

Anchorage health facility named to honor Arne Beltz

The building which houses the Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services was dedicated to honor Arne Beltz Friday.

Beltz, who arrived in Alaska in 1948, has a long and distinguished career in public health in Alaska. From 1960 to 1980, she served as the manager of the Community Health Services Division of the Municipal Department of Health and Human Services.

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program, the Home Health Agency, the Child Abuse Board and the Family Planning Program are examples of the many programs developed by Municipality of Anchorage public health nurses under Beltz's supervision.

Between 1957 and 1960, Beltz served as an itinerant health nurse for Unalakleet, St. Michael, Stebbins, Shaktoolik and Koyuk.

From 1952-1957, she served as supervisor of the Fairbanks Health Center and from 1950-52, she served as itinerant nurse for Angoon and Kake. Her Alaska itinerant nursing experiences began in 1948 in Wrangell.

During the years 1942-48, she worked as a registered nurse in Georgia and New York and for the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

The new name, the Arne Beltz Building, will be applied to the current health and human services building at 825 L St. and to any building to which the department moves.