

Management Problems

Responding to a continuing village need of further education and training regarding village management problems, RurAL CAP has recently sponsored several training sessions in Fort Yukon, Tok, Copper Center, Haines, and Anchorage for village board members.

As village ANCSA Corporations begin to get organized, hire staff, prepare budgets, and select land, this type of effort is becoming an increasingly important priority throughout the bush Alaska.

The poverty agency has been able to utilize some of its own technical accounting staff as well as contracts with several experienced trainers such as George Irvin and David Katzeek to go to places such as Fort Yukon and train the village clerks in such areas as Revenue Sharing, both state and federal, and in the mechanics of how to prepare a budget and balance sheet.

The most recent effort occurred in Anchorage on March 27 and 28 when seven or eight

village clerks were sponsored by the Aleutian Planning Commission to receive training in financial management areas.

Katzeek reports that the trainees were extremely good students in that they were able to prepare a balance sheet and the proper forms to enable their communities to accurately report the receipt and expenditure of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Chief Accountant for the Agency, Sherry Hoover, trained a smaller group in Tok and came away from a two-day session with a report that the village clerks had demanded for the training.

RurAL CAP is attempting to coordinate with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and other agencies such as CEDC to get this training to the leadership and the administrative managers in each of the village municipal governments and also to those village corporations that have requested it.