

Advisory Health Council

Commissioner of Health and Social Services, Fred McGinnis, will recommend to Governor Egan that the Alaska Native Health Board, Executive Committee, be included as members of the State's Comprehensive Health Advisory Council (CHAC).

The Executive Committee of CHAC members met in Juneau last month and made the move to include Native membership in its Council, after discussion of ways to solve health problems in rural areas.

The Governor can use his appointing authority to expand the CHAC Council, according to legislative laws which created the Council.

HEALTH AFFAIRS STAFF TRAVELS

KODIAK — Frank Peterson, Deputy Director of Health Affairs, is on leave of absence to take the post of Interim Director for the Kodiak Island Native Health Authority.

He will set up new entity at the request of Hank Eaton, President of Kodiak Area Native Association.

DILLINGHAM — Members of the Alaska Native Health Board and Project Directors for the six Regional Health Corporations attended a workshop to follow through the December Seminar on Rural Health in Dillingham recently. Discussion was held on Board and Staff relationship and a proposed Management Manual for Health Corporations.

TANANA CHIEFS — Travel the past month included a trip by Carl Jack to Fairbanks to participate in a workshop sponsored by the Tanana Chiefs Health Authority, headed by Claude Demientieff.

NORTON SOUND — Joe Notaro, Program Analyst, went to Nome to do an on-site evaluation of the Norton Sound Health Corporation, accompanied by Dr. Tom Austin, IHS Program Development Officer.

NORTH SLOPE — Visits were made by Brenda Itta to Barrow to assist the North Slope Borough in creating an entity to address health issues and problems.

AFN/ANCADA JOIN FORCES

A mutual agreement between AFN, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ANCADA) to join efforts through an affiliation was reached during a full Commission Board meeting held in Anchorage February 20 - 21.

ANCADA was incorporated in July 1972 and is represented by an 18 - member Board of Directors. Twelve of the 18 Board Members were selected as representatives by each of the Regional Native Corporations. ANCADA receives its funding

through the State Office of Alcoholism.

Through a contract with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, ANCADA has the responsibility of monitoring and providing technical assistance to 166 village recipients of alcoholism minigrants in the 12 regions.

The twelve regional Native associations have designated the Alaska Native Commission as the official organization to develop policies and administer programs pertaining to alcoholism and drug abuse, and to be grantee for program costs with AFN, Inc.

The Commission will be the policy-making body for the administration of programs according to the provisions of the articles, by-laws and personnel policies of ANCADA.

It was also the decision of the Board at that time to submit an application from AFN/ANCADA for a \$1.3 million state-wide media campaign on alcoholism. A decision will be made on this proposal during the review committee to be held in Washington, D. C., April 16 - 19, 1974.

PROCEEDINGS TO RURAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Proceedings to the First An-

nual Statewide Seminar on Rural Health held last December can be obtained at the offices of AFN, Inc.

The event brought out a historical pattern to include Native Elders in any planning effort

which affect the lives of the Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts in Alaska.

The Elders brought out aged traditions, values, and their experiences to the upcoming Native leaders in the State.