

State-Funded Alcoholism Program

(Reprinted from Mr. Coxson's story in the BRISTOL BY-LINES)

On Nov. 1, 1973, the City of Dillingham will officially start its State-funded alcoholism counselor program.

Mr. Basil (Billy) Backford, the adult alcoholism counselor, and Mr. Carl Heyano, the youth drug and alcoholism counselor, will begin setting up office at City Hall and establishing contacts with such referral persons as the

Magistrate, the City Policeman, and the Health and Social Welfare Office Director.

Billy Backford is attending an alcoholism workshop offered in Anchorage by RURAL CAP and the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, lasting from Monday, Oct. 29 through Friday, Nov. 2 (More about this workshop in our next Action Report).

Both Mr. Backford's and Mr.

Heyano's efforts will be coordinated with those of Mrs. Helena Andree's, who is the RURAL CAP Regional Alcoholism Counselor. Mrs. Andree has been an alcoholism counselor for over two years.

She has also offered to take the Dillingham District Counselors to some surrounding villages on a space available basis. Such trips would be work-training sessions for the City's counselors.