

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Assessing and Improving Village-level Financial, Management and  
Technical Capacity**

**A Workshop sponsored jointly by:  
The U.S. Arctic Research Commission's Arctic Rural Water and Sanitation and Arctic Renewable  
Energy Working Groups**

**February 9th – (KAHTNU 1), Dena'ina Center, 600 W. Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501**

**Other AFE-associated sessions of interest: Thursday, 3:30-4:45 PM, Tubughnenq' 5. "A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Northern Communities"**

The AFE agenda can be found: [here](#)

**Workshop objectives:**

- Improved knowledge about the processes available/needed to *assess* local capacity;
- Improved knowledge of capacity development and technical assistance needed to achieve sustainable water systems and renewable energy projects;
  - Development of community-based standards for capacity improvement; and
- Input and progress on *holistic* capacity development approaches that include community-based approaches and the establishment of a network of practitioners.

**Session 1: Setting the stage (defining capacity and historical efforts to assess/improve capacity)**

**9:00- 10:15 A.M.**

9:00-9:10	Welcome, Announcements and Introductions
9:10-9:15	Setting the stage/defining terms ( <i>C. Rosa, USARC</i> )
9:15-9:40	Overview of past capacity assessment and improvement efforts that accompanied rural water and sanitation and renewable energy projects ( <i>R. Eleazer, RUBA Program/ADEC, B. Reeve, Kotzebue, AK</i> )
9:55-10:15	Case Studies:  RE: Health and infrastructure in the context of remote communities in the Arctic ( <i>G. Holdmann, ACEP</i> )  W&S: Capacity development efforts in the YK region ( <i>T. Bobo, YKHC</i> )

**Session 2: Assessment of village-level capacity: current approaches**

**10:30 A.M. - 11:45 P.M.**

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| 10:30-10:45. | AVEC capacity assessment approach ( <i>F. Button, AVEC</i> )   |
| 10:45- 11:00 | Fuel Oil Loan capacity assessment approach ( <i>J. Sullivan, DCCED</i> )   |
| 11:00- 11:15 | O&M Best Practices Scoring List ( <i>C. Bohan, ADEC</i> )  |
| 11:15- 11:45 | Community insight panel (moderated forum) ( <i>D. Weinard, Ipnatchiaq Electric Company, Deering, AK; B. Reeve, Kotzebue, AK; R. White, YKHC, Bethel, AK; T. Bobo, YKHC, Bethel, AK</i> ) |

**Session 3: Work Session: Capacity Improvement Efforts and Development of a Holistic Community Capacity Improvement Plan: ALL previous session attendees invited to attend and participate**

**2:00-3:15 P.M.**

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| 2:00 - 2:15 | Capacity building programs: The “Pinga” app, ANEEE and ARENA Programs ( <i>P. Foster Wilder, REAP, G. Holdmann, ACEP</i> ) |
| 2:15 - 2:30 | First Alaskans Institute leadership development programs ( <i>L. Medicine Crow, FAI</i> )                                  |
| 2:30 - 3:15 | Moderated Discussion: What would ideal holistic community capacity look like?  |

**(Please note: for those who are interested, there is an additional, non-workshop related session on holistic approaches to building projects that will be held from 3:30-4:45 PM titled: “A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Northern Communities”)**