

Workshop Projects For Handicapped

A program to set up sheltered workshops for the handicapped in the Fairbanks area got off the ground at a meeting of the newly formed Fairbanks Rehabilitation Association Wednesday night.

Also at the meeting, Dr. John Noyes, Fairbanks physician, was elected temporary chairman.

The non-profit corporation will attempt to set up small service or manufacturing businesses in the community. Handicapped persons will be trained to learn new skills and work habits so that they may be re-employed in pri-

vate industry.

The first such project is a restaurant facility in the new Arctic Health Lab on the University of Alaska campus. This facility will employ up to four persons at one time.

When these handicapped people are trained, the Association will seek employment in private restaurants in the community for them.

This project will begin when the Health Lab goes into operation, which will probably be this May.

A second project being started is a census of handicapped persons in the Fairbanks area. National figures indicate there could be 2,400 persons in the area who might be impaired and classified as handicapped.

The census will be coordinated through Lennie Hamilton of the local office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Anyone interested in helping the organization should contact either Dr. Noyes, 452-1231, or Mr. Hamilton, 456-4024.