

New Psychiatrist for Mental Health Team

Dr. John M. Ackerman, psychiatrist, is the new Chief of the Mental Health Team for the Alaska Native Health Area. A commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Ackerman succeeds Dr. Joseph Bloom who was the first head of the program which began in Alaska two years ago.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., Dr. Ackerman completed his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan where his major was psychology.

He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and served a medical internship at Mount Sinai Hospital, in Los Angeles. His residency in psychiatry was completed at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

His wife, Ruth, was graduated in Medical Social Work from the University of California. The couple's first child, David Ethan,



Dr. John M. Ackerman
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was born in Anchorage August 10.