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# CONFERENCE FOR OEO GRANTEES IN ALASKA

## 3-Day Seminar On Economy

A three-day seminar to provide fundamental knowledge on the potential economic development of Alaska was held at Alyeska during October.

Presented by Dr. Ralph F. Meuter, Dean for Continuing Education of California State University at Chico, California, the seminar emphasized rural community development.

Eight RurAL CAP staff and two Board members participated with other representatives from regional Native corporations, federal and state agencies and the University of Alaska, from October 23 through October 25.

Topics on the agenda included: Overview of Economic Development by Richard Preston, Executive Vice President, The American Industrial Development Council, Inc., Boston; Alaska's Economic Environment by Dr. Arlon Tussing, Staff Economist, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; Involvement of Volunteers in Rural Economic Development by Richard Biegger, AIDC Educational Foundation, American Industrial Development Council, Inc., Boston; Basic Principles of Business Organization and Management by Dr. A.R. Mandoury, School of Business, University of New Haven, Conn.; and Investment Survival - Considerations and Strategy by David L. Egan, Vice President, American Express Asset Management Co., San Francisco.

Speakers from Alaska were Harry Carter, Executive Director, Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage, on Economic Development potential of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act; James Deagen, Community Development Specialist, State of Alaska Department of Economic Development, Juneau; Local Organizations With an Impact on Alaska's Economic Development - Rural Assistance by Roger Lang, Director, Rural Development Assistance, Community Formation and Organization by Barry Jackson, Corporate Lawyer, Jackson and Nordale, Fairbanks.



STATE PAC MEMBERS AT WORK — Pictured are (left - right) Andrew Ekak, Albert Harris, Carl Evon, Enoch Shiedt, Victor Alexie, Beatrice Brown, and Kay Moor, Assistant Director, Child Development.

## State PAC Members Meet

The Federal Building in Anchorage was the scene of the first meeting of the 1972-73 State Policy Council of the Head Start Program.

The two day meeting was held October 18-19. Election of Officers took place and the results were as follows: Chairwoman, Beatrice Brown, Hoonah, Vice Chairman, Thomas Pungalik, Noorvik; and, Secretary, Amy Walker, Angoon.

Kay Moor, Assistant Director of Child Development, stated that one of the major accomplishments of the meeting was taken regarding sick leave pay for the Head Start village staffs. The State PAC moved to give villages three alternatives concerning this:

- (1) Leave the sick leave policy as it is, no sick leave. RurAL CAP would pay the substitute.
- (2) Pay sick leave only if the village PAC secures a volunteer to take the place of the sick staff member.
- (3) Village PAC could raise money to pay sick leave days, and RurAL CAP would still pay the substitute. The number of sick leave days would be figured on the basis of

how many hours a staff member works.

Other action of the Policy Council included: Deciding to move the Head Start program in Copper Center to Holy Cross, due to a lack of eligible children. Election of Victor Alexie, Nulato, as representative to the RurAL CAP Board of Directors; and a visit to the Office of Economic Opportunity Conference also being held in Anchorage.

Those attending the State PAC meeting included: Peggy Sherman, Director, Child Development, RurAL CAP; Kay Moor, Assistant Director, Child Development, RurAL CAP; Betty McCallum, Section Chief, Early Childhood Education, Department of Education, Instructional Services;

Eugene Reynolds, Public Health Service, Alaska Area Native Health Service; Eva Kringer, Area School Facilities Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Carol Johnson, Department of Health and Social Services; Victor Alexie, Nulato;

Beatrice Brown, Hoonah; Carl Evon, Manokotak; Amy Walker, Angoon; Andrew Ekak, Wainwright; Enoch Shiedt, Kotzebue; Albert Harris, Kotzebue.

## Region X Office in Seattle Sponsors Meet

A conference for Office of Economic Opportunity grantees in Alaska was held October 18 and 19 in Anchorage. Sponsored by the OEO Region X office in Seattle, the two-day meeting was opened by Charles Chong, Chief, Alaska Operations.

