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Nancy Deitrick
Health, Education and
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Ms. Deitrick:

Thank you for your request for information from our Legislative Information System Clearinghouse. Enclosed are copies of the reports which you requested. I hope they will be useful.

If we can provide you with other information in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely

Julie Lochner
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July 27, 1981

Miss Nancy Deitrick
Alaska State Legislature
Senate HESS Committee
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Miss Deitrick:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 9 which was addressed to Ronald L. Bliss, Secretary of H.A.I. Our board has asked me to reply on their behalf.

Before answering the questions you raise in your letter, I should tell you a bit about HAI. We are a board composed of people working in business, labor, government, and the professions. We have no staff.

We are exploring the possibility of developing and implementing an IPA-model health care delivery program with built-in incentives for cost-containment. We are not yet sure whether such a program is financially, politically, and practically feasible. We feel that we are reasonably close to answering the question of feasibility, but are not predisposed to finding the answer either one way or the other.

With that as background, here are my answers to your questions, in order:

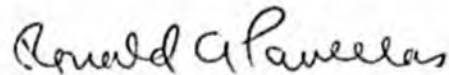
1. We intend to serve the entire community.
2. Our plan is not yet written, but I expect that it would compete with existing plans.
3. Initially, we do not expect to aim our marketing efforts specifically toward low income groups in order that we may be as financially sound as possible within the shortest period possible. It is possible that we subsequently would include low-income groups, but not to the extent that this would jeopardize our ability to serve everyone in our plan.

Miss Nancy Deitrick
July 24, 1981
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4, 5, and 6. We intend to start with Anchorage and possibly nearby contiguous areas, but would not expand beyond this until, as stated above, we obtain financial and organizational strength and equilibrium. Ideally, we see HAI as a state-wide plan, but are not yet sure whether this is possible. We have not yet addressed the question of medically underserved areas. Please keep in mind that we do not intend to provide health care, but to finance it.

We will be pleased to keep you apprised of our progress, if any, and do appreciate your interest. If you are ever in Anchorage and can let me know ahead of time, I'll be happy to meet with you and discuss our current work.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Pavellas
Vice-Chairman

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cc: Bruce Eliassen
Terry Hayden
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Larry Buccholtz
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October 13, 1981

State of Alaska
Health Education & Social Services Committee
Charles Parr, Chairman
Pouch V
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Mr. Parr:

In June of this year, your committee mailed questionnaires to various places regarding proposed changes in Federal funding and regulations in the health systems in Alaska. We received a copy of your letter from the Health Center here in Ketchikan, but no questionnaire.

Our mid-wife is very interested in filling out one of these questionnaires and would very much appreciate you sending one to this office.

Thank you.

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October 16, 1981

Joy Johnson Wilson
444 North Capitol Street, N.W., 2nd floor
Washington, D.C 20001

Dear Joy:

I have just received your memorandum on refugee settlement and would like to have all information you make available on this subject sent to the Senate HESS Committee at the above address.

The Alaska legislature just received a completed study on the impact of refugee settlement, and the possibility of state encouragement of refugee settlement (Indochinese). If your office is interested in obtaining this info, contact the House Research Agency; Alaska State Legislature; Pouch Y; Juneau, Alaska 99811.

Have you done any studies on the impact of refugee settlement on health and social service budgets in states?

Thank you for any information you can provide, I have always been impressed with the quality of information received from NCSL.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick
Committee Aide

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October 16, 1981

Dr. Michael Emmick
Box 188
Port Lions, Alaska 99550

Dear Dr. Emmick:

Thank you for taking the time to return the Committee's health questionnaire, and for including your article on rural medicine. Charlie is aware of your writing, and had given me this article to read several months ago. We have given much consideration to health care in the rural areas, and we can see significant problems arising in the future with Federal cuts coming in native funding. Charlie has frequently spoken of hiring itinerant physicians for rural areas, but we have no real idea of how to encourage doctors to chose this life style. The Committee could write legislation, and could certainly use any suggestions you may have from your experience how we could better make the system work.

I am enclosing a copy of HB 41 for you to read.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick

Committee Aide

August 6, 1981

Dear Charlie,

Hope your trip to Atlanta and the NCSL conference was a worthwhile experience (my typing sure hasn't gotten any better!). I am still plodding along here with the questionnaires, it has taken much more time than I had anticipated but I still think it's a good thing. I am somewhat stalled on the consumer ones waiting for the new voter registration list to come out. They originally were not going to allow me to use one, and I was not about to spend \$90,00 for one, but Terry Miller convinced them it was a good cause.

I have re-written the hospital one (copy sent to you) and it is mailed. The professional ones are finished and most are mailed.

I have been working on some statistical charts concerning medical personnel, mortality and morbidity while waiting for the voter addresses. The statistics have brought up some interesting questions when examining them in relation to areas of the state, I will mail tomorrow when they should be completed.

I was wondering where you want me to concentrate my energies next. I would like to compile some information on cost containment, insurance alternatives, and C.O.N. - from all the reading I have done in those areas the last few months.

I am also thinking about the hearings and wonder if I should begin to make arrangements for Sept.

House HESS is planning hearings around the state on Abortion (T. Martin's bill), and loans for part-time students. Luann Cutler is working on IHS for Thelma in Anchorage, though she has just begun this week and her plans seem rather ambiguous.

Dennis DeWitt is putting some info in his newsletter about the hospital Q. and asking everyone to cooperate.

Should I send a report to Senator Kerttula for the past month? Would you want to approve it first?

Miss all of you, the weather has been awful - you certainly aren't missing much here.

Marcy

June 30, 1981

Ms. Peggy Falknor
Director, Hospice Project
Joint Commission on Accreditation
of Hospitals
875 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. Falknor:

Senator Parr referred your letter to me, since I am doing research for the Senate HESS Committee during this legislative interim. Our project is totally related to health care, with some attention to licensure (for lay midwives and Naturopaths).

