

HB

834

Mr. Beirne moved again that the board consist of 3 optometrist, 1 ophthalmologist and 1 lay member. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Beirned moved that the wording of his motion be amended to say one person shall be a licensed physcian who is board certified in the field of ophthalmology. There were no objections.

Mr. Chatterton moved to accept the work draft copy for a Committee Substitute including the amendments that were adopted today. There were no objections. Mr. Chatterton moved to table HB 664. Mr. Parr objected on Mr. Cottens behalf in his absence stating he had spoken to Mr. Cotten and Mr. Cotten had told him he was not in favor of tabling the bill. A vote was taken. There were two in favor of tabling HB 664 and 4 opposed. The motion failed.

A motion was made to pass the bill out with individual recommendations There were no objections

Next to be discussed was HB 834. Audio testimony was taken from Nome. First to testify was Ms. Lynn Chambers, Planner for Nome Eskimo Community. Ms. Chambers asked if a Sponsor Substitute for HB 834 had been submitted on amendments made bringing the total amount of money needed to \$800,000. Mr. Parr stated no. Ms. Chambers stated when they began to plan the center in late January they had not yet developed a budget and in the time crunch Representative Nakak submitted \$500,000 for 20 kids and actually \$800,000 is need to build a structure of 9,000 sq. ft. providing living, eating, recreation, and counciling space for 26 kids. Ms. Chambers stated the home will provide long term care for kids with behavioral or emotional problems or juveniles who are ordered by the court to be detained for non violent crimes. Ms. Chambers urged the passage of HB 834 with a "do pass" recommendation.

Next to testify was Mr. George Edwards District Attorney. Mr. Edwards stated the three basic problems are 1) the limitation of court option that is created because there is no facility. 2) intrusion of juveniles civil rights, human rights and constitutional rights, 3) lack of an appropriate option. Mr. Edwards supports the bill.

Testifying next was Mr. Darryl Triggs, Norton Sound Health Corporation Vice President. Mr. Triggs stated Norton Sound Health Corporation supports the bill. He stated they believe a program like this could help alleviate some of the problems Norton Sound has with adults now. If children can be stopped before they reach adulthood, existing problems will be alleviated.

Next to testify was Mr. Mike Mulisky, high school counselor Nome High School. Mr. Mulisky stated what they most need is a coordinated approach working with kids who are particularly drop outs. Mr. Mulisky stated HB 834 appears to be a good plan and they support the bill.

Mr. Gerald Trigg President of Nome Eskimo Community, was next to testify. Mr. Trigg stated he wholeheartedly supports HB 834 He stated neither the Nome jail or Receiving Home can provide long term care for kids.

Next to testify was Mr. Leo Rasmussen Mayor of Nome. Mr. Rasmussen stated the city council has reviewed the program and they support the bill.

Mr. Mike Tranfol Nome Community Center, was next to testify. Mr. Tranfol testified in support of the bill. He stated from his experience working with juveniles he finds most of them are raised in homes with little or no structure. A program of this nature would help.

Mr. John J. Schaffer was next to testify. Mr. Schaffer testified in support of the bill. He stated there is a real need for a facility of this type in Northwest Alaska. He stated having a facility close to home makes a lot of sense to him making treatment available earlier, treatment would have a better chance to be successful.

Testifying next was Mr. Vernon Kuzruk. Mr. Kuzruk testified in support of the bill. He stated there is a dire need for this type of facility in this area.

A note was read to the committee from Mr. John Van Whimple supporting the bill.

No action was taken on this bill today.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Regional
Employment Center
Health Center
Education Center
Convention Center



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End of the
Iditarod Trail

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY • P. O. BOX 949 • NOME, ALASKA 99762 • PHONE (907) 443-2246

Youth Residential Homes - 78 for NW Alaska - Rationale

Dear W., for your information
Attached are two copies of a brief
description & budget for the youth
center we discussed on the phone.

I'm working on letters of support today
and will get them in the mail
to you by the end of the week.

I'll be approaching the city Council
Monday night about land.

Please excuse the hand written
note. The plane just came in & I
wanted to take it out to the airport.

I'll try to call you Thursday.

Thanks.

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YOUTH RESIDENTIAL CENTER

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The Center will be open to teenagers from Northwest Alaska, who have been referred by the Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Corrections, and Division of Social Services; and the Alaska Court System.

Projected use by the Division of Social Services from the Kotzebue and Nome areas is an average of 10 spaces filled at all times. Projections from the Division of Corrections, from the same area, is an average of 15 spaces. The Alaska Court System anticipates 5.

