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AFN, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLD MEET

Juneau Meet for Rev. Comm.

On June 17, 1975 in the Conference Room of BIA in Juneau, the Johnson-O'Malley Review Committee met to prioritize 71 of the 97 proposals submitted to Johnson-O'Malley for 1976 Supplemental Education Programs throughout the state.

Members of the committee were welcomed by the BIA Area Director, Clay Antioquia. At that time, duties and the expectations of the committee were lined-out by Antioquia.

The lengthy delay in the prioritization of the proposals has been caused by a suggestion for the Committee to use a formula, but, the Area Director stated that at this time, he would not accept such a method and strongly suggested that the Committee rate proposals on merit and need of such programs.

After the decision was made to prioritize as required by the area director, the committee divided into three sub-groups to make the task more expeditious. These three subcommittees were each provided with a Johnson-O'Malley staff member to assist in the explanation or answer any questions of the committee members.

One full day of sub-group meetings ended with a full meeting of the committee on June 18 to finalize their recommendations to the area director.

The sub-groups reported their priorities in order, in a rotating fashion until all proposals in the "A" Category list had been prioritized. This beginning list was then discussed and changed until June 19, when the final priorities were arranged and voted by all committee members.

This final list which was submitted to BIA was the committee's choice of the programs which best meet the needs of supplemental education in Alaska.

Another highlight of the three-day meeting was the election of officers. Marlene Johnson, representative from Southeast, was unanimously chosen to serve as the Chairperson for the committee; Darryl Trigg, representing the Nome area was elected to Vice-Chairperson and Cathy Anderson from Cordova, took the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

It was then determined that an alternate should be chosen to the Executive Committee in case of another officer's absence. Flore Lekanoff, alternate for Emil Berikoff, representing the Aleutian Region, nominated Emil as alternate and the committee voted unanimously.

The session ended on the afternoon of June 19 and the most difficult task for the Johnson-O'Malley Program is



INSTRUCTOR from Asbestos Workers Local No. 97, Jim Singree, observes while Norma Attia, a resident of Huslia, Alaska prepares metal for pipe insulation.

—Photos by HENRY PECK, ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

AFN Manpower Being Trained

Approximately 40 Alaska residents are being trained by the Asbestos Workers Local No. 97 in Anchorage from May 5 through June 30, 1975.

The program is one that every student still participating in is very much interested in the program. The students go through eight weeks intensive classroom study of pipe insulation. So far a few of the students have gone to on-the-job training for short periods of time.

It has been said that one of the "toughest" superintendents on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline has written an outstanding letter of recommendation for work performed in a crunch where a few students handled a job on the line with two journeymen.

A second class has been selected and scheduled to begin July 1 through Aug. 23, 1975. A third class of 40 is tentatively scheduled to begin right after graduation of the third class.

For Health Funding—

TCHA Gets Funds

The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority (TCHA), a delegate agency of AFN, Inc., has subcontracted \$196,719 from the State of Alaska for the implementation of Emergency Medical Services for their region. A total of \$450,000 has been allotted to the state from the federal government.

According to Joe Notaro, deputy director of the Health

over. Frank Berry, Director of the Johnson O'Malley Program is anxious to get the results of the BIA negotiations and a final list of programs sure to be funded for 1976 and get these programs underway.

Notification to the persons who have submitted the FY '76 Proposals will, hopefully in the very near future, be made as to the status of funding of their proposals.

Affairs Division, the TCHA and AFN, Inc. Health Affairs Division have been instrumental in getting EMS funds for the state.

He explained that a requirement for getting these funds was an existing project that had completed the planning phases for EMS and that TCHA meets this criteria.

Mr. Notaro states "AFN, Inc. has been involved in planning for EMS since the inception of the law. We've fought for maximum consumer representation and for EMS boundaries to be the same as the developing regional health organizations; nevertheless due to the intent of the legislation, only eight EMS Regions were able to be established."

Seven other EMS Regions will receive \$178,000 for the planning phase. The State Office of EMS Operations will receive \$75,280.48. The subcontracts will begin Aug. 15, 1975.

Agenda Items Include Continuing Discussion Of Thirteenth Region

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 26 in Anchorage. Main agenda items included continuing discussion of the 13th Region, pending legislation relating to the amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Omnibus Bill), FY 1976 Budget, Section 7(i) meeting, and other topics.

AFN, Inc. has maintained and reaffirmed its position concerning the 13th Region—that all enrollees and potential enrollees be given an immediate option whether they wish to be in or out of the 13th Region, rather than the 3-year option that Congressman Meeds proposes.

Mr. Kito announced that AFN filed and has been granted a dismissal on the appeal in the AFNI suit. The Aleut Corporation is pursuing the suit.

A position was taken by the board on the Edwardsen v Morton case. This case had originally been a provision in the Omnibus legislation and has now been removed.

The stand the board has taken is that the case be allowed to reach resolution through litigation in view of the fact that it is currently in the courts. In the event that this does not occur, AFN should seek to see that it be resolved apart from the pending amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act which are incorporated into the Omnibus Bill.

A meeting with Senator Ted Stevens is scheduled for June 28

with representatives of the regions attending. Discussion will center around the Edwardsen v Morton case and the pending Omnibus Bill. Mark-up on the Omnibus legislation is expected to take place after the summer recess.

A resolution directed toward the Congress of the United States and to the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning the inadequate staffing and inadequate funding in the Alaska Native Enrollment office.

A concern was expressed by the board that this lack of proper funding hampers the regions because they are unable to receive up to date computer print-outs with current enrollment data.

A Section 7(i) meeting will be coordinated by the AFN staff to be held in Anchorage on Aug. 6 and 7. Section 7(i) is one of the more controversial issues in ANSCA that needs to be addressed.

The board will send an expression of remembrance to the Stan McCutcheon family in recognition of the work in initiating early land claims pursuit.

The next meeting will be held in Copper Center on July 24, 1975.

Plan Data Collection—

Bush Justice Grant Awarded to AFN, Inc.

In early June, Gordon Jackson, executive vice-president for Human Resources at AFN, received word that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration had awarded funds for a project to follow-up on the recommendations of the Second Bush Justice Conference held last June in Minto.

Working in conjunction with Fort Yukon, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. and the three-member staff (soon to be hired) will begin to collect data about the justice and legal systems in rural Alaska in order to assist village residents with their problems with and needs from the system.

The staff will be traveling extensively to villages as part of their work and will be phoning or writing to those villages which they cannot visit due to the limited amount of funds.

In addition, Bush Justice staff members will work with the various justice and legal system agencies, such as the State Troopers, the Courts, etc., in order to inform personnel about rural Alaska's needs and concerns and to help these agencies to respond accordingly.

Direction for the project will come from the five-member Bush Justice Implementation Committee. They are Mitch Demientieff of Nenana; Bill Tegoseak of Barrow; Philip Guy of Kwethluk; Nick Gregory of Egegik; and, Gordon Jackson. Specific comments or questions about the project can be referred to any of these people.

This is an exciting project because the recommendations of the Minto Conference will not stop there but will be implemented during these next two years!