The hospice project has not yet been widely established in Alaska, but we have included the concept in a questionnaire to the consumer and the providers of health care.

If you are planning to publish a report on your findings nationwide, we would certainly be interested in a copy.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick
Research Analyst



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October 28, 1981

NTIS
U.S. Department of Commerce
Springfield, Virginia 22161

Dear Sir or Madam:

The latest copy of state health notes received in this office contained information concerning your research relating to preventive medicine. This committee is studying health during the session interim, and prevention is a major issue in the state at this time.

Please forward a copy of Preventive Medicine: Costs, September 1974-October 1980 to the Senate HESS Committee at the above address.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Nancy Deitrick
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Committee Aide



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October 28, 1981

ASTHO-NPHPRS
962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 403
Silver Spring, Md. 20910

Dear Sir or Madam:

The latest copy of State Health Notes received in this office had an interesting article about your annual inventory of state health programs.

This committee would appreciate a copy of Public Health Programs 1980: An Inventory of State Programs and Uses of Health Incentive Grants, for use in our interim study of health care in the state of Alaska.

Please forward to the Senate HESS Committee at the above address.
Thank You.

Sincerely,

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October 28, 1981

Kentucky Legislative Commission
State Capitol
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Sir or Madam:

The latest copy of State Health Notes received in this office made an interesting reference to the Medicaid information published by your Legislative Research Commission. Our Committee is working during this interim on health care matters in the state of Alaska. Please forward a copy of "The Medical Assistance Program: A Question of Needs and Resources" to the Senate HESS Committee at the above address.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

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October 30, 1981

Harold Gordon
Chief, Div. of Licensing and Certification
201 W. Preston
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In the current issue of State Health Notes, there was an article about Maryland's recently mandated patient care management system for long term care facilities. Our committee is studying health care during this session interim, and is very concerned about the status of LTC in Alaska.

We would like to some information on your new system if at all possible, specifically the standardized evaluation system you are using.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick

Nancy Deitrick

Committee Aide

April 24, 1981

Ms. Peggy Falknor
Director, Hospice Project
Joint Commission on Accreditation
of Hospitals
875 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. Falknor:

This is in response to your memorandum of April 13 concerning hospice programs.

As far as I can determine, there is no legislation dealing with hospice programs in the Alaska Legislature at this time.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Parr

CHP:vc

*final project re
development of Alaska
and an accreditation
program in hospice care*

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July 30, 1981

Glenn Newkirk
State Services Division
1125 Seventeenth Street Suite 1500
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Glenn:

The Senate HESS Committee would like to order some research reports advertised in your June magazine for use in developing some legislation for the 1982 Session.

These reports are:

State Drug Paraphernalia Laws

Source: Illinois Legislative Council

ID #: RCH8104775

State Laws Relating to Elderly Abuse

Source: Wisconsin Legislative Council

ID #: RCH8004776

We greatly appreciate the NCSL articles and reports we have used in the last few months, finding them well written and relevant to our needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick

DRAFT

May 15, 1981

The Honorable Jalmar M. Kerttula
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is to inform you of plans for interim activity by the HESS Committee. One thing that has become increasingly clear during my tenure in the Legislature is that there is no completely integrated health care system in the State. Our effort in this direction is fragmented; although there has been some improvement since the creation of the State Health Coordinating Council and the three health care systems agencies.

There seems to be reason to believe that the Federal Government will drop all funding for these agencies. This fact, together with the pending Battelle Study on Health Care Financing and the fairly recent sunset reviews of the various health boards, makes this an appropriate time to review the structure of the system.

It is my intent, during the interim, to investigate the following:

- 1 - Availability and accessibility of health care in the State.
- 2 - Relationships between various health professions.
- 3 - The need for regulation of presently unrecognized and unregulated groups, such as naturopaths and lay midwives.
- 4 - The provision of emergency medical service and financial problems of volunteer agencies furnishing this service.
- 5 - Actions which the State might take to remedy deficiencies.

I propose to use questionnaires to members of the various health professions, and to the general public, to research the actions of other States, and to hold some committee hearings. The Committee has received Parts I and II of the Battelle Study and will maintain liaison with the persons working on that study in order not to duplicate. (It should be noted that the Battelle Study is concentrating much more heavily on payment for health care than on availability and accessibility).

It is expected that legislation will be introduced at the beginning of the 1982 Session as a result of the interim work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Parr

CHP:vc

June 9, 1981

Ms. Nancy E. Shute
c/o NEW REPUBLIC
1220 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Ms. Shute:

I have just received a copy of the article in the NEW REPUBLIC of May 16. You are identified as a "Washington reporter for several Alaskan newspapers". The tone of your article makes me question how much you know about Alaska, however.

You do not deal in any way with the tremendous problems we have in the State, or with our need for basic capital construction, other than to give a wave of your hand in the direction of Governor Hammond's statement to Washington reporters. It is, of course, easy to pick radical, even laughable, proposals, such as that by Representative Moss, and make play with them. It is easy to attack excesses and ignore the sound hard work that is being done.

Perhaps you should arrange to visit the State and spend time with some of us who are working to solve its problems, and then take a trip to the Bush to get a first-hand look at those problems. You might then write an article which would be less flamboyant, but more reasoned.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Parr

CHP:vc

Alaska's embarrassment of riches.

Cool Millions

Money is trouble, and you don't need Calvinist ancestors to know that big money is big trouble. Consider the sad story of the state of Alaska. While President Reagan's minions scurry around Washington in an effort to convince legislators that less is really more, icebound politicians in Alaska fret about a very different kind of problem: how to spend the six billion dollars or so expected to pour into the 49th state's coffers this year without raising fratricidal tendencies in their neighbors to the south.

