Abstract

Anchorage’s senior citizen population is growing exponentially, putting a strain on current policies and systems for health, home, and community based services delivery. The Municipality of Anchorage Senior Citizens Commission has expressed interest in reviewing the needs of Anchorage seniors and reviewing current service delivery systems for potential changes, specifically moving to a local Area Agency on Aging model. This study reviews federal, state, and local policies, planning efforts, funding, and programming related to aging programs to determine the feasibility of the AAA model. The Municipality of Anchorage does meet the minimum requirements of the Older Americans Act to petition to the State Unit in Aging to become a designated planning and service area, otherwise known as an Area Agency on Aging. However, much work needs to be done before a sweeping systems change could be implemented.