

New Service Unit Director

Alaska Area Native Health Service Director G. H. Ivey announces the appointment of Dr. Osamu Matsutani as Director of the Anchorage Service Unit, which includes the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Dr. Matsutani has had a distinguished career with the Public Health Service. A native Californian, he spent his first assignments at Barrow, first as Medical Officer, Service Unit Director and Clinical Director. He served in Barrow for five years and returned to California to serve his residency at the Los Angeles USC Medical Center, specializing in general psychiatry, from 1974 to 1978.

He earned a BA Degree in Zoology from the University of California, a Masters Degree in Nutrition (Master of Sciences in

Public Health) also at UCLA, and his M.D. Degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

In June of 1978, Matsutani was appointed to the post of Chief, Psychiatry Service, Alaska Native Medical Center and has served in that position until his appointment as Service Unit Director.

On August 18, 1978, the North Slope Borough opened the doors of its new health building in Barrow. Significantly enough and a tribute to Dr. Matsutani and his dedicated years in Barrow, the building was named "Osamu H. Matsutani Health and Social Service Center." The guest of honor at the dedication ceremonies was Dr. Matsutani.

Matsutani's new responsibilities are to direct all functions of the Anchorage Service Unit and assume full professional responsibility for insuring that high quality health care services are rendered.

Married to Grace, a former X-ray technician he met in Barrow, Dr. Matsutani has two daughters, Kathleen Yano and Megin Kiyoko.



Dr. Osamu Matsutani