The source of Alaska's new embarrassment of riches is oil. The money flows from severance taxes, royalties, and corporate income taxes that the state levies on oil pumped from the Prudhoe Bay oil field north of the Arctic Circle and sold in the Lower 48. The cost of North Slope crude is tied to world oil prices. As OPEC's tariff jumps, so does the cost of Alaskan oil, and Alaska's tribute swells accordingly. Thanks to post-decontrol oil price hikes, the state will receive an extra \$188 million this year. But even before decontrol, the state's economists predicted that Alaska's annual share would top \$20 billion by 1990.

For Alaska's 400,000 residents, \$10 billion a year will buy a lot of Eskimo pies, not to mention schools, sewer systems, social services, and a snowmobile or two. Alaskans, being good Americans, have no intention of missing out on a golden opportunity to prove that money buys happiness.

Last spring, while residents of Detroit were discovering just how much macaroni and cheese a month's food stamps would buy, the Alaska legislature managed to dispose of \$3.2 billion, including \$400 million in low-cost loans to residents and a special \$519-million capital improvements "Christmas tree" for vital projects like convention centers, ski jumps, and cat-neutering clinics. Part of that \$3.2 billion went into various fiscal mattresses where the legislature has been squirreling away money against the day the oil runs out. One cache, the Permanent Fund, holds approximately \$1.3 billion in oily lucre. Another, a "Rainy Day Fund" devised to protect residents against pipeline shutdowns and such, took in \$350 million last year.

In a vain attempt to unload some of the spare cash, Alaska's legislature passed a share-the-wealth scheme that would have sent each resident of legal age \$50 for every year he or she had lived in Alaska since statehood. Anchorage residents Ron and Patricia Zobel sued, arguing that the dividend plan unfairly discriminated against newcomers like them. The dividend plan is now on ice pending a US Supreme Court decision. Meanwhile, the Permanent Fund is earning \$150 million a year in interest.

If disposing of all that money last year was a strain,

FELLOW SENATORS:

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
THE OUTSIDE VIEW OF
ALASKA. FROM 5-15-81
NEW REPUBLIC.

VIC FISCHER

faltered. He pored over transcripts from the White House of speeches and briefings that most of the rest of us skimmed or ignored. The telephone became his journalistic lifeline. And his writings continued to be a lifeline for the rest of us. His last column, published in the issue of April 11, just days before his death, was a fact-filled analysis of the performance of the Reagan high command in the aftermath of the attempted assassination of the president, including the performance on camera and off of Secretary of State Alexander Haig (whom John first knew as a colonel and an aide to Henry Kissinger in the early days of the Nixon White House). "There is a problem with Haig," John concluded. "He is immensely capable and the country will be the loser if he does himself out of a job."

It was a fitting, evenhanded way to end an extraordinary career. John Osborne has left us all with a painstakingly sharpened understanding of a tumultuous era in American history. And he has left those of us in journalism with a remarkable model of just how the job should be done.

Martin Schram

Martin Schram writes on national affairs for the Washington Post.

this year's budget-crafting session should be a bonafide backbreaker. The first task of the session is to find out how much money the state actually possesses. Governor Jay Hammond estimates it at \$5.5 billion, but the ebullient solons say they have a billion more. The second task is to find out how to get rid of it. The Alaska House of Representatives didn't get organized until the fourth week of the legislative session. Now they're facing a raft of spending proposals that if approved in toto would dole out \$14 billion altogether, or about \$35,000 per resident. Disposing of all this cash has become the legislature's biggest headache, but in the eyes of the citizenry it is among the state's greatest charms.

Residents of other states, distraught by property and state income taxes, may come to find Alaska increasingly attractive as a prospective home. The Alaska legislature plans to abolish local property taxes this year, picking up the tab for local services itself. The state income tax was abolished in 1979. The legislature is planning to provide millions of dollars in low-interest loans for residents who want to buy a home, start a business, process some fish, or open a tourist lodge. Also on the list are \$100 million donated for cancer research, accelerated deposits to the Permanent Fund, a bill that would allow state agencies to refuse federal funds and replace them with state dollars, and a move to abolish all corporate taxes—except those pinned on the oil companies. For those who care to invest in oil or railroads, the PACE (Portfolio of Alaskan Citizen Enterprises) program, by which the state would buy blocks of stock in major state businesses and then give or sell the stocks to residents, promises to be a good bet.

ALASKA, last home of the pioneer ethic of self-reliance, has discovered the public trough. Ask H. "Pappy" Moss. This voluble state representative from Delta Junction is a man of note far below the Arctic Circle, thanks to his recent suggestion that the state float a loan to the moribund Chrysler Corporation. "These legislators are like blind dogs in a meathouse," Moss chuckles. "All those glorious smells and they just don't know which way to turn." He has volunteered to lead them in the right direction.

In a letter to his constituents, Moss termed Alaskans "trailblazers for the future of our nation," and pitched his "Alaska Foreign Investment Fund," a corporate financing kitty that would offer Chrysler-type loans in exchange for development in industry-starved Alaska. (Foreign means non-Alaskan to Pappy Moss.) In this year's session Moss is also proposing a five-billion-dollar education endowment fund, the interest from which would be used to pay school operating costs "in perpetuity"; a \$100 million revolving loan fund for agricultural experiments; \$6.7 million for transportation projects; and four billion dollars toward a massive hydroelectric project that state environmentalists claim is unnecessary.

Moss acknowledges there is a danger that other Americans will come to see Alaskans as "blue-eyed Arabs." "We've obviously created a public relations problem in dealing with the lower 46 states. I hope I don't give our delegation in Washington heartburn. We have to remember this is going to benefit Alaska." That will be small comfort to non-Alaskans, who may find next winter that burning money will be cheaper than burning oil, but Moss is convinced that interstate good fellowship will prevail.

