

Bramwell: 'CHA/CHR will continue to grow...'

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My two and a half years with the Community Health Aide Program and Community Health Representative Program have been challenging and very exciting for me. I feel privileged to have met and worked with so many fine people — especially the CHA/CHR staff. Believe me, they are outstanding people!!!

I am pleased with the things I have been able to accomplish in my time here; developing the CHA career step ladder, initiating the Telehealth Program, working with the creation of the new village health clinics, and just growing as a person.

It was a great experience to be on the academic review committee for the CHA program with University of Alaska

Rural Education Program.

Alaska has many fine health professionals all striving for a strong and long-standing CHA program. I have many happy feelings about leaving, because I will be with my family in Colorado, whom I miss greatly, but I feel sadness about leaving my special people here.

Some things I am certain of; the CHA/CHR programs will continue to grow because of the good leadership of Elise Patkotak, director of the health department, and because of Bonnie Nageak and Renee Pelowski, coordinator/instructors for the CHA program. These are all people who truly care about their staff and about having quality programs.

I will not say "good-bye," but thanks to all the people who have been kind to me and



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given me support, and God bless you until we meet again.

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