

# CONFERENCE FOR OEO GRANTEES IN ALASKA

## 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 is 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 Alaskan speakers, Mrs. Johnnie Gay, former Board Chairman of Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency and Allen Panamaroff, 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.