Governor Hammond takes a more pragmatic line. He is a moderate Republican who has proposed some spending schemes of his own, but he has also taken the legislature to task for its spendthrift ways. Hammond proposes a constitutional limitation on state spending and large deposits to the Permanent Fund to stem the cash flow. He is also quick to apologize for the state's good fortune. "While we think it is totally appropriate to share some of our wealth with our sister states in the south, we would like to think we could bring ourselves up to par on some of these other things first," Hammond recently told a small group of Washington reporters. Hammond repeatedly emphasizes that Alaska has the highest cost of living in the nation, that it costs \$16,000 a year to educate a child in the remote Arctic bush communities, that many of the state's residents live without flush toilets. Petrodollars, the governor explains, should be used to build renewable resource projects, like hydroelectric plants and barley farms, that can sustain Alaska once the wells are sucked dry.

The governor has good reason to be concerned. Fully 86 percent of Alaska's annual income is oil money, and it's expected to reach 92 percent by 1982. The pipeline, as one state economist put it, is Alaska's economic jugular. One turn of the tap transforms Alaska from a surplus state to a deficit state, once more dependent on federal largess. According to Hammond, the federal government can start cutting off Alaska's federal funding anytime it likes, merely by reducing the state's revenue-sharing allocation. But, he adds, federal aid reductions based on Alaska's new wealth shouldn't take place until Alaska's residents have received the same kind of benefits other Americans have received from their government in the past. The state, Hammond insists, is not "stifling the nation."

But in Washington lawmakers are beginning to complain. Alaska's congressional delegation has drawn heat for the Chrysler scheme. Senators have quizzed Alaska senator Ted Stevens about why they should continue to exempt Alaska's oil revenue from the windfall profits tax, while those same revenues are being offered to outbid the feds on the Chrysler bailout. Last year's Senate bill to rein in state severance taxes at 15 percent, sponsored by Arkansas senator Dale Bumpers, also caused tremors in the northland. Although Bumpers's bill largely was aimed at Montana's high 30-percent coal severance tax, Stevens and Hammond worried about its implications for oil-

producing states. A lawsuit challenging the validity of the Montana severance tax is currently before the US Supreme Court. Fear of legislative or judicial restrictions on the right of a state to tax nationally circulated resources further fuels the get-it-while-we-can mentality of Pappy Moss and friends.

Alaska's mad rush to capitalize on its good fortune threatens its image of tough self-reliance. The state is held up as the last frontier of individual freedom both by people who have never set foot there and by people who wouldn't think of leaving. Americans need this unabashed amalgam of romance and pragmatism, whether we live it or dream it. But Alaska's citizen legislature is doing its best to drum every last bit of independence and free enterprise out of the place, pushing easy government money as the answer to every question. Governor Hammond calls the influx of petrobucks a way of "pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps." Others call it government handouts, which, as everyone now knows, are responsible for the demise of the work ethic and the deterioration of America's national fiber.

Alaskans evidently are aware of the evils of the dole. They chose Ronald Reagan by a whopping margin last fall, and gave Libertarian Ed Clarke almost as many votes as Jimmy Carter. Surely they know that when the feds throw money at problems, it heralds the approach of creeping socialism. Why then, when the state does the throwing, is it deemed "self-help"? Energy-producing states are entitled to some sort of restitution for the ills visited upon them when the oil rigs come to town. But Alaska's wealth is being disbursed as middle-class welfare rather than as just payment for the costs of energy production, meaning the federal government ultimately will have few qualms about taking away Alaska's oil money. Alaskans will get the worst of both worlds. They will be loved to death by their own legislature and bled dry by the Lower 48.

Nancy E. Shute

Nancy E. Shute is a Washington reporter for several Alaskan newspapers.

Diplomacy for sale.

Right They Aren't

A Harbuck cartoon last week pictured a dozen cannons, each emblazoned with the name of a foreign policy biggie like Alexander Haig or Caspar Weinberger, lined up on the deck of the ship of state. The cartoon neatly summarized the current perception of Reagan foreign policy: it has no direction. Even Reagan

became baddy? Dinner host George Will was puzzled. "The Reagan Administration talks a tough foreign policy," he wrote, "but Administration actions are garbling its message." His confusion arises from the fact that the most recent foreign policy decisions of this administration conflict with its professed anti-Soviet, defense-minded ideology. In the last two weeks the Reagan administration has browbeaten Japan into a minor curtailment of auto exports, a move that elicited great resentment in Japan and wasted valuable diplomatic capital needed to encourage Japan to share our defense burden in the Pacific; lifted the Soviet grain embargo, thereby dropping the last remaining act of American resistance to Soviet occupation of Afghanistan; and, in a humiliating acquiescence to yet another litmus test, agreed to sell Saudi Arabia the most sophisticated arms in the American arsenal, weapons the Saudis don't need and that actively threaten US security interests in the Persian Gulf. A baffling performance for an administration pledged to reassert American power, strengthen our alliances, and resolutely thwart Soviet advances in the world.

THESE decisions are incompatible with Reagan's rhetoric. But they are not erratic. What they have in common is that they are all good for business. All grant relief in the short run at least, to powerful domestic constituencies: auto, farm, and oil. Critics point to the long-range damage these policies will do to America's ability to conduct a vigorous foreign policy. They are missing the point. These deals were made in spite of their foreign policy implications. As Secretary of Agriculture John Block bubbled excitedly moments after the lifting of the grain embargo, we now have a "market-oriented foreign policy." What, you may ask, does the secretary of agriculture know about foreign policy? Very little. Most presidents would have listened to their secretary of state. Instead President Reagan overrode Haig's strenuous objections to the grain decision and sided with Block.

