

Jackson Elected To the RMP Advisory Board

Gordon Jackson, vice-president for Human Resources, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. was recently elected to the Washington/Alaska Regional Medical Program Advisory Board.

The RAB is composed of a broad cross-section of people from the States of Washington and Alaska.

The function of the RMP Advisory Committee is to advise the University of Washington and its School of Medicine and the participating institutes and agencies as to the policies, plans, goals, and objectives in developing and carrying out the Regional Medical Program.

The Regional Medical Program currently functions under Public Law 91-515, passed in October 1970, and the Public Health Service Extension Act of 1973.

Resulting from the study of a Special Presidential Commission, RMP was intended to provide to all physicians and other health providers the latest advances in medical science for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients afflicted with heart disease, cancer, stroke and related disease.

Since the approval of the Washington/Alaska Regional Medical Program's planning grant application in September, 1966, there has been constant evaluations of program direction and planning to meet change.

The program has been alert to changes in both the region's perceived needs and the nation's health goals and requirements.

A continuing analysis of efforts has provided the basis for necessary change in program activity to achieve its goal.

Taking cognizance of the change in understanding of health care needs, the W/ARMP goal has been changed from the 1966 goal, reduction of incidence of heart disease, cancer, stroke and improved care for persons with these diseases, to the goal for 1972-1975, improvement of health care for all citizens of the State of Washington and Alaska.

It is the intent of the W/ARMP Program to constantly remain alert to these changing needs and to adopt and modify its program activities in such a manner that it will continue to contribute toward the improvement of health care for the citizens of the region.

The Regional Advisory Board (RAB) has constantly been aware of the need for involvement of the widest possible spectrum of health organizations, practitioners, agencies, institutions, and members of the public concerned with health care.

This philosophy is reflected in the make-up of the RAB which consists of 40 plus representatives from all the previously mentioned areas.