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Alaska Public Media Welcomes Dr. Anne Zink to Line One

Zink Joins Line One: Your Health Connection Host Rotation Starting Oct. 2

ANCHORAGE, AK – September 23, 2024 – Alaska Public Media (AKPM) is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Anne Zink to its rotating lineup of hosts for ***Line One: Your Health Connection (Line One)***. Her first episode will air on Wednesday, October 2.

Dr. Zink became the State of Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer in July 2019 and served through 2024. She and her team led Alaska and the 229 federally recognized tribes through the COVID-19 pandemic. She also served as president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO).

During her tenure, Dr. Zink guided Alaska through the COVID-19 pandemic, achieving some of the lowest case fatality rates in the country, the highest testing per capita early in the pandemic, and the quickest vaccination rollout in the middle of winter across a state larger than Montana, California, and Texas combined. Additionally, she and her team restructured the State of Alaska’s largest department, the Department of Health and Social Services, into two more efficient agencies. She directed the state’s efforts on Complex Care, contributed to the creation of the Healthy Alaskans Initiative, and enhanced mental health services across the state. Her work is informed by her ongoing clinical role as a practicing emergency medicine physician, where she directly observes the effects of policies on patients.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Zink join our family of hosts for ***Line One***,” said Linda Wei, Chief Content Officer. “Her past experience as the state’s Chief Medical Officer brings yet another perspective on health topics in Alaska that will add to the show.”

“Accessible, easy-to-understand health communication is vital because healthy people are the foundation of thriving communities,” said Dr. Zink. “It has been an honor to serve as Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer for the past five years, and as I transition roles, I’m excited to continue the conversations with Alaskans through ***Line One***.”

Dr. Zink has a special interest in using informatics and information to bring together public health and health care systems to improve the health of the people they serve and to ensure a patient-first focus and the need for clear and consistent communication so people can make their best health decisions for themselves, their family and their communities.



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A weekly, live, call-in show, ***Line One*** features local physicians and national subject experts from the fields of child care, mental health, nutrition, pharmacology, surgery and more. Dr. Zink joins three other hosts - Dr. Justin Clark, Prentiss Pemberton, and Dr. Jillian Woodruff - to discuss these topics with their guests and callers. ***Line One*** airs Wednesdays at 10 a.m., repeating at 8 p.m. on KSKA FM 91.1 in Anchorage, AK. You can also listen to ***Line One*** wherever you get your podcasts. Learn more at alaskapublic.org/lineone.

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