The business of this administration, foreign and domestic, is business. And business requires a foreign policy that guarantees international stability, because stability is the *sine qua non* for foreign commerce. That is why, for example, Gulf Oil lobbied hard and successfully to prevent US support to anti-government guerrillas in Angola. Angola's Marxist-Leninist regime and 20,000 Cuban troops may not promote democracy; but, as Andrew Young pointed out, they are a stabilizing influence. And, for a fee, they permit Gulf to pump oil unimpeded. A similar fear of instability makes the banks anxious to see "moderation" and "realism" prevail in Poland. The banks have billions of dollars in loans at stake in Poland. The Solidarity Union may give Poland a measure of freedom but it also threatens its credit rating. The banks were cheered when Western nations did their bit for stability by allowing Poland to defer \$2.6 billion of debt repayment. The threat of Soviet invasion does its bit for Polish stability too. The

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June 25, 1981

Clair Martin, Dean
School of Nursing
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Dear Dr. Martin:

When I accepted your invitation to serve on the Advisory Committee for the School of Nursing, we had no indication that this session would set a new record for length. It turns out that I have missed all 3 meetings and am sorry.

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee will do a great deal of work on health care in the State during the interim, and I hope we will be able to count on information from the School when we have our work in Anchorage. If there is any information you would like to furnish before or after that time, please send it to Ms. Nancy Deitrick, at my address.

I look forward to seeing you during the interim.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Parr

CHP:vc

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June 8, 1981

Center for Disease Control
Bureau of Epidemiology
225 Eagle
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Senate HESS Committee will be working on Health Care issues during the interim in order to prepare for 1982 Legislation, and I am now gathering information for the purposes of this study.

One of the areas Senator Parr is interested in, is the incidences of disease and major illnesses and how they have changed over the last ten or twenty (if possible) years. I have not been able to gather any information of this sort from the State Health Agencies, and would like to know if you publish any documents in this area, or know where this information may be obtained.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Dietrick".

Nancy Dietrick

Research Assistant

Senate HESS Committee

CHARLIE PARR

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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June 9, 1981

Ms. Donna M. Stephens
Administrator
Nakoyia Health Care Center
Pouch 6617
4895 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Ms. Stephens:

Thank you for your letter of June 3 about SB 444.

This bill will not be acted upon this season, but will be considered in January. The Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee will be doing a great deal of work during the interim on health care in the State, and this will be one of the matters considered.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Parr

CHP:vc

NAKOYIA HEALTH CARE CENTER

A Division of Health Care Services - Alaska, Inc.

POUCH 6617 4895 CORDOVA ST. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

June 3, 1981

Charles H. Parr, Senator
Alaska Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Parr:

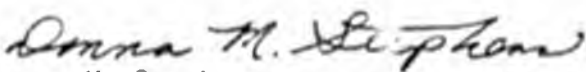
I would like to express my support for Senate Bill #444, "an act making an especial appropriation for a dental program for blind and disabled persons and for low income adults, age 60 and over, and a special appropriation for an evaluation of the dental program and providing for an effective date."

Nakoyia Health Care Center serves a population that is primarily based on handicapped and adults over age 60. Particularly in our population over age 60, there is a need for dental treatment that would greatly enhance the health and quality of life. As you are aware, there are currently no such programs available, even when need is quite extensive. Any support the legislature can give to providing dental care for this population group would be most beneficial. And I would like to express my support for Senate Bill #444.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

NAKOYIA HEALTH CARE CENTER


Donna M. Stephens
Administrator

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cc: Dennis DeWitt, Executive Director
Alaska State Hospital Association

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June 9, 1981

Stephen M. Shortell, Ph. D.
Director, Center for Health Services Research
School of Public Health & Community Medicine
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

Dear Dr. Shortell:

Maria Friedman, of NCHSR, referred me to your department as one doing research during 1980 that would be of interest to the Senate HESS Committee. During this legislative interim, we are doing some research in the health delivery areas. Of particular interest to us are the containment of costs, planning and manpower aspects. Alaska has particular problems with our vast rural areas and restricting environment in the area of accessibility. Primary care and the need of adequate telecommunications in rural Alaska concern us.

If you feel that any of your current research could assist us in planning our health care delivery system, we would greatly appreciate sharing that information. If there is any cost involved in obtaining your studies, please advise us.

Thank you for your time in attending this matter.

Sincerely,


Nancy Deitrick

Research Analyst

Health, Education and
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June 9, 1981

Gordor H. DeFriese, Ph.D.
Director, Health Services Research Center
University of N. Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chase Hall 132-A
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 25714

Dear Dr. DeFriese:

Maria Friedman, of NCHSR, referred me to your department as one doing research during 1980 that could be of interest to the Senate HESS Committee.

During this legislative interim, the committee is doing research in many areas of health care and delivery of services. Of special interest is rural health care, a particular problem in Alaska with vast areas and remote villages, not to mention the weather! We find the structuring of levels of care and the need for telecommunications and accessibility are vital to a population particularly plagued with a high accident rate, alcoholism, air and water borne disease, and high risk birth/infant mortality rate.

If you have completed any studies you feel would be useful to us, we would appreciate sharing the information. Notify us, please, of any cost involved.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick
Research Analyst

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June 9, 1981

Ronald L. Bliss
Health Alaska Inc.
P.O. Box 1239
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Mr. Bliss:

The Senate HESS Committee will be working on many health care issues during the 1981 session interim, and your letter concerning the proposed I.P.A. interested me. I am interested in seeing the feasibility study you mentioned in your letter, and have thought of some questions you might be able to answer for me:

what group of people do you intend to serve?

do you anticipate any problem with insurance coverage adapting to your plan?

do you have any intention of serving low income groups?

How do you intend to serve other areas of Alaska with this type of plan? Will you concentrate only in heavily populated areas? If not, how would you propose to provide accessibility to medically under served areas?

Organizations such as your proposal have proven cost effective in other parts of the country, but have never been attempted in Alaska. We are looking forward to receiving more information from you as we know you have been preparing for this project for some time.

