

Detox center to open this fall in Nome

NOME — The target date for the opening of Turning Point-Saguivik Detoxification Center is October, according to Board President Isaac Ozenna.

Ozenna has appointed a committee to locate suitable housing for the facility, which received a grant of \$350,000 from the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The money is for operation of a five-bed non-medical center to provide services for public inebriates and chronic alcoholics.

The committee appointed by Ozenna is now working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to secure BIA Building 402 at First and Steadman in Nome to house the center.

The treasurer for the Turning Point board, John Agee, said the board is still pursuing avenues to set up a much needed transitional long-term care unit, as well as additional sources of funding for the detox center.

Recruitment is expected to start soon to fill the 10 positions to operate the center.