimicrobial treatment. We consider participation in this work as a top priority in our strategy to improve patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer Signature

Date