

New Kodiak medical director to arrive Sept. 1

Charles McCoy, M.D., Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) Medical Director, returned to Minnesota with his family in July and an interim director, Jane Wilkins, M.D., is filling in until September.

On Sept. 1, the permanent Medical Director, Dr. Linda Williams, will arrive with her husband, Bill Wagner, M.D. Along with her duties as Medical Director, Dr. Williams will be joining KANA's itinerant health care team.

Dr. Wagner plans to combine a part-time private practice with part-time KANA staff practice in Kodiak.

The KANA Dental Clinic continues to have a heavy demand by patients. The ser-

vices delivered by Dr. Murdock and his staff in fiscal year 1982 may exceed \$300,000 for dental care. Village trips for the fall of 1982 and the first of 1983 are being planned by Dr. Murdock with ANMC dental staff.

KANA offices in the Donnelly Building are being renovated to make room for the medical clinic. Relocation of the clinic may occur as early as September 1, 1982 if all plans stay on schedule.

This move will bring KANA's offices, medical clinic, dental clinic and pharmacy under one roof allowing greater coordination of the services and to make health care services more accessible.



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RN's to provide itinerant health care

This fall a new development within the KANA health care team will be special stages of Itinerant Public Health Nursing services. These services will be provided by three RNs currently employed by KANA who will begin itinerant health care teaching and other public

health care services.

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The six village communities continue to expand the medical services available to the residents. Old Harbor has a Cer-

tified Physicians Assistant who maintains an active itinerant schedule to the villages of Akhiok and Old Harbor.

Their Community Health Aide (CHA) has recently completed her preceptorship with certification requirements. There are 3 other CHAs of Larsen Bay, Ouzinkie and Port Lions communities who already are certified.

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Five of the six villages on Kodiak now have clinic facilities. The Akhiok Medical Clinic was completed in April and Ouzinkie's Medical Clinic was recently completed and occupied in June. Construction of a clinic in the village of Karluk should begin in early August.