

Maniilaq mans booth

At the Statewide Native Health Conference held October 18 and 19, Maniilaq Association had a booth at the Health Fair. Our booth was manned by Pat Simpson, Health Educator.

We took some stinkweed to see how people would react to it. A lot of questions were asked about its healing and medicinal uses. Of course, it didn't last long.

Following the Health Conference was the AFN Convention with subsistence being the main issue. A lot of good speeches were given by the Elders from all over Alaska.

Bert Puchtler, our Project Officer, was here the end of October helping us put the final touches on our MCH proposal.

APHA Metting at Montreal

This is the American Public Health Association meeting held every year in the month of November. The meeting was attended by Nina K. Dahl, Health Director for Maniilaq. Being Vice President of the American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus, she had to preside in several health sessions put on by the caucus. There was quite a turnout from Alaska. The health sessions were very well presented.

Montreal was nice and cold. A good sightseeing city, but with health sessions going on from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., you would really have had to squeeze this in.

There was a special workshop session to explore issues related
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to the development of a National Arctic Health Science Research Policy. This was chaired by Dr. John Middaugh, Alaska State Epidemiologist. Past national involvement in Arctic science was discussed. We broke into groups to address specific Arctic health issues and to develop a work

plan with goals and objectives. More information should be forthcoming.

Maniilaq has implemented an employee recognition plan. Pins, certificates or plaques will be awarded to employees based on longevity and service to our community and region. Since we are going to have a Christmas Party this year, plans are being made to present the awards at that time. In the future the employee recognition awards will be presented at our Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner or Christmas Party.