

# Emergency services participate in drill

A lot has happened here at Maniilaq Association since June. Georgia Birkett resigned as Health Director. Nina K. Dahl was on board as Health Director June 11.

We have been very busy doing Indian Health Service budget revisions reflecting cuts to programs for Fiscal Year 82. Right after that the FY83 proposals had to be done and sent to Alaska Area Native Health Service (AANHS) for review and acknowledged for our State contracts.

Dorene Vallee, Patient Supervisor, resigned and took a position at Bethel, Alaska. She is missed by all.

Fred Wemark, Vice President of Development, resigned his position. He will be missed, especially when working with contracts and grants. Martha Stewart, who was our PHN III Itinerant Nurse, is now our PHN Supervisor.

The Tribal Doctor Coordinator and our three Tribal Doctors went to the Serpentine Hot Springs for one week with eight patients. The Northwest Arctic School District, along with our Tribal Doctor Coordinator, is putting together a videotape on traditional medicine practices. They did their

first shooting at this time. For a change, the weather cooperated and everything went smoothly.

The Maniilaq Association Health Department had a management review done and the team from Area Office was here Aug. 17 through the 19. No news must be good news since we haven't heard what the outcome is.

The City of Kotzebue, GAP,

given after the drill.

Everyone learned where their weak points were. The important thing that came out was there needed to be a leader during disaster. Another drill is planned for this winter.

Within the Kotzebue Service Unit, Dr. Thomas Lee and Dr. Michael Remillard have been appointed as the new Dental Officers at the Kotzebue Service Unit. New physicians on staff are Dr. Kathleen

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FAA, PHS Hospital, the Department of Transportation, EMS Services, Kotzebue Fire Department, Kotzebue Ambulance Service and the Kotzebue Police Department, along with our Search and Rescue members, participated in a simulated disaster drill on June 10.

The disaster drill was conducted to see if our communication systems were open and to see what we would do in case something did happen.

This was done in a form of triage. It was videotaped all the way through. Critical comments and suggestions were

Toomey, Dr. Joseph Waldram, Dr. Eugene Krebsbach and Dr. Patricia Moran. Drs. Krebsbach and Moran are a husband and wife team.

The FY82 budget cuts have been managed at the Kotzebue Service Unit without change, except patient travel policies.

On Aug. 2 a new Deputy Health Director came on board. He is not new to the Maniilaq Association since he used to be the Deputy Health Director and the Health Director about two or three years ago. His name is Howard Monroe, Jr.