

## **Curriculum Vitae Alice Jane Rarig**

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### **Education**

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts/Amherst, School of Public Health, Health Policy and Management. Minors: Biostatistics and Epidemiology, 1993  
M.P.H. Yale University, School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Medical Care Organization, 1971  
M.A. Yale University, Graduate School, Soviet and East European Area Studies, 1970  
B.A. Harvard University, Radcliffe College, Russian History and Literature (Magna cum Laude), 1967

### **Professional Experience**

Planner IV, Health Planning and Systems Development Unit, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. April 2006-present. Planning Team Supervisor overseeing Certificate of Need program and staff responsible for Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan. Major grant management and planning responsibilities for State Planning Grant on the uninsured, hospital discharge data and related data system development, and other special projects involving planning and evaluation, for example the Alaska Physician Supply Task Force (2005-2006).

Health & Social Services Planner III, Health Planning and Systems Development Unit, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. July 2003-April 2006. Responsible for Health Professional Shortage Area and Medically Underserved Area designation work, hospital discharge data analysis, certificate of need methodology and data collection, associated policy analysis and policy development (especially re frontier and rural definitions, and frontier extended stay clinic development); assist with unmet needs analysis; collaborate with and assist unit staff on primary care, rural hospital flexibility grant; assist Divisions of Public Health and Behavioral Health on analysis of systems including levels of care, evaluation of demonstration projects, and data; other projects. Work with Denali Commission committees on methods and data on health status and community needs.

Adjunct Faculty, teaching Introduction to Public Health (fall semester 2003; spring semester 2005) at University of Alaska Southeast (Juneau, AK).

Health & Social Services Planner III/Manager, Data and Evaluation Unit, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Alaska, January 10, 2000 to June 2003. Responsible for coordinating the statewide health systems planning process, the Healthy Alaskans 2010 target setting and strategic planning, and developing the Division of Public Health's capacity to meet the needs for data dissemination and for evaluation services, especially in relation to the Division's programs. Supervisor of 7-10 professional staff. Full time (37.5 plus). Healthy Alaskans 2010 planning process was supported in part by Robert Wood Johnson Turning Point Implementation grant and the prevention block grant. The Turning Point Implementation Grant was aimed at implementation of a public health information system of which the planning process is a basis, with health status updates, regional "health profiles online" and an interactive query service for public health data as components.

Health Program Manager, Primary Care and Health Promotion Unit, Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services, Department of Health and Social Services, State of Alaska: Liaison for Telemedicine and data analyst for health professional shortage areas and unmet needs for primary care. October 15, 1997- January 10, 2000, full time. Data work for the Primary Care Unit required drawing upon state and federal data sources and identifying and using surveys and administrative records to meet needs of the state office in the shortage designation process and other planning and monitoring activities, writing grant proposals, and working with community health centers and

other state and local partners. As telemedicine liaison I drafted the state's comments on the Universal Service Fund and FCC decisions to facilitate program revisions that resulted in the funds being usable by Alaska rural health clinics, assisted the Commissioner of Health and Social Services with establishment of the Alaska Telehealth Advisory Council, and organized regular teleconferences among the rural health clinics, Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network, tribal health organizations, telecommunications companies (long distance on local providers), and the Universal Service Fund Corporation and its Rural Health Corporation component during the difficult first two years of implementation.

Demographic Analyst, Massachusetts Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Massachusetts (MISER), Amherst, MA 01003, 1993 – 1997, full time (40 hours/week). Massachusetts liaison to Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates, and Federal-State Cooperative for Population Projections (FSCPE and FSCPP); member of the FSCPE Steering Committee 1994-1997; convener of the Methodology Subcommittee of the FSCPE Steering Committee. Other duties included

1. responsibility for evaluation, review and comment on the Census Bureau's population estimates for the state, counties and sub-county areas, including review of the administrative records and vital statistics to assess validity of the estimates for purpose of challenging problematic estimates;
2. serving as staff to the Interagency Committee on Population Statistics (ICPS) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, organizing quarterly meetings, presenting quarterly updates on MISER's estimates and projections work, worked with regional planning offices and state office staff in public health, aging, transitional assistance, transportation, education, and others;
3. biennially preparing population projections at the city/town level for 5-year age groups, sex and race, including the research on vital trends, migration, and economic effects, model development, and assessment of projected change; also doing projections for state transportation planners, and school enrollment for the City of Boston and several smaller communities using a MISER model.
4. supervising graduate economics and sociology graduate students assisting with population projections work

1985-1991: Consultant to NECON, the New England Coalition for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, including chairing the Regional Health Data Task Force which strove to obtain funding for a New England Regional Health Data Consortium, organized meetings on improving the consistency and usefulness of health data reporting and gathering among the New England states. I also prepared the final report for the Task Force on Health Status of Low Income and Minority People in New England, including extensive data analyses and presentations; and extensive data analysis and preparation for other task force reports to the New England Governors' Conference. Worked with the New England Health Commissioners, many of the department heads in health and human services, health data chiefs, and health insurers, medical society staff and officers, hospital association officers, hospital administrators and planners, and state legislators and staff.