The facility will be staffed by a professional director, 2 full-time professional child psychologists, 3 sets of experienced house parents to alternate time off, 2 sets of parents present at all times. 1 full time cook and 1 part time cook. The resident teenagers will be assigned chores for housekeeping and as cook assistants. The staff will meet State of Alaska, Department of Health & Social Services, licensing requirements.

The professional staff will review each child's record and plan therapeutic activities designed to help the child adjust. The residents will continue their education at Nome Beltz High School, supervised to and from school by the house parents.

It is expected that after the first year's operation, the cost of operating the Youth Center will be met by payments for the care of children by the Division of Social Services, the Division of Corrections. It is the intention of the Youth Center, to negotiate a rate with the Division of Social Services for the actual cost of care. Information provided by the first year's operation will be used to determine this actual cost.

The facility will have two wings off a central area. One wing for 13 girls, the other for 13 boys. Each wing will have 2 bedrooms for 4 children, 2 bedrooms for 2 children, 1 bedroom for 1 child, and bathroom facilities. Each wing will also have an apartment (without kitchen) for house parents. The central area will contain the utility room, kitchen, dining room, T.V. and living room, study/library room, recreation room, 2 counseling rooms, and the main office. Total space for the facility will be approximately 9,000 square feet.

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Vista Volunteers of America are being contacted, asking them to provide three or four dedicated young people, trained in child care and development, to provide the center with this additional child care.

Planning Participants

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Operating Budget

Staff

Director	40,000	
2 Psycologists @ 40,000	80,000	
1 Secretary/Bookkeeper	18,000	
6 House Parents @ 20,000	120,000	
1.5 Cooks @ 20,000	<u>30,000</u>	
		288,000

Fringe Benefits @ 20% 57,600

Utilities

(Electricity, Heat, Water) .42 per sq foot
\$3750 month 45,000

Transportation

Vehicle	13,000	
Gas, oil, repairs, insurance @ 750 month	<u>9,000</u>	
		22,000

Office Operation

Supplies \$150 month	1,800	
Communications \$150 month	<u>1,800</u>	
		3,600

Child Care

Clothing and personal use	2,000	
Library-Acquisition	6,000	
Recreation equipment and supplies	<u>5,000</u>	
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Food Service \$5,800 month 70,000

Housekeeping 2,000

Insurance-liability 2,500

Average cost per child per day \$70.00

\$503,700

Construction Budget

Construction, including material

\$70 per sq. foot, 9,000 sq. foot \$630,000

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CITY OF NOME

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TELEPHONE (907) 443-5242

February 16, 1978

Honorable Al Nakak
Representative
State of Alaska
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Nakak:

The Nome Eskimo Community is proposing building and operating a Youth Residential Center in Nome and this letter is to express the City of Nome's approval and support of their effort.

There is a definite need for this facility in Northwest Alaska as we do not feel that children in this area should be removed from their environment. It would be far less detrimental to place them in a home here.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. G. Breeden".

F. G. Breeden
City Manager

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Trial Courts

State of Alaska

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BOX 100

NOME, ALASKA 99762

WILLIAM H. SANDERS, Judge

February 8, 1978

Representative Al Nakak
House of Representatives
Assembly - Room 103
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Nakak:

The Nome area at this time is without adequate facilities to take care of many of our teenagers from age 12 to 17 who for some reason or other have to live away from their home.

Many of these children come from broken homes, homes where one or more parents are unfit, or for some reason unable to take care of said child or children. Also, some of these teenagers are delinquent, but are not serious enough offenders to send away to an institution. They need a place for rehabilitation.

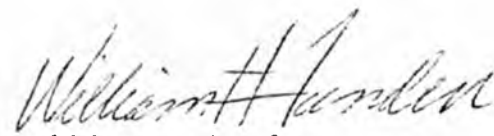
It is much better that we provide homes for these children that are without homes, in the Nome area. The transition from their homes or villages is much easier if they have a foster home in Nome.

Many times we have to send youngsters away to other communities simply because we do not have a proper home where they can live in this area. Sometimes the shock of going to another area or culture such as Anchorage is as devastating on the child as leaving the child in the home where his parent abuses him or where he is unable to receive guidance. I certainly recommend that a youth residential center be

Representative Al Nakak
February 8, 1978
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established in Nome and in Kotzebue to take care of the children without an adequate homelife in these areas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William H. Sanders".

