

Physician recruitment under way in BBAHC

Between November 23, 1982 and January 1, 1983, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (BBAHC) will be using primarily TDY physician coverage while Dr. Layman is on annual leave and at EME prior to transferring to Bethel. Our permanent physician coverage to replace Dr. Charles Layman will be Dr. David Ingraham of Bethel.

We are recruiting and interviewing for one, and possibly, two more physicians and several other positions at the corporation. Within the last six months IHS has helped us with four physicians to pull TDY coverage supplemented by several others hired by the corporation to help Dr. Layman. We are particularly pleased to have been able to receive the services of Dr. George Brenneman of the Alaska Area Native Health Services/Alaska Native Medical Center and Dr. John F.

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Lee, former Area Director of AANHS.

BBAHC has been fortunate to receive notice for two of our six federal budget impact funding proposals submitted to the State. We also received funding for another request through another State source.

Field trips are underway for all programs. To date we have visited over half of our villages under the physicians services part of our contract and we are well underway with the dental field trips.

BBAHC is preparing for an IHS medical/quality assessment audit which will take place December 1 and 2 and a JCAH review which is to be conducted

in the first quarter of 1983.

BBAHC personnel have met with IHS, ROFEC of Region X, and Carroll Martell, AIA in the first of four planned meetings to discuss BBAHC's proposed new hospital and outpatient clinic.

BBAHC is in the process of reviewing proposals submitted by firms to do a management review so that we might improve our services.

The Joint Senate and House SHHESS Committees have been on Dillingham to receive comments on health care in the area. We have requested aid from the State for health services in areas brought up as concerns or needing improve-

ment in our health service system.

The most recent BBAHC Executive Committee meeting was held November 2-4. The next BBAHC meeting is scheduled to take place the latter part of January, 1983.

Due to fiscal constraints, BBAHC is currently looking at the possibility of reducing the size of its 32-member Board. BBAHC has requested input from other regions and hospitals throughout the State

as to ideas for restructuring the BBAHC Board and Committees. It is hoped this information will assist BBAHC in developing a Board/Committee structure to secure the best possible input from our 32 villages (six subregions) covering 40,000 square miles that we provide services to.

BBAHC has released requests for proposals for FY83 auditors. Preference will be given to firms willing to negotiate multiple year contracts.