

SDVR Planning Board, Large Advisory

The Alaska State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is planning to form a 13-member policy board to be appointed by the Governor of Alaska.

The board will be assisted by a large advisory committee probably numbering about 70 people from throughout the State. The advisory committee will be composed of leading Alaska citizens.

An initial meeting to con-

duct a comprehensive statewide planning project for improving vocational rehabilitation services within the State will take place in Anchorage-Westward Hotel on November 13-14-15.

The State has received authorization from the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Agency to proceed with planning and has been granted \$98,129 for the first year's operation.

The grant period extends from August 15, 1967 through August 14, 1968.

The specific objectives of Statewide Planning include:

1. To identify by number and category those disabled with the State who are in need of vocational rehabilitation services by means of sample studies of the handicapped population, and use of past studies and reports.

2. To prepare a written plan which will identify, analyze, and evaluate program goals, the staff and financial support needed to achieve these goals with full geographic coverage by all programs offering vocational rehabilitation services. This will include planning for special facilities and workshops for the handicapped.

3. To identify the barriers that prevent or delay needed vocational rehabilitation services for the handicapped.

4. To identify vocational rehabilitation resources required to meet future needs, including the necessary legislative action, community support, costs and steps required to facilitate the achievement of Statewide goals among the governmental and voluntary programs at State and local levels. These

should be expressed in both interim and long-term goals.

5. To determine the ways in which governmental and voluntary programs may be coordinated and reorganized, if necessary, in developing services to more effectively meet demonstrated needs.