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JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROG.

Organize
Health
Entity

The Koniag people formally organized a health department under Kodiak Area Native Association, KINHA, (Kodiak Island Native Health Authority), formally known as the Kodiak Area Native Association Health Board to be on health planning under the control of the people.

The two-day meeting took place in the Koniag Native Corporation in Kodiak on November, 1973. "KINHA" in Aleut means WHO.

KINHA delved into the initial fact-finding session in order to try to determine the total amount of dollars being expended on behalf of the Native people on Kodiak Island, as well as scope of service available.

The issues discussed in the two-day session was divided into three broad categories: 1) Local health and health-related resources; 2) Local IHS contracts and 3) Statewide health organizations.

A wide spectrum of health information was provided at the meeting and pretty well cut out the health authority's work load for some time to come.

The two-day meeting was well represented by all villages on Kodiak Island as well as Koniag Inc., and KANA representation.

Distinguished guests attending the meeting from out-of-town were: Carl Jack, director, Health Affairs Division AFN, Inc.; John Lee, area director, Alaska Area Native Health Service; Dr. Fortune, director, Anchorage service unit; Dr. Moorehead, area office; Ken Isaaks, administrator, Anchorage service unit and Roy Huhndorf, chief, Community Health Aide program.

Local representation included the Kodiak Island borough hospital, Island Medical Center, local pharmacist and dentist who discussed the scope of services and funding being received through Indian Health Service contracts.

The Community Health Service grant through the Health Affairs Division of AFN Inc., will provide health staff for the health authority who will begin addressing the health and health related needs of the Koniag people on Kodiak Island.

One health authority will begin to look into contracting for health services for Koniag people.

KINHA board chairman stated, "It is time that we take a stand and become involved in health resources that are now available to our people, as well as those resources that have not been made available to our people in the past.

AFN Negotiates with Alyeska

AFN is negotiating contracts with Alyeska, the state and BIA for pipeline recruitment, with subcontracts to regions along the pipeline route. Other regions may be subcontracted with as well.

This recruitment will be done in order to comply with Stipulation "C" of the "Stipulations for Proposed Trans-Alaska Pipeline" issued by the Department of Interior in September 1969.

This stipulation follows:
"C. NATIVE TRAINING

Permittee shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Interior regarding recruitment, testing, training, placement, employment and job counseling of Alaska Natives.

Continuously during pipeline construction, Permittee shall conduct a pre-employment and on-the-job training program for Alaska Natives, adequate to qualify them for initial employment and for advancement to higher paying positions thereafter.

Permittee shall do everything within its power to secure the employment of those Alaska Natives who successfully complete Permittee's training program."

Alyeska proposed that 3,500 Natives would be accepted for training and/or employment purposes, with a minimum of 2,470

bodies to fill those slots.

AFN did not approve this method; instead 1,000 will be hired and/or trained the first year, with succeeding years to be renegotiated.

Other news from AFN — Technical Assistance:

Seventeen new students are now being accepted for the Village Management Training Program at the Alaska Skill Center.

This program will start the week of Feb. 4, 1974, and last 24 weeks. The students will be selected from 52 applicants recommended by their villages.

The two-year Business Management Program at Anchorage Community College has run into financial problems for the upcoming semester.

The BIA Employment Assistance Office has been out of funds for any new students for the January semester. Any person who feels that there should be money set aside for Regional Business Management trainees is urged to write his/her Congressmen and Senators.

There will hopefully be new funding for the June semester, and if anyone is interested in attending, please contact Ms. Deidre Ganopole, AFN, Inc., 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907-274-3611).

AFN, Inc. to Receive
Proposals March 15

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Johnson-O'Malley program, under the direction of Gordon Jackson, has announced today that they will begin receiving Johnson-O'Malley proposals until March 15, 1974.

Over 400 applications have been sent to eligible applicants and these proposals will be considered for funding by the Johnson-O'Malley review committee.

The committee, which comprises 12 members, one from each of the 12 Native regional corporations, is chaired by Mrs. Nettie Peratrovich.

Johnson-O'Malley funds are used to support and fund "supplemental and enrichment" education programs for Alaska Native students attending public schools.

Johnson-O'Malley funds are appropriated annually by Congress and administered by Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. by contract from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

It is not known at this time what level of funding will go to the Johnson-O'Malley program but it is anticipated that it will remain the same as last year's \$4,625,000.

Eligible applicants for Johnson-O'Malley funds are Alaska schools, educational or-

ganizations, Native organizations and organizations within Alaska which provides various benefits to Native students not otherwise available from existing educational systems.

They are to be evaluated in terms of need, direct benefits to Native students at the elementary and secondary levels, and reaching the most Native students possible.

The Johnson-O'Malley review committee, chaired by Mrs. Nettie Peratrovich of Anchorage, has been quite active and was recently involved in a decision to fund the state's boarding home and limited cultural enrichment programs for 1,500 rural school children.

The review committee pledged to cut-off federal JOM funding this next fiscal year for the state's boarding home program because of their belief that it be paid out of the state's general fund.

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