William H. Sanders
Superior Court Judge

WHS:jm



CITY OF NOME

POLICE DEPARTMENT
BOX 281
NOME, ALASKA 99762
(907) 443-2341



2. 8. 1978

Honorable Al Nakek
Representative
State of Alaska
Juneau

Dear Sir:

We have received a plan from Ms. Lynn Chambers of the Nome Eskimo Community having to do with construction and operation of a youth residential center for the Northwest area. The idea is sound and makes good sense.

In my opinion, a child in trouble is a product, nevertheless, of his own environment and must learn to cope with life as it is and where it is. Sending a youngster to some far off place with the idea of re education and rehabilitation, even though the child shows much progress there, he must return eventually to the starting place and right back into the situation which caused the original problem.

A local Youth Residential Center, properly operated, could very well be the answer to this very real social issue.

As the police chief of Nome for almost three years I recognize this need, if from nothing more than my own observations, and you may rely on my support for this project.

Best Regards,


Cecil Johnson
Police Chief

*for 26 bed
youth home*

Planning Participants:

Gene Schaeffer- Division of Corrections- Probation Officer

Lynn Chambers- President Nome Eskimo Community

Nate Perry- Division of Social Services

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Bonnie McCorquodale- Nome Community Center

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Judge William Sanders

LARSON, TIMBERS & VAN WINKLE
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February 22, 1978

The Honorable Al Nakak
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Proposed Nome Youth Home/HB834

Dear Al:

The purpose of my letter is to lend some support for HB834. In fact, I would hope the bill can be amended to bring the grant to \$800,000.00 for a 26 bed home (rather than \$500,000.00 for the 20 bed home suggested in 834). You know as well as I the crucial need for such a facility in Nome, consequently I won't belabor the point. I'd simply like you to have this letter in your file, and when discussing the matter you can make reference to my name, or indicate to whoever necessary that the lawyer who is principally in charge of representing juveniles in this area sees a desperate need for a youth home and vigorously supports the present proposal.

Sincerely,

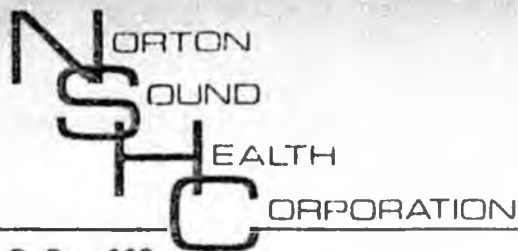
LARSON, TIMBERS & VAN WINKLE



John D. Van Winkle

JDVW/aw

cc: Lynn Chambers
Nome Eskimo Community
P.O. Box 949
Nome, AK 99762



Delegate of Alaska Federation of Natives

P.O. Box 609

Nome, Alaska 99762

443-2261

February 15, 1978

Ms. Lynn Chambers
Planner
Nome Eskimo Community
Box 949
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Lynn:

Concerning the proposed Youth Residential Center for Northwest Alaska that your agency would like to develop, the Norton Sound Health Corporation Family Services Department supports your proposal completely. The need for such a facility is easily supported by the numbers of young people we are forced to send elsewhere for treatment currently. These children are sent outside or to Anchorage and Fairbanks, far distances from any relative or other familiar face. This alone is not the best situation for successful treatment of young people. And of time these children disappear onto the streets of Anchorage and Fairbanks to the dismay of their families.

Because of the inappropriate treatment settings now available to our youth we need to provide them with a center closer to home where they will not feel so astranged and also a place from where the transition back home will be much easier for them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharon Walluk'.

Sharon Walluk
Associate Director

DARROLL HARGRAVES
Superintendent



February 27, 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have read the proposal for a youth residential center in Nome prepared with input from various agencies in the community.

The need this proposal addresses dictates that attention be given to providing services for teenagers with behavioral/emotional problems.

In the public schools we have oftentimes been witness to the devastation brought upon the lives of our young people. Some of this has been caused simply because of a lack of good home facilities and adequate concern on the part of parents, or possibly the complete absence of parents.

Conceivably, a youth residential center in Nome could alleviate many of the problems experienced in schools, legal agencies, and courts. Certainly a youth residential center as proposed here would be preferable to detaining juveniles in the local jail.

The Nome School District stands ready to cooperate with all sponsoring agencies in providing needed services for such a facility. Services rendered by the School District might include the enrolling of students in the regular public school program and/or providing services within the facility itself through a home instructional program.

I hereby support and request consideration on the part of all concerned parties for this proposal to establish and maintain a youth residential center in the City of Nome.

Sincerely,

Darroll Hargraves

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