

# Indian health task force to hold hearings

Task Force No. 6 on Indian Health of the American Indian Policy Review Commission will hold a regional hearing on May 22, 1976. The hearings will be held at the Cook Inlet Building in Anchorage, Alaska from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The members of the Task Force will hear testimony on the unique health needs of Alaskan Natives. These hearings are the last of a series of eight regional hearings being held throughout the United States, by the health task force.

Members of the Task Force are: Dr. Everett Rhoades (Kiowa), Task Force Chairman, President of the Association of American Indian Physicians, and Chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center; Ms. Luana Reyes (Colville), Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board; Ms. Lillie McGarvey (Aleut), Director of Programs for the Aleut League and a member of the National Indian Health Board; and Task Force Specialist Mr. Allan Cayous (Mission), a former administrator for the Indian Health Services.

The hearings are designed to explore the current health dilemma faced by the Alaskan Natives. Among the areas of concern are the U.S. health care delivery systems and the overall health level of the Alaskan Native. Documentation of evidence by witnesses is extremely important to the hearings.

The American Indian Policy Review Commission was established by a joint act of

Congress to conduct a comprehensive study of Federal-Indian relationships and Indian social, economic and legal problems.

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