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Hello, I'm Ida Olemaun and I am the Deputy Director for Social Health Services. The programs that I cover are: Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Senior Citizens, Public Assistance, and Arctic Women-in-Crisis. Also, I am in the process of starting a Community Counselor Project that will extend to the other villages of the North Slope.

The Inupiat Health Board, which was defunded last year,

will begin in July, so we can have voice from the other villages on the Slope. I see this as a critical need for our Health Department since we are here to provide services for the whole North Slope. So, I would encourage the villages to form their local health boards if they haven't done so already.

Till next time — have a good awakening with the welcome sign of the sun.