Also, it is my understanding that the Reagan Administration is no longer planning to fund HMOs with Federal funds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick



National Center for Health
Services Research
3700 East-West Highway
Hyattsville MD 20782

June 4, 1981

Ms. Nancy Deitrick
Research Analyst
Senate HESS Committee
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Dear Ms. Deitrick:

Thank you for your interest in research sponsored by the National Center for Health Services Research (NCHSR). The information in the Group Practice Journal article, mentioned in the April Research Activities, is incorporated in the enclosed issue of Interchange. This particular issue focuses on multi-institutional systems and has a number of articles that may be helpful to you. Also, the National Health Care Management Center has put together a bibliography on multi-institutional systems and shared services. Ordering information is on page 11 of Interchange.

NCHSR has funded studies in a number of areas of interest to health planners, and enclosed are recent research reports that may be helpful. "Judicial Review of Health Care Planning and Capital Expenditures Review: Its Development and Significance for Regulatory Policy" examines the outcomes of all court cases up to September 1980 dealing with health facilities expansion. The impact of those cases is discussed, and citations are given in the full report. I have enclosed a summary for you; ordering information on the full report will be in an upcoming issue of Research Activities. In a related area, Julianne Howell examined Massachusetts' experience with certificate-of-need (CON) laws and hospital capital investment. The enclosed summary of Howell's study has been very helpful to planners in other States in assessing the impact of CON laws on facilities expansion. "Criteria for Selecting HSA Cost Containing Strategies: Political Implications for Implementation" describes 18 approaches for cost containment for health planning, and provides an excellent overview of how those techniques work as well as their limitations for use by HSAs. Also of interest to you may be the enclosed summary of "Evaluation of the Effects of Certificate of Need Programs," issued by another part of the Public Health Service. For additional information on the study, contact the Public Affairs Office of the Health Resources Administration, Room 10-44, Center Building, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782, 301/436-3882.

Ms. Deitrick - page 2

Another source for information on health planning, financing, and related matters is the National Health Planning Information Center (NHPIC), a component of the Health Resources Administration. NHPIC prepares bibliographies and conducts literature searches. For information, contact H. Calvin Meadows, Room 5-22, Center Building, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782, 301/436-6736. The National Technical Information Service (NTIS), a repository and distribution system for government publications run by the Commerce Department, also conducts literature searches and bibliographies. Details on titles and costs of published searches are available from the sales desk, NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, 703/487-4650. NTIS also publishes a weekly newsletter, in collaboration with NHPIC, on the NTIS availability of reports related to health planning and health services research. A recent issue is enclosed to give you an idea of the kinds of information the newsletter contains. Details on subscription, \$60 annually, are on the last page.

Also enclosed is a list of contacts for NCHSR-funded health services research centers, and a brief description of their work. The centers were established by NCHSR's founding legislation and by the HMO Amendments of 1976 (P.L. 94-460). However, NCHSR will be experiencing severe budget and personnel cutbacks during the next fiscal year, and it is unclear at this time the levels of support NCHSR will be able to provide. You can, however, contact the centers directly for additional information on their operations.

If you have any questions, please call me during office hours at 301/436-8970. Your interest in NCHSR and Research Activities is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Maria A. Friedman
Publications and Information Staff

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Mr. Sam Shapiro
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Dr. Don Steinwachs
9-1-(301) 955-6562

Jeff Gibson
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During FY 1980, NCHSR supported the following centers:

- o The Health Services Research and Development Center at Johns Hopkins University is conducting research on health system performance, the organization of community services, and the evaluation of preventive services.
- o The Center for Health Services Research at the University of Washington in Seattle carries out research on health manpower, planning, the organization of rural care, and analyses of public expenditures for health care.
- o The Health Services Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill undertakes research on health promotion and behavior modification, access to care in rural areas, dental services needs, and organized systems of care.
- o The Services Research Center at UCLA is doing research on health promotion, child health behavior, school health services, hospices and long-term care, and self-management of asthmatic children.
- o The Health Services Research Center/Health Care Technology Center at the University of Missouri is investigating the impact of technology on health services delivery and the application of computers and information systems to health problems.
- o The National Health Care Management Center is located at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. It focuses on problems faced by managers of health care organizations (e.g. costs, utilization, planning, HMO enrollment), and it engages in training and retraining of administrators.

Letter June 9
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August 26, 1981

Tessie M. Stewart
KANA Pharmacy
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Dear Tessie:

Thank you for your response to the Committee's health care questionnaire, we have been very impressed by the quantity and quality of responses received by health professionals.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of HB 41, which is in the Senate HESS Committee. We plan hearings on this bill which has already passed the House, during the next session following completion of the Battelle Health Study and our interim work.

The three Health Systems Agencies in the state are:

SOUTHEAST ALASKA HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY
Howard Gabriel, Ph.D., Executive Director
P.O. Box 7015
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

SOUTH CENTRAL HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Ron Hammett, Executive Director
1135 West 8th Avenue, Suite 1
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

NORTHERN ALASKA HEALTH RESOURCES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Charles Kaltenbach, Dr. P.H., Executive Director
529 Fifth Avenue, Suite 8
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

The state of Alaska also has a health planning agency:

ALASKA STATE HEALTH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Division of State Health Planning and Development
Phoebe A. Lindsey, Director
Alaska SHPDA
Department of Health and Social Services
Pouch H 01A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

I hope this information will assist you, and we will welcome any further comments you might have on HB 41.

Sincerely,



Nancy Deitrick

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October 6, 1981

Dear Senator;

Enclosed are some statistics relating to health in Alaska which I have prepared for the Committee members to review. All were compiled from information obtained from the Federal Government.

I sent out questionnaires concerning health issues to all licensed health professionals and three thousand residents selected at random from the voter registration list. This info is still being compiled here in the Juneau office.

Also, I would like to remind you that we have two public hearings scheduled for November: Nome on the 7th, and Bethel on the 14th. Think about the challenge of winter in the far north!

Hope you are having an enjoyable interim, and I hope to see you soon.

