

ANHB conference to focus on rural health care issues

The Alaska Native Health Board has announced its plans for a major winter health conference in February, according to the board.

Discussions and workshops will address the long expressed needs of rural and urban Alaska Native health care providers. The theme is "Circle of Hope."

Topics will cover problems associated with village providers such as community health aides, village public safety officers and community health representatives. Among these will be training, pay and work conditions.

In addition, local management of health care programs under the self-determination act will be explored.

Issues of child abuse and neglect will be discussed as well as causes of high rates of death from injuries, suicide and homicide.