

Dental Program Stressed--

Program Under AFN Healthright Corp. Discussed

The Copper Valley-Tanana Regional Development Board met at Chistochina on October 23 and 24. Board members from ten villages in the Copper region were represented.

Newly elected officers for the upcoming year were Merrill Kiestler from Kenny Lake, Nancy Craig from Mentasta, and Mildred Buck from Glennallen.

Items on the agenda included discussion of a new dental program under the direction of the Alaska Federation of Natives

Healthright Corporation; presentation of planning guidelines for village development by Ralph Solomon from the Office of the Governor, Indian Opportunity; and a brief training session on Board responsibility in an OEO Community Action Program structure was given by Mike Harper, Planning Developer on the RurAL CAP staff.

Also, Oliver J. Amend, Director of the RurAL CAP Village Equipment Mobilization Program, spoke on responsibilities

of regional boards who obtain equipment.

It was later discussed that an ambulance is needed to transport emergency cases to Faith Hospital in Glenallen. The Board expressed hope that the VEMP program would be able to provide a surplus ambulance for the Copper Valley region.

A resolution was passed to promote the hiring of Native people for police duties with the Alaska State Troopers.