James L. Young, Region X Director, explained community action strategy for the coming year and the merging of OEO with other agencies under the Department of Community De-

velopment in the reorganization of federal agencies.

He commented that it felt that the new department would coordinate activities better and help eliminate duplication of programs.

He discussed revenue sharing and its effects on OEO, goals and major lines of action; cutting of paper work requirements; and making OEO support more responsive to local needs, among other things.

The agenda included two Alaska speakers, Mrs. Johnnie Gay, former Board Chairman of Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency and Allen Panamiroff, Board Chairman of Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation and Vice President of the statewide RurAL CAP Board of Directors.

Panel discussions were held on OEO strategy and the new OEO bill; on the Rural Development Act; Revenue Sharing; on aging programs, and on resources in Alaska.

Workshops were conducted for controllers and auditors; on OEO problems; health care; aging programs, and CAA self-evaluation.

The Alaskan grantees set up exhibits of their programs using photographs and films, along with brochures and other printed matter.

Roy Batchelor, Assistant Director of OEO operations and their third in command in Washington, D.C., attended the conference. Participating agencies included RurAL CAP, Greater Anchorage Area CAA, Community Enterprise Development Corporation, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Legal Services Corporation, State Economic Opportunity Office, and the Anchorage Urban Native Center.

## Tips on Voting

The RurAL CAP office in Anchorage has received the following release from the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alaska regarding voting, and what happens if a person's name does not appear on a voter registration list.

Lieutenant Governor H. A. "Red" Boucher said that he will be personally reviewing the circumstances surrounding any person being denied the right to vote in the upcoming General Election.

Boucher stated that he will be instructing each Election Board Chairman to file a complete report on such incidents for his review.

The Lieutenant Governor went on to say "shifts in district boundaries due to different reapportionment plans have created confusion in the minds of many voters."

The Supreme Court decision as of May 26, stating that they would implement an interim reapportionment plan has had a profound effect on each individual voter."

"The questioned ballot", he said, "is provided so as to insure every voter's participation in the electoral process."

This ballot will make sure that every voter who is registered but whose name for some reason does not appear on the print-out of registered voters, is allowed to vote. You cannot deny a person their right to vote just because their name doesn't happen to appear on some list.

## Wiseman Community Citizens Complain About Irregular Mail

Wiseman, Alaska  
October 17, 1972

To Whom It May Concern:

In the hope of obtaining a better mail service for myself and others in the Wiseman Community, I am appealing to the public and certain State Officials with the following information about bureaucratic waste and inefficiency.

According to claims and advertisements of Wien Consolidated Airlines, Inc., Wiseman is one of many small villages whom receive regular scheduled air and mail service.

But, I say that it is now 16 days since the mail was delivered. In fact the mail plane pilot advised me that he lacked the

proper equipment and sufficient payment to do the job.

This mail service that I expect is simply a twice a month delivery and pick up of U.S. mail to Wiseman from the post office at Bettles.

I doubt the sincerity of the pilot because he was flying a \$40,000.00 airplane and the airports and runways involved are improved and maintained by expensive State heavy equipment and special radio communications. Also because he is well paid for his time, such as about one and a half million dollars annually from the U.S. Treasury, or better known as subsidies, and as U.S. Rural Free Delivery which is a special law to pay mailmen on low income routes such as this.

Now in order to obtain a reliable twice a month scheduled mail service and to save tax payers many thousands of dollars, I recommend that a local bush pilot be hired for this job on a part time or contract deal. He could use his five-thousand dollar airplane, and bush runways and thus eliminate the need for heavy construction equipment and special radio communications.

It is important to save our traditional scheduled mail service for the necessities of life and because it is a real obstacle to selfish bureaucrats and land grabbing preservationists who are trying to depopulate and classify this area a primitive wilderness.

Actually Wiseman is a proven and long time mining district

with industry, private industry that does not cause as much pollution and corruption as the obviously uncontrollable State sponsored businesses such as big game hunting, sports and recreation, education, welfare, tundra fire fighting, and so on.

Original Signed By:

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