

Native Health Area Doctor to Be in Fairbanks

Dr. John F. Lee, Medical Director, Alaska area Native Health Service announced the stationing of a Native Health Service physician, Dr. Harold Sexton in Fairbanks to commence duties approximately February 15, 1970, under the direction of the Tanana Service Unit Director.

The new location for the office will be the Arctic Bowl Building, 950 Cowles, adjacent to the office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as soon as remodeling is completed about March 1, 1970.

Only the Dental Branch will remain at the present location, 528 5th Avenue.

This change is in response to a steadily increasing patient load and the need to provide coordination to the variety of health programs, and agencies with which the Fairbanks office of the Native Health Service is involved.

It is reported that between 10 and 15 new permanent and itinerant patients per week are requesting medical services. Demand for other types of health and health related services has been rapidly increasing.

Dr. Sexton, the new manager of health services and resources, will be working in close cooperation with the Native people of Fairbanks and the Tanana area, the Alaska Native Medical Center, the private physicians and medical clinics, Community Hospital and Bassett Hospital to continue to provide high quality medical services with the State Division of Public Health and Welfare, the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, the Fairbanks Health Center and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Assisting him will be a newly assigned Medical Social Worker, due to arrive in April 1970, as well as the present small administrative staff.

Dr. Sexton, a native Oregonian, is expected to arrive in Alaska in early February.