

Two Alaskans named to national health advisory boards

Two Alaskans have been named to national health advisory boards, Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler informed the Alaska Congressional delegation earlier this month.

The Alaskans who received the appointments are Dr. Ted Mala, associate professor of Health Sciences at the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and Dan Maciak is a social worker and administrator with the Alaska Division of Social Services in Kodiak. Maciak has lived in Alaska for ten years; eight years in Kodiak and two years in Ketchikan.

Dr. Mala is one of 10 named

to the new Fogarty International Center Advisory Board of the National Institutes of Health. Its members will advise the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and the directors of the NIH and the Fogarty Center on international health issues.

Another of the board's responsibilities will be to improve the exchange of new knowledge and technology between participating foreign countries, institutions and scientists.

The 15-member council to which Maciak has been appointed. The National Advisory Council on the National Health

Service Corps, also advises the Health and Human Services Secretary on health-related issues across the nation. One of the topics the council is expected to examine is health manpower shortages. In addition, the council reviews Health Service Corps programs.

The Congressional delegation also announced the U.S. Department of Education approved a grant to the Lower Kuskowkim School District for \$161,458 to provide funds for a bilingual education transitional program for students who have limited English speaking skills, in grades K-6.