

Busy month at Substance Abuse

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We would like to introduce new staff to the community.

Kathryn Carlson is the new Coordinator. She is bringing in a great amount of experience and education in substance abuse treatment and service administration to the program. She is using her skills to build a strong program responsive to community needs. Hank Jacoby is continuing as her Administrative Aide.

Steve Rasic is working as Acting Out-Patient Manager and is very busy with his client and court work.

I, Margie Zebovitz, am the new Outreach and Prevention Specialist. Besides providing education, public interest, and sober environment social activ-

ities, I will be providing substance abuse treatment services in the villages. I and the whole staff am looking forward to working in this community and to assist the North Slope in building strong families and a safe, happy, healthy community with responsible usage of alcohol and drugs.

We have completed an exciting Alcohol Awareness Week (November 13-19). During this week Terry Durbin held radio interviews dealing with such topics as "Alcohol and the Court System," "Psychological Effects of Alcohol," and "Medical Aspects of Substance Abuse." The Open House was very well attended and presentations were made to elementary school classes and the Senior Citizens. The staff is very

pleased and encouraged by the Community support given these activities.

The month of December promises to be a busy one for the SATS Program. Frank Poplawski, Manager, will be opening the Halfway-House. The House will provide a sober environment to persons who have stopped abusing drugs and alcohol and who are wishing a gradual transition back into their homes. Frank's knowledge and experience is of great value to the program as are the skills of Terry Durbin, Halfway-House Counselor.

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Week is going to be December 11-17. The purpose is to educate people on the consequences and hazards of driving under the effects of drugs or alcohol. A number of public service announcements and



community educating programs will be aired during this week on radio and TV.

The SATS Program also wishes to invite you to our Mocktail New Year's Eve Din-

ner-Dance at Pepe's Restaurant. Non-alcoholic party drinks will be served to illustrate creative sober entertaining. Please watch for more details and we hope to see you all there.