

Donna Galbreath MD BIO

Galbreath has worked for Tribal organizations in Alaska since completing her medical training more than 30 years ago. She is a Family Practice Doctor who uses her Athabascan heritage, medical knowledge, and cultural beliefs in her leadership position. She began her career with a strong belief that primary care – especially integrated within a health care system that values relationships – can transform overall community health. Her efforts as one of Southcentral Foundation's senior medical directors, include strategic planning and developing comprehensive quality assurance programs, increasing customer satisfaction, helping improve the quality of services, and improving health outcomes. She has been instrumental in helping SCF achieve the highest levels of Patient Centered Medical Home status, in expanding ANMC's cancer screening and cancer service programs, and in the whole-system redesign of OB-GYN and the Chronic Pain Program. She played a key role in rapidly adjusting programs and services in response to the COVID pandemic.

A champion of – and advocate for – customer-ownership, she recognizes that if you own something, "you have certain expectations, you're proud of it, you're involved in it, and you take care of it." She has been featured in Modern Healthcare magazine, Indian Country Today, Alaska Federation of Natives, and the national NLM Native Voices (Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness) exhibit.

She has served in many roles representing Alaska Native and American Indian people locally, for Alaska, and Nationally. These roles include having served on the WWAMI medical school selection committee for the past 6 years, past president of the Association of American Indian Physicians, and currently serves on the National Institute of Health Tribal Advisory Committee.