

Mike Harper In with DCRA

Mike Harper, two-year executive director for the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP), has been appointed as deputy director for the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

As head of the federal Anti-Poverty Program, Harper administered \$3 million dollars with some 250 employees.

"I hope to bring the perspective of rural Alaska to the job," he said after being notified of the appointment. He began working with Commissioner Lee McAnerney beginning Jan. 6.

Born in Fairbanks, Harper attended the University of Alaska. He has a degree in business. After graduating in 1968 he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Phoenix, Ariz.

He is married and has lived in Anchorage for the last three years.