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STATE HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL MEETS

Members Take Up Major Policy Issues

ANCHORAGE — Representatives of Head Start Centers all over the State met in Anchorage on the 5 and 6 of December to discuss major policy issues affecting parents and children from Kake to Wainwright.

The State Child Development Policy Council made several legislative recommendations for the expansion of child care services in Alaska, including a proposal for State matching of Head Start funds.

The meeting provided a forum for Head Start Patents from many regions to share ideas and discuss common problems. Gregory Teve of Chevak discussed his village's problems with a building which is too cold and not large enough for Head Start.

Chevak's solution was to submit a funding proposal to the Rural Development Assistance Agency for materials to build a new center. A number of other village share the problem of in-

adequate facilities, and representatives discussed numerous solutions.

Reports were also given by Katherine Hanlon, Hoonah Parent-Child Center, Andrew Ekak, Wainwright Head Start, Brenda Dickson and Leonard Young from Anchorage, Paula Ayunerak from Alakanuk, Sebastian McGinty from Kaltag, Alice Dooley, a representative from Kodiak Head Start, and Karl Evon from Manakotak.

Dr. Helen Beirne, Director of the Special Services Delivery Project gave a report on the services being given to parents and children in the Bethel region.

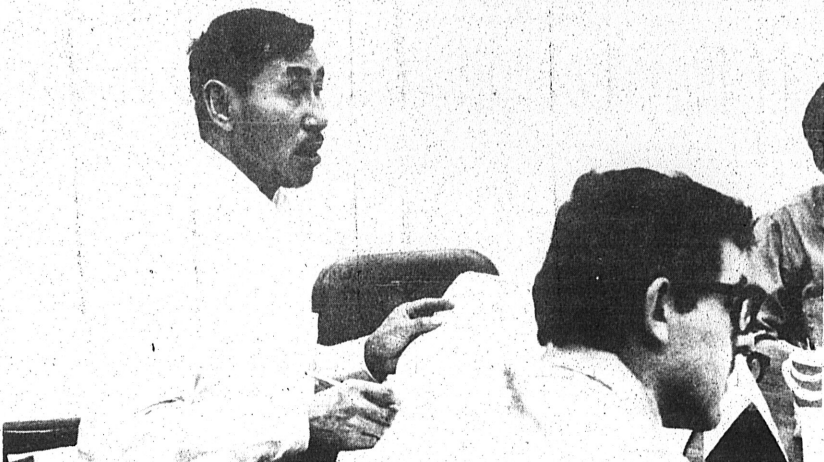
The Policy Council also expressed dissatisfaction with the training program for Head Start at Alaska Methodist University, and passed a resolution that the funds for training be awarded to RurAL CAP.

A newly formed health Services Advisory Committee also met with the State P.C. on Friday and discussed the Head Start Health Program. Dr. Peter Nakamura, Chief of Maternal and Child Health Care Services for USPHS, discussed a family health record that is being designed at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

Dr. John Stolpy, Chief of Area Dental Services for USPHS in Alaska, outlined a fluoride treatment program for Head Start children.

The hearing screening program of the Communicative Disorders Program of the State Department of Health and Social Services was described by Bill Orr.

The PC also elected new officers: Paula Ayunerak as Chairperson, Alice Dooley as Vice-Chairman, Carl Evon as Secretary, and Dr. Helen Beirne and Katherine Hanlon as Executive Committee members.



POLICY COUNCIL ELECTS — Head Start Council is electing officers. Andrew Ekak, Wainwright, is making a nomination.

Letters are Important

Very often a single piece of correspondence could mean the difference between the rejection or acceptance of a land claim application. It is of vital importance that correspondence, legal documents, deadline notices, and requests for additional information reach the applicant.

Recently, a tremendous amount of correspondence addressed to Native allotment applicants, Native claims applicants, homesteaders, and trade and manufacturing sites is returned unclaimed.

Individuals with any type of land claim application pending that have a change of address, are urged to contact the Bureau of Land Management immediately.

Address changes should be sent to BLM Land Offices in Anchorage, 555 Cordova Street, or Fairbanks, 1028 Aurora Drive — from "The Land," published by the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska.



POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS — The group is hearing health services report held last week in Anchorage. Foreground, left to right: Gregory Teve, Chevak; Dr. Helen Beirne; Carl Evon, Manakotak. Background, l-r: Florence Mason, VISTA; Agnes Kelley, Field Trainer.

Concerning Bush— Legislative Confab

RurAL CAP, in conjunction with Alaska Federation of Natives and the Department of Community and Regional Affairs is in the process of preparing for a Bush Legislative Conference to be held at the Willow Lodge the week-end of December 14 and 15.

Gordon Jackson, Vice President for Human Resources at AFN, Reed Stoops, SEOO Director, Jackie Dailey, RurAL CAP Planner and Phil Smith, Deputy Director of RurAL CAP have engaged in the planning process, identified the areas to be discussed with concurrent workshops, nailed down resource people as well as invite all 60 legislators to the conference.

Governor Hammond is expected to address to the crowd

which could number in excess of 80.

Mike Harper, Director of RurAL CAP stated that "we are funding rural participation from every part of the State and expect at least 25 people from rural areas to appear." Housing, Education, Communication, Health & Social Services, and Justice are the workshops that will be going on simultaneously in hopes of not only educating the legislators to rural priorities but also to formulate key points of possible legislation that could be proposed this coming term.

Gordon Jackson of AFN said the Chief Justice had accepted an invitation to attend the conference as well as other distinguished administrators and key policy-makers.

Over Martin Moore— Apparent Win

Former Huslia Hustler and Koyukon Regional Development Corporation Director, Jimmy Huntington, has won an apparent bid to become the House of Representative member from district 18.

In the original count, former Representative Martin Moore of Emmonak emerged as a winner, but in a re-count, it was found that the Nulato count had been reversed and erroneously tabulated in favor of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Huntington was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the RurAL CAP Koyukon Development Corporation prior to the position he held as Director from which he became an outspoken advocate of the rural areas, especially in the areas of subsistence hunting and

fishing.

Mr. Huntington reported that "the Koyukon planning process which allows local villages to make up their own priority list gives me a good indication of key points of interest throughout the district and I would endeavor to assist to the best of my ability."

The popular former dog musher also holds down a seat on the Doyon Board of Directors.

Huntington will be joined in the House of Representatives with Nels Anderson from Dillingham recently elected to the House and former Deputy Director at RurAL CAP, Phillip Guy, re-elected as representative from Kwethluk and former director of the AVCP CAP in

Bethel, Bob Bradley recently elected from Anchorage and former Director of the Southeast Community Action Program.

Mike Harper, Director of RurAL CAP, commented that "RurAL CAP stands for Human Resources Development and I think the election of these individuals proves the success of that number one priority."

SCARY YOUNG DRIVERS

Young drivers are still involved in traffic accidents in numbers far disproportionate to licensed drivers as a whole, relates The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Drivers under 25 years of age hold 18.7 per cent of the driver licenses in the country, according to The Travelers Insurance Companies, but were involved in 29.5 per cent of 1972's highway fatalities.