

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Selects Orion Health's Rhapsody Integration Engine for Full-scale Application Integration and Monitoring

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Santa Monica, California ([PRWEB](#)) December 2, 2008 – Orion Health, (<http://www.orionhealth.com>) a leading provider of clinical workflow and integration technology for the health care sector, announces that the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) (<http://www.searhc.org/>) of Juneau, Alaska, has selected the Rhapsody™ Integration Engine.

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SEARHC is one of the oldest and largest Native-run health organizations in the nation, providing health care to 18 remote Alaska Native communities scattered over an area about the size of Florida. The consortium is in the middle of a major systems transformation project that combines all health and business functions into one comprehensive, computerized record system.

SEARHC will use the Rhapsody™ Integration Engine, (<http://www.orionhealth.com/rhapsody/>), to help the different electronic health record, radiology, pharmacy, laboratory and business programs communicate with each other. It also plans to extend connectivity to statewide systems such as VacTrAK (the State of Alaska immunization registry) and AKAIMS (an MIS and clinical documentation tool used by substance abuse treatment agencies).

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"The Rhapsody Integration Engine is offering SEARHC the ability to access their legacy applications and enabling them to plan for the future of their technology development," said Paul DeBazin, Rhapsody General Manager, Orion Health.



A Best in KLAS® solution (<http://www.healthcomputing.com>), Rhapsody has been specifically designed to meet the present and future needs of health integration. The Rhapsody Integration Engine manages and streamlines message exchange between hospital applications, databases and external systems for effortless integration. Rhapsody delivers an integration solution with the lowest cost of ownership and highest return on investment.

"Rhapsody continues to outpace our competitors in the area of usability and customer service and SEARHC's decision to purchase our software based upon these criteria demonstrates our continued improvements in those areas," DeBazin said.

About SEARHC
SEARHC was established in 1975 under the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination Act. The intent of this legislation was to have Indian Health Service (IHS) programs and facilities turned over to tribal management. SEARHC began contracting with IHS in 1976 when it took over management of the Community Health Aides Program. In 1982, SEARHC assumed management of the IHS clinic in Juneau (the Ethel Lund Medical Center) and in 1986 SEARHC began managing Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka.

SEARHC is a consortium of 18 remote Alaska Native communities in Southeast Alaska, many with no road access and scattered over an area the size of Florida. SEARHC's mission is to provide the highest quality health services in partnership with Native people. SEARHC board representatives are selected by the tribal governing body in each community. SEARHC maintains strong ties to the communities, to the culture, and to its elders. Wherever possible, SEARHC incorporates traditional Native cultural practices and values into its health care delivery system.

About Orion Health
Orion Health's easy-to-use solutions and applications improve patient care and clinical decision-making by providing integrated health data in a single, unified view. By enhancing existing healthcare information systems, Orion Health's Rhapsody Integration Engine, Concerto Medical Applications Portal, and workflow solutions provide healthcare workers with easy access to patient data and trends, and reduce errors and omissions by streamlining information transfer. Worldwide, Orion Health is implementing health information communities involving over 35 million patients with tens of thousands of active users including Maine's HealthInfoNet and the Vermont Health Information Exchange. Orion Health's partners include leading health system integrators and IT vendors such as Accenture, IBM, Oracle Corporation, Sierra Systems and others. Orion Health has more than 1,000 clients around the world, including Lahey Clinic, New York State Department of Health, UCLA Medical Center, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). More information can be found at <http://www.orionhealth.com>.