

This just in . . .

Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) has two large organizations, Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) and Alaska Inter-Tribal Council (AITC), who are developing competing contract proposals to assume management of the now Indian Health Service program.

At AITC's annual convention, the tribal delegates passed a resolution to work with ANHB on a partnership to take-over management of ANMC. Early in December, ANHB declined the AITC request and decided to go on their own. AITC's current plan for take-over includes asking member tribes to authorize AITC to hire health experts to prepare an ANMC management proposal.

ANHB voted to submit a bid to manage the ANMC at its annual meeting in December. ANHB plans to include statewide services such as the Alaska Area dental and diabetes programs to ensure the integrity of the statewide Native health care delivery system.