Health care management consultant, data analyst, researcher, policy analyst, and instructor at University of Massachusetts. Self-employment projects in hospital and HMO planning, and local public health services program development and program evaluation, 1974-1993. Selected positions: Assistant to the Hospital Planner, Franklin Medical Center, Greenfield, MA, summer 1986; Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, School of Public Health, 1983-1986, ¼- ½ time; Field Training Coordinator, Health Administration Program, U. of Massachusetts School of Health Sciences.

1983-1986: Staff coordinator for Working Groups, Health Care Coordinating Project, Division of Public Health, School of Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts (joint project with Massachusetts Department of Mental Health), part time (15-20 hours/week).

1984: Consultant, Executive Office of Communities and Development, Shared Health Agent Feasibility Studies, Hampshire and Franklin Counties. (Foothills Health District and East Franklin County Health District were outcomes.) Part time, self-employed (partnership with Edward McColgan on the Hampshire County study).

1983: Training Consultant (partnership with former legislator Edward McColgan) – planned and conducted eight training sessions for local boards of health for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, based on the Guidebook for Local Boards of Health I edited.

1979-1983: Field Training Coordinator, Health Administration Program, Division of Public Health, School of Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA (half time position, supervisor Bruce Stuart, PhD).

1980: Instructor, PH 320, Principles of Public Health Practice. University of Massachusetts. (part time complement to Field Training Coordinator position and consulting).

1979-1980: Author and editor, Guidebook for Local Boards of Health in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Public Health published 1981).

1971-1975: Research Associate, Frontier Nursing Service, Hyden, KY; Clover Fork Clinic, Evarts, KY; and planner, Mountain Trails Health Plan, and Southeast KY Health Demonstration Project, Harlan, KY. Full time until 3/73 then 75% time. Appointed Adjunct Faculty of University of Kentucky Medical School Community Medicine Program.

1971: Planning Associate, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT.

1965-1970: Summer positions: Research Analyst, Social Security Administration, Washington D.C., working on Social Welfare Expenditures, National Health Expenditures, study of SSA beneficiaries at "minimum" benefit levels, under supervision of Ida Merriam and Lenore Epstein Bixby. Worked with Ruth Hanft, Dorothy Rice, Dr. Howard West, Mollie Orshansky and others.

### **Publications:**

Eberhart-Phillips, Fenaughty and Rarig, *The Burden of Cardiovascular Disease in Alaska: Mortality, Hospitalization and Risk Factors*, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Anchorage 2004.

Contributor to Peterson, Fenaughty and Eberhart-Phillips, *Tobacco in the Great Land: A Portrait of Alaska's Leading Cause of Death*, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Anchorage 2004.

Alaska Division of Public Health, *Healthy Alaskans 2010: Targets and Strategies for Improved Health, Executive Summary*, Anchorage 2001 (Alice Rarig, Editor).

Alaska Division of Public Health, *Healthy Alaskans 2010 (Volume I): Targets for Improved Health*, Anchorage 2002 (Alice Rarig, Editor).

Alaska Division of Public Health, *Healthy Alaskans 2010 (Volume II): Strategies for Improved Health – Creating Healthy Communities – An Alaskan Talking Circle*, Anchorage 2002 (Alice Rarig, Editor).

Alaska Division of Public Health, *Health Status in Alaska, 2000 Edition*, Juneau 2001 (Alice Rarig, Editor).

Alaska Tobacco Factsheet; Alaska Injury Disparities Fact Sheets see [http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dph/targets/PDFs/tobacco\\_hand-out.pdf](http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dph/targets/PDFs/tobacco_hand-out.pdf); <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/profiles/injuries/default.htm>

Alaska Health Profiles Online <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/profiles/default.htm>

Selected Conference Presentations: Chronic disease and risk factors among Alaskan women (December 2003), Health Indicators Workshop (December 2002), Health Status in Alaska (December 2000), Impact of Rural and Frontier Status on Alaska Programs (December 1999), Population Change in the Northwest, 1990-2000 (Anchorage, March 2001), plus many PowerPoint presentations (Suicide in Alaska – a walk through the data; Diabetes and Obesity; etc.).

### **Elected Offices and Volunteer Activities:**

President, Trail Mix, Inc. Board of Directors, Juneau Alaska 1999-present

Co-Chair, Trails Working Group, Juneau, AK 1999-2001; Chair 2002-2004  
Member, State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Advisory Board for Juneau and Vicinity  
Founder, Friends of Ernest Gruening State Historical Park  
Volunteer Naturalist with Mount Roberts Stewardship Program, and charter member 1997-present  
Volunteer Naturalist for Appalachian Mountain Club, 1988-1996  
Member, Leverett Board of Selectmen (elected), Oct 1990-March 1997  
Member, Leverett School Committee (elected), 1980-1986. Chair 1983-1984; representative to Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee 1984-1986.

Vice President for Western Massachusetts, Massachusetts Public Health Association, 1990-1994. Member, Legislative Committee of the MPHA.

Member, U. Mass. School of Public Health Alumni Coordinating Group, 1994-1996.

Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, Valley Health Plan (HMO), Amherst, MA 1978-1979.

Member Advisory Council, Valley Health Plan (HMO), 1977-1979. Vice chair 1978-1979.

Primary Care Committee member and member Northern Valley Advisory Board, Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council, 1978-1979.