

Community Health Aide Program is busy

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I want to start with a phone number correction: Atkasuk Clinic: 633-6420.

We have begun plans for our Spring CHA Class, CHR Workshop, and the second Annual CHA/CHR Awards Banquet, all to be held in April. We are accepting money donations for the banquet. Please send your donation to me c/o the CHA Program, Box 69, Barrow.

I attended the February Academic Review Committee in Anchorage. There was continued review of the CHA Curriculum revision. Many of our NSB Health Department personnel contributed last fall to the general information base for special areas. Much thanks to them.

Dr. Rob Burgess continues to work with the CHA Manual revision. Continued interest in CHA Coordinators sharing information created another Teleconference to be held March 22. All CHA programs will speak to the issues of Coordinator/Instructor visits to village clinics. I will facilitate Teleconference from Barrow.

Bonnie Nageak C/I and Lois Henderson C/I are on vacation will mid-March.

We held a Teleconference in Anchorage using slow-scan video with Toronto, Canada. Dr.

William Paton, Joan Galt, and other staff were able to send and receive X-rays, EKGs, and group pictures with Telemedicine. Dr. Dunn, Dr. Riley, and Helen Acton RN were present in Canada. They are the pioneers for Telemedicine in Ontario, Canada. This teleconference demonstrated well the projected use of the NSB Telehealth slow-scan system for patient consult from Barrow to Anchorage.

NEW TELEPHONE MESSAGE SERVICE TO ANCHORAGE CHRs: Doreen Edwards Knodel came to Barrow to talk with the staff both at the PHS Hospital and the NSB Health Department about the new "Code-a-phone" telephone message system that has been installed at Anchorage NSB Office for CHR Outreach Work. Any medical staff or family member can leave a message 24 hours a day on this recording system. For your use please call 274-2762 and leave your message.

POT-LATCH AT CAREAGE NORTH: Mary Saganna and Sarah Eckley, Outreach Program in Fairbanks held a pot-latch at Careage North on January 26. Fourteen Eskimo Seniors from Careage North, Pioneers' Home and the community attended. Mary says:

"These people sure have good time eating and visiting, talking in Eskimo. Some of them I haven't seen them talking and laughing for long time. Makes me feel good to see them smile."

The staff at Careage North also enjoyed it. The food was donated from Seniors Program in Barrow and Mary's Kitchen. Thanks, Emma Aishanna, for the fish!

We have provided Continued Medical Education teleconferences for the staff at the Barrow PHS Hospital. We have used our Telehealth System to tie in with Toronto, Canada's CME Classes. Subjects presented were on Croup, Bronchitis, Asthma, Poisoning, and Reye's Syndrome. The presentations have been excellent and we have received high-quality slow-scan pictures from Canada.

Mary King was hired on February 1983 as the new Community Health Aide in Anaktuvuk Pass. A warm welcome is extended to Mary and we wish her much success in her new position. Lois and I visited Anaktuvuk Pass in mid-February to orient Mary. We accomplished a lot of work in those days and would like to thank Mary, the Health Board Members, Loretta Kenton, and Bob Sevenco for making our

trip pleasant and productive.

All the members of the CHA program would like to wish Betty Kignak a belated happy birthday. Sincerely hope Betty's birthday was nice.

Susie Oktolik is presently studying in Session II at the CHAP program in Anchorage. Much success is extended to Susie in completing the course.
HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

