Blizzard leads to quiet week at CMHA office

Hello, once again! This is always a nice opportunity to let everyone know what's been going on. In this case there is a lot of ground to cover for the months of February and March.

As you may remember, 1 went home to Indiana during

the first weeks of February.

As luck would have it, there was a blizzard necessitating

with the exception of emergency transports. To make matters slightly worse, the airlines lost my luggage. I had no clothes for the first four days at home. I was amazed at how grown-up little sisters can get in a short 5 months.

During the time I was gone, Robert made a trip to Anaktuvuk Pass, worked on finalizing the budget and got the agency ready for the annual site review. As fate would have it, the site review was cancelled. It should be re-scheduled sometime within the next few months.

Robert spent the last week of February in Juneau at the Governor's Advisory Meeting on Mental Health and the Directors Meeting on C.M.H.C.'s. As far as monies being available for Mental Health use, one should not get their hopes up too high. There will be cuts, but how this will affect this agency is not yet known.

The past two weeks have been incredibly quiet. Everybody seems to be enjoying the meetings, conferences, dances and art shows that have been going on during the past two weeks.

A proposed travel itinerary has been set-up for the months of April May and June. However, this is only a proposal and has yet to be finalized and approved:

Wainwright: April 13th-16th Nuiqsut: May 18th-20th Kaktovik: June 22nd-24th

I would like to make known to the public that as of March 31st I will no longer be employed in this capacity. For reasons of health, I find it necessary to return to Indiana.

I will sincerely miss the people I have come to know. This community has given me an opportunity to grow and learn within an atmosphere of friendship and concern. I will never forget what I have learned and will try my best to use what I have learned to help others.

Sincerely, Lisa Marie LaFramboise

