

Patient Hostel to provide housing while awaiting care

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During the last several months the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Health Program has dealt with two items that are of major importance:

Closure of the Tanana Hospital

Both the TCC and Tanana filed for a temporary injunction to halt closing of the Tanana Hospital; however, after hearings in Anchorage, the grant of a temporary injunction was denied.

Therefore, the AANHS Director has continued the closure proceedings for the hospital. The Tanana Hospital is no longer receiving patients. AANHS expects to close the facility for all intents and purposes by Sept. 1, 1982.

Patient Hostel

The TCC proposal to build a patient hostel in Fairbanks was

funded by the Alaska State Legislature, approved by the Governor and has been processed through the North Star Borough and city offices in Fairbanks.

The patient hostel will provide persons from the villages with temporary lodging while awaiting maternal care or prolonged outpatient activities at the ANS Clinic or other facilities in Fairbanks.

The new patient hostel will be built on a piece of ground that has been set aside near the Fairbanks Hospital. Ground is to be broken sometime this fall for construction of the new facility.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference has submitted an FY83 budget proposal to the Alaska Area Native Health Service for continuation funding for next year.