

**RurAL-CAP****ACTION REPORTS**

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HEAD START STAFF IN EXTENSIVE TRAINING**Training Session—****Dillingham Regional Reviews Personnel Policies, Etc.**

A training session was held at the Bristol Bay Regional office in Dillingham. Reviewed were the personnel policies, planning process, fiscal responsibility, petty cash, in-kind con-

tributions, travel requests, RurAL CAP history and organizational structure, grant in aid system and a brief presentation of the Headstart State PAC structure and their relationship with

the regional corporations.

Following the training the Bristol Bay Area Development Corp. held their regular meeting on September 10 and 11. Speakers invited to attend were a representative from the Bureau of Land Management, Rural Development Agency, Public Health Service, a State Social Worker, Alaska Village Electric Coop., and several others. Question-and-answer sessions were conducted during the meeting.

The Bristol Bay board of directors reviewed the budget for 1972 and approved same.

The Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation is much concerned with the lack of a freight system for western Alaska. A resolution was passed that recommends that the State Marine Highway System be extended from Kodiak to Dutch Harbor to serve western Alaska.

After the Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation business was complete, the Bristol Bay Native Association met and voted to accept a corporate structure under the IRA charter.

Regional Staffs in Sept. Sessions

During the week of September 13 through 18 a comprehensive training session was held in Anchorage for all RurAL CAP regional staffs; regional directors, area community developers and VISTA planners.

The theme of the training was Resource Mobilization, which means, "Where are the resources and how do we get them?" The group met as a whole throughout the five days of training and heard from approximately 20 separate agencies, both public and private.

The federal agencies which participated were the Economic Development Administration, Small Business Administration, U.S. Public Health Service and VISTA; state agencies were State Housing Authority, State Housing Finance Corporation, State Office of Economic Opportunity, Local Affairs Agency and Rural Development Agency.

The private agencies were RCA Corp., Alyeska Investment Corporation, Alaska Federation of Natives, Community Enterprise Development Corporation, AFN Village Housing Program, AFN Healthright Program and the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative.

Each agency sent representatives to explain its functions, structures, financial resources, technical assistance and future plans. The agencies also entered into question-and-answer sessions with the trainees about their programs.

Also present among the trainees were RurAL CAP central staff, State Economic Opportunity staff and Alaska Federation of Natives staff members.

Highlights of the training session were presentations given by Harry Carter, Executive Director of AFN; Jim Hayes, Representative of RCA and Bill Pritchard of Local Affairs Agency.

Mr. Carter gave a talk about the land claims legislation and tactics and AFN's plans for the future, all of which was of particular interest to those present.

Mr. Hayes commented on RCA's ALASCOM bush phone system which will place single telephones in 142 rural villages over the next three years.

Another point of interest was Mr. Pritchard's presentation on the opportunities open to village governments on securing funds under the state revenue sharing for the provision of various public services to village residents.

Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corp. Meets

The Copper Valley-Tanana Development Corporation held a meeting on August 7 and 8 at Dot Lake, Alaska.

Visitors present were: John Shively, Executive Director, RurAL CAP; Mike Harper, Planning Developer, RurAL CAP; Peter Kunnuk, Program Specialist, RurAL CAP; Tammy Townsend, State Office of Economic Opportunity; Clark Boston, Operation Mainstream; Frank Flavin, Alaska Legal Services.

Each board member of the

corporation gave a progress report on on-going projects in their villages. A D-8 Cat is available for the regional corporation's use.

It is moved from village to village to clear land for buildings, roads, campgrounds, and garbage dumps. Each village is given a time limit then the Cat is moved to another location.

Nominations were placed on the floor for a representative

Copper Center Hosts Session on Parent Advisory Guidelines

An intensive training session was held during the week of September 6-11 in Copper Center for the Head Start Field Staff of RurAL CAP.

Mr. George Irvin, trainer for RurAL CAP, opened the week-long session presenting material regarding Parent Advisory Committee training. He worked with the Field Training Supervisors to develop Parent Advisory Committee training guidelines and a new format for evaluation which will be used by local PAC's to monitor their own program.

Miss Peggy Sherman, Director of Child Development for RurAL CAP led discussions on policy and field operations procedures.

Also addressing the staff members were Carol Brice, Public Health Service Nurse, Health Director for the Fairbanks Head Start and Dr. Helen Beirne, Director of the Alaska Crippled Children's Association, who spoke regarding medical and dental training.

Children from the Copper Center Head Start class who

were present were given vision and hearing tests, weight and height measurements were also taken.

Other items on the agenda included career development, counselling, record keeping and evaluation responsibilities.

Inupiak Reg. Board Holds Meet at Nome

A meeting of the Inupiak Regional Development Corporation Board of Directors was held in Nome on September 9-11, with Mr. Andrew Daniels as Chairman.

Proposals were developed for the Emergency Employment Act in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Bureau will submit the regional corporation's ideas to the Juneau Area Office of the BIA which will submit the total package to Commissioner Henry Benson of the State Department of Labor.

Other major actions taken by the corporation board were: The hiring of James Bell as regional director; the selection of Allen Soosuk of Unalakleet to replace Caleb Pungowiyi on the State RurAL CAP Board of Directors; the approval of the budget for the next program year to begin January 1, 1972; the approval of three-year plans in the areas of housing, water and sewer community facilities and education; approval of a 1972 work program for housing, which will be a number one priority for the Inupiak Development Corporation and they will be cooperating closely with the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to get housing into all villages needing it.

Native Youth Movement Group Meets at Native Center

By CYNTHIA SZMYD

The Native Youth Movement met for the fourth time last Friday night, September 15 at the Fairbanks Native Community Center. Chief Mitchell A. Demientieff of Nenana discussed starting several councils. These include a finances council, project control council, legal rights council, reculturalization council and a native issues council.

These councils are to be organized to help inform the young native people of the community of exactly what is happening with issues that concern them as Alaskan natives.

All of this requires participation. Requirements for membership are simple. You must be

interested, part or full native, and have ideas.

Last Friday, only 35 out of a possible 500 young native people in our community showed up. Due to this, most action was postponed to our next meeting, which will be Friday, Sep-

tember 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairbanks Native Community Center.

What Mitch is looking for is a blend of the political power of Alaska Native people combined with increased understanding of the issues that affect us all.

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