If you have any questions about any material you will be receiving, or any issues you care to see addressed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick

October 15, 1981

Senator Charles H. Parr
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak 99801

Dear Senator Parr:

Could you please advise me of the status of Senate Bill No. 143? I wrote to you concerning this bill, in May of this year. You advised me that the passage of this bill may not happen during this session. Our entire school district is behind you on this bill and we were wondering about the outcome.

We have taken your suggestion on writing to the Legislative Information Office to receive copies of all bills affecting the retirement of Public Employees. Thank-you very much.

Sincerely,


David Shelborne

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October 21, 1981

David Shelborne
Iditarod Area School District
P.O. Box 105
McGrath, Alaska 99627

Dear David:

Your letter dated October 15 was received in this office today, regarding SB 143. This bill and all others relating to retirement are the subject of an interim study by the Senate State Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Vic Fischer. I know that they are having public hearings on these bills, but do not have any specific information. I would suggest that you contact Nancy Groszek at Senator Fischer's office:

511 West 4th Ave.
Suite 5
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
278-3654

Nancy should be able to give you any information you need on the status of the interim project, and what is planned for all the retirement legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick
Committee Aide

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October 21, 1981

Sharon Sturrock
Accounting Officer
Legislative Affairs Agency
Pouch Y
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sharon:

Would you please issue a check to the Western Interstate
Commission for Higher Education for four dollars (\$4.00) to
be charged to the Senate HESS Interim Committee Budget.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick
Committee Aide

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October 21, 1981

NCHSR Publications and Information
Room 7-44
Center Building
3700 East-West Highway
Hyattsville, Md. 20782

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to request a copy of a preliminary bibliography for the newly funded Competition Research, as well as an overview of NCHSR-supported research on competition in health care.

I read about this study in the NCHSR Program Notes and would like to have this info for use by this committee since we are working primarily in health care for the session interim.

Thank you, your excellent work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick

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October 22, 1981

Al Rushing
1403 E. 27th
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Dear Al:

Senator Parr forwarded your letter to me here in Juneau, since I have been working on the health questionnaires for several months. Your questions regarding HB 41 are difficult to answer, this bill is in our committee and we will be having some action on it in the next legislative session. This committee will be in Anchorage December 10, 11 and 12 for comments on all health care matters and HB 41. It is hard to decide if this bill will be expensive and inflationary, but the 44,000 people here who do not have any health insurance coupled with seasonal employment make health care out of line for many.

I am enclosing a copy of the bill, and we would appreciate any comments and suggestions you may have.

Also, the Department of Health and Social Services has commissioned a study by the Battelle group on health in Alaska. They will be having a public hearing in Anchorage November 16. Contact Fred McGinnis for details at 278-4668.

I hope this information will help you, feel free to contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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November 13, 1981

Dear Hospital Administrator:

Earlier this summer, Senator Parr and the other members of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee sent out questionnaires to all hospitals in the state. The information we hope to obtain will assist the Committee in considering legislation for the upcoming 1982 session. Unfortunately, several hospitals did not reply, therefore I am sending you another copy of the questionnaire in hopes that we can receive some correspondence from you before January.

We realize this is time consuming for you, but hope that you will assist us in formulating a better picture of health care in the state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick
Administrative Assistant,
Senate HESS Committee

November 17, 1981

Dear Charlie,

When you were here in Juneau, you asked me what I thought might be possible action for the committee this session. I have been thinking about that for a long time and wanted to share my thoughts with you.

The only thing I really had in mind when we talked was expanding Medicaid coverage to different options, this is also recommended in the Battelle study.

My overall impression of the Battelle study that I have read is that it is recommending HB 41, not in so many words of course, but the language suggests the same ideas. The rural section is being rewritten.

My understanding of optional groups added to Medicaid is that the first priorities (children under 21, and intact families) would provide medical coverage to a heavily native population, leaving IHS funding to cover other services, and the Federal Government would still be picking up the tab 100% because they are native.

Picking up the medically needy group is more desirable now with recent regulation changes, since the state can opt to serve the groups it selects rather than all groups as in the past.

Picking up other optional services would put Federal dollars in place of state dollars since the GRM program now picks up 100% of these costs.

It seems illogical to me that these services/groups were not added in the past. The Dept. will not initiate any action on these, nor does it seem likely that it will come from the Governor's office. I am not very astute in the underlying political ramifications of this...I have been told that the purpose of the Battelle study was that Fred McGinnis wanted to eliminate the Medicaid program entirely, so I am confused.

I think that planning a long range program for the growing population of elderly is important, especially in providing support for keeping the people active and in their communities. In the next few decades we will be facing an enormous senior citizen population, and alternatives to institutionalization

should be well in place by that time. The Homemaker services need to be expanded to more localities, the questionnaires showed support of local LTC facilities. Of course, Alaska has the highest LTC rates in the country, and the highest percentage of Medicaid going to LTC so it would be logical to try to make facility care the last alternative. I don't have any real plan, it just seems that this is a neglected area, and there should be ways to encourage family or community responsibility for the aging--adult day care, respite care, foster homes etc.

I think the legislature should demand better cooperation between H&SS and IHS. The Oct. Quarterly meeting is an excellent example of things going awry, when being touted as a meeting seeking solutions to the Native health problems, and all reports are that all controversial subjects were ignored. It would seem that the Department needs to establish a policy and outline the responsibilities of the state, and plan cooperatively with IHS. In contrasting the Nome and Bethel hearings, I see a highly organized structure in Nome with a clear understanding of past accomplishments and future objectives, and a grasp of the important issues. All this was so lacking in Bethel and could be the same in other areas. Perhaps the Native Organizations need assistance in organization and development, and successful ones, such as Norton Sound, could assist others in reaching their level of competency.

Continuing education received so much notice in the questionnaire that I feel it is a very important issue in maintaining high quality health care, should we investigate this more? In relation to the University?

