

Deputies mean more program emphasis

In last November's Alaska Native Health Board Newsletter we listed the programs that the North Slope Borough Health and Social Service Agency runs. This list has changed little over the past year; however, our structure to handle these programs has changed greatly.

Up until the spring of 1982 we had one Director who administered all of our programs through the Program Coordinators. This task was sizable, to say the least. Even with an Administrative Assistant to handle many of the day-to-day and coordination efforts, it was a sizable task.

Deputy Directors seemed to be the answer. Three long-standing Health Department



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employees were moved up to fill these new positions.

Sonya Leavitt, Personnel Coordinator, was moved up to be the Deputy Director of Central Administrative Support Services.

Donna Miller (formerly Donna Neakok), Inupiat Health Board Coordinator, was moved up to be the Deputy Director of Social Health

Services.

Sarah Jacoby, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, was moved up to be the Deputy Director of Physical Health Services.

This new structure means that one person has to know about fewer programs and, therefore, each program can receive more supervision and assistance from the adminis-

tration. It also means that programs have greater access to administration when problems do arise. Everyone is going through an adjustment phase as this program moves into effect and a number of people get used to the new jobs.

One major change in our programs that is worth mentioning is our contract with Indian Health Services. We have contracted in the past to do the maintenance on our Barrow Public Health Service Hospital.

We have found it necessary to generously supplement the federal dollars in order to do what is mandatory to keep this facility up and running. We will not, REPEAT NOT, be renewing this contract so this

will be one less program we will be running in the coming year.

This fall we will be releasing the findings of a Feasibility Study done for us by William Dann & Associates looking at our Public Health Service Hospital at Barrow.

This study was to look at the many different ways the North Slope Borough can interact with the Indian Health Service in the delivery of health care and which might be the most feasible.

Our newsletter is now available to everyone who receives the **Tundra Times**. It is being included as a supplement every other month. Keep up with our individual programs through this widespread and easy-to-read format.