

# **Rural CAP**

## **Counselors Meet**

Eight RurAL CAP Alcoholism Counselors from across the state participated in a workshop held in Tazlina in the Copper Center Region.

Stewart Nicolaj, RurAL CAP Counselor in the Copper Center area and many other people in his region shared their time, facilities and life-style with the participants of the workshop.

The theme of the workshop was "A People to People Approach," with concentration on processes of planning and participation in a community workshop. All participants were utilized as individual resources. The priorities set by the team included information sharing on grant-writing, Mini-Grants, counseling techniques and philosophies, Urban and Rural Alcoholism Counselor's Association certification and the practicalities of planning a workshop.

One of the highlights of the three-day session was a visit with Mr. Tony Jackson, a long-time resident of the Copper area with a presentation on the history of the Copper Region.

Also, Mr. George Barril, director of the Alaska Native Commission, presented an over-view of the revised State Plan on Alcoholism.

John Keating, executive director of the National Council on Alcoholism/Alaska Region and Ralph Amouak, director of the ANCADA/Mini-Grants Program, joined in the activities of the workshop on the last day.

The workshop was coordinated by Mrs. Evelyn Myers, Alcoholism Training Coordinator for RurAL CAP and was conducted through the skillful guidance of Jerry Endres and Jon Sagen, trainers from the University of Southern California, Extension at Santa Cruz.

Evelyn Myers shared information on URACA, and Patsy Hessler, office manager for the ANCADA/Mini-Grants Program shared information on proposal writing and the Mini-Grant Program which is currently reaching into 166 villages in Alaska to put an edge on the drinking problem.