

Anderson changes positions at TCC

Chris Anderson has resigned his position as executive director of Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc. to become director of Village Services for the organization. Past director of the Villages Services component, Buzz Fitzpatrick, has assumed a position at the Fairbanks agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as reality officer.

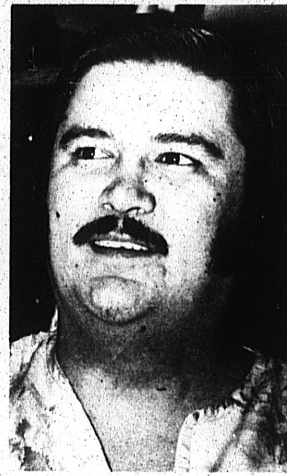
President and chairman of

the board, Al Ketzler, states that the move was "for the most part, in line with the re-organization of Tanana Chiefs to allow for a decentralization of program delivery to the villages within our administrative boundaries." Ketzler added, "much of Chris' past duties will be assumed by the newly hired comptroller and myself in the interim period until the budget allows for another person to be

hired in the spot. Although we have begun the initial stage of the re-organization process, it will be some time yet before we can define whether or not the executive director's position will be just as it was or with broader responsibilities under the label of program development."

Village Government Services was formed under a contract between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and TCC last October. The contract provided for TCC to assume the Fairbanks agency's programs of administration, employment assistance, social services, housing, credit, and tribal operations (Village Government Services); these programs are not under TCC's department of Native Services.

Generally, Village Government Services are to provide technical assistance to the different tribal governments as they request such; to assist village in exploring and recommending methods of increasing adminis-



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training programs as required by villages and tribal governments; to evaluate the management capability of villages to identify areas of deficiencies and suggest remedies, and to inform the villages of grants available to them with assistance in actual grant preparations.

Tom Richards, Jr., director of Native Services states of Village Government Services, "The major role of Village Government Services has been to provide supportive service to tribal governments. It is my belief that this responsibility will become the single most important function of Tanana Chiefs in the immediate future. This belief stems from an observation of the tremendous challenge presented to native people at the village level as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act."

Anderson has been working for Tanana Chiefs Conference since January of 1973.

trative capabilities by using federal programs that are available for tribal governing bodies; to advise of educational and

Health projects funded

Two Alaskan health projects are among the major recipients of \$10 million in national health assistance grants, awarded under the Health Underserved Rural Areas Program.

According to HEW assistant secretary for health, Dr. Theodore Cooper, the two projects are the North Slope Borough Health Project, which will receive \$200,227, and the Cordova Community Hospital, awarded \$227,674.

Forty-four new and nine continuation projects were funded recently in this program. The grants are designed to demonstrate the effectiveness of existing health providers in developing model systems of comprehensive rural health care delivery. Projects also include research on financing health care services in rural areas with special emphasis on the role of state Medicaid agencies.

"In this program, we are working with the institutions that provide health care to many Americans; group practices and hospitals," Dr. Cooper said. "I look to these institutions to join with us in addressing the health care delivery and financing problems of rural areas," he added.

The Health Underserved Rural Areas Program is financed through Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid). It is administered by the Public Health Service through an agreement with the Social and Rehabilitation Service which administers Medicaid. The program is an integral part of the Public Health Service's Rural Health Initiative which is under the general direction and guidance of the PHS Rural Health Coordinating Committee.

Primary care services in Health Underserved Rural Areas projects are available to all members of the community and all projects are specifically required to coordinate with Maternal and Child Health programs, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program of Medicaid, the screening programs of the National Cancer Institute, and the Telecommunication program of the National Library of Medicine. Staffing for some projects is supplied through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

Health Underserved Rural Areas project grants are made to nonprofit institutions or groups who are delivering primary care in rural, medically underserved areas. The projects are to expand their services to cover populations or geographic areas not presently receiving adequate health services. They are also required to integrate services with community hospitals and teaching

hospitals or medical centers to ensure that patients seen in their projects have continuity of care and assurance of the appropriate level of care.

The 53 grants were awarded through HEW's 10 regional offices. These projects represent the combined effort of HEW programs, as well as local and state agencies, public and private.

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