

# Alaska Health Services Workshop at Edgecumbe

An Alaska Health Services Management Workshop will be conducted at the Mt. Edgecumbe Native Health Service Hospital May 11 - 20, 1972.

The Workshop, which is the first of its kind ever to be given in the state, will have fifteen participants comprised of Native Health Service doctors, nurses, pharmacists and members of Native Boards of Health from throughout Alaska.

Its purpose is to improve the management effectiveness of the Native Health Service.

Irving Schlafman, Chief of the Office of Management Training and Field Assistance at Indian Health Service's Desert Willow



IRVING SCHLAFMAN, Indian Health Service Chief of Management Training and Field Assistance, during his recent visit to Mt. Edgecumbe.

Training Center in Arizona, was at Mt. Edgecumbe recently to plan the course.

The course is similar to management training offered at Desert Willow for several years, but the Mt. Edgecumbe version will focus upon the special skills needed in health care programs in Alaska.

Schlafman will be one of the instructors, together with about ten other experts drawn from Arizona, Mt. Edgecumbe, and elsewhere in Alaska.

The program will consist of lectures, seminars and a "field problem" to add some practical experience to the classroom discussions.

The class will spend part of

the ten-day session researching the field problem at Hoonah, Angoon and Kake.

In this exercise, the participants will work closely with local Native Health Councils, Health Aides and other residents of these communities in experimental efforts aimed at improving the delivery of health care to Native communities.

Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital administrators are confident that the Alaska Health Services Management Workshop will be a useful experience for all participants, and hopeful that it will lead to further use of the hospital as a Native Health Service training center.