

Tidbits

The ANHB Full Board will meet September 12 through 14 in the BIA Conference Room in Anchorage.

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The Sixth International Symposium on Circumpolar Health will be held in Anchorage May 13-18, 1984. Papers are to be submitted by November 1, 1983. Acceptance notifications will be sent to the authors by November 10.

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The Alaska Public Health Association will be forming a Rural Health Committee. The ANHB

has been asked to serve as Chair. This is a first . . . a statewide group recognizing rural areas do have special considerations, and making a move to insure they are adequately addressed.

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One of the objectives of the ANHB and AANHS is "to reduce cigarette consumption among Alaska Natives and AANHS employees by 25% by 1990." However, before we can determine if cigarette smoking has been reduced, we have to know the current

level of smoking. A questionnaire is being developed that will be distributed to a random sample of people to gather the baseline data.

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The ANHB is working with the Suicide Prevention Center to coordinate the American Association of Suicidology Annual National Convention to be held in Anchorage in May, 1984. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information will follow in our next Newsletter.