Also, I don't know why professional licensing is not done with the National tests rather than locally. I have requested a followup on the Performance Review of the Board of Psychologists which is just now being completed. The 1978 review pointed out some very serious problems supported by info gleaned from the questionnaires.

Hope this makes some sense, sorry it takes me so long to digest things. See you soon.

Nancy

*Copy to
Lorraine
1/2/79*

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November 19, 1981

Budget and Accounting
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Please issue a check for \$5.00 to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, for research material.

Please issue another check for \$17.50 to National Technical Information Service for research material.

Charge both of these to the Senate HESS Committee's interim budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick
Nancy Deitrick



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
201 WEST PRESTON STREET • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201 • Area Code 301 • 383-2517

Harry Hughes, Governor

Charles R. Buck, Jr., Sc.D. Secretary

November 13, 1981

Nancy Deitrick
Alaska State Legislature
Health, Education and Social
Services Committee
State Capitol
Nujeau, Alaska 99811
Dear

Thank you for your inquiry about the Maryland Appraisal of
Patient Progress (M.A.P.P.).

In order to cover printing and mailing costs it is necessary
for us to charge five dollars (\$5.00) for each manual. Checks
should be made payable to the Department of Health and Mental
Hygiene.

Very truly yours,

Harold Gordon, Chief
Division of Licensing
and Certification

HG:vb

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November 23, 1981

Harold Gordon, Chief
Division of Licensing and Certification
201 W. Preston Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Enclosed, please find a check for \$5.00 to cover the cost for
The Maryland Appraisal of Patient Progress (M.A.P.P.). Please forward
a copy of the document to me at the above address.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Deitrick
Nancy Deitrick

Committee Aide

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November 23, 1981

National Technical Information Service
Springfield, Virginia 22161

Dear Sir or madam:

Please find enclosed a check for \$17.50 for copies of "A community Health Center Information Guide and Documentation Resource" Volumes I and II, as advertised in NCHSR's Research Activities.

Please mail these to me at the above address, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick

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October 14, 1981

Dear Senator:

Enclosed you will find some information about Federal budget cuts of interest to this committee. I will supply more information as it becomes available to me

I have also enclosed an agenda for the quarterly meeting of the Department of Health and Social Services to be held in Anchorage on October 29 and 30. Some very important issues concerning Natives will be discussed at this meeting.

I hope to have a preliminary report on the results of the Health Questionnaire available for your inspection in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in Juneau.

If you have seen the sun recently, please do anything in your power to send it south - this pale committee aide would greatly appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Nancy Deltrick

STATE QUARTERLY MEETING

Agenda Items

October 29 and 30, 1981
Anchorage

Sixth Floor, Alaska Medical Center
Solarium

8:30 - 4:30

- 8:30 A.M. Welcoming Remarks Mr. Ivey (AANHS)
Commissioner Beirne (DHSS)
- 8:40 A.M. Introduction of New DHSS Director of Public . . . Commissioner Beirne (DHSS)
Health
- 9:00 A.M. Impact of Reagan Budget John Taber (DHSS)
Mr. Ivey (AANHS)
- a. Status Report of Assumption of
 Programs by Tribal Groups
- b. Transition Plans for Reduction in
 National Health Services Corps Staff
 in Alaska
- 10:00 A.M. Break
- 10:10 A.M. Status of Hepatitis B Immunization Project . . . Bill Heyward (DHHS) (CDC)
Dr. George Brenneman
(AANHS)
- 10:30 A.M. Status of PCIS and Discussion of Letter Dr. Greg Brown (AANHS)
of Agreement Dr. John Stolpe (AANHS)
Elizabeth Ward (DHSS)
- 10:45 A.M. Direct Billing of Medicaid Claims Dr. Greg Brown (AANHS)
(Status of Operations)
- 11:15 A.M. Implementation of SB 100 and Designation Dr. Verner Stillner (DHSS)
Hospital Issue
- 11:45 A.M. - 1 P.M. LUNCH
- 1:00 P.M. Vietnam Veterans Project for Post-Traumatic . . . Dr. Verner Stillner (DHSS)
Stress
- 1:30 P.M. Coordination of Efforts on Patient Consent Dr. E. Stuart Rabeau (DHSS)
for Surgery
- 2:00 P.M. Status of Alaska Comprehensive Health Care . . . Dep. Comm. Frederick
Financing Study McGinnis (DHSS)

2:30 P.M. Alcoholism Issues Bob Cole (DHSS)
 Dr. Bill Richards (AANHS)

3:00 P.M. Exploring the Possibility of Using Blue Martin Tirador
 Cross Blue Shield for Non-Native Patients

3:30 P.M. AANHS Long Range Objectives and Critical George Mumm (AANHS)
 Action Steps Diane Muri (AANHS)

4:00 P.M. Mt. Village Clinic State Funded Ward Hurlburt (AANHS)

4:30 P.M. Adjourn

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Medical Assistance Topics (A discussion with the Medical Care Advisory Board)

8:30 A.M. Review and discussion of the effects of David Davidson (DHSS)
 the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 Bob Tanna (Region X)
 (Public Assistance Aspects Only)

9:30 A.M. Review and responsibility and relationship Rod Betit (DHSS)
 of AANHS/DHSS in providing services to Jim Armbrust (AANHS)
 Alaskan beneficiaries Dr. John Stolpe (AANHS)

a. IHS review of funding, staffing, and
 service levels for FY 82 and FY 83
 (including any proposed reductions
 in service)

b. DHSS review of funding, staffing and
 service levels for FY 82 and FY 83
 (including any proposed reductions
 in service)

c. Interfaces between the two funding sources:

(1) Medicaid/AANHS

(2) General Relief Medical/AANHS

d. Transportation costs and a Review of the
 Memo of Agreement between AANHS/DHSS

e. Report on the availability of AANHS
 contract funds in FY 82 and FY 83 and
 discussion of effect on Medicaid and
 GRM funding

11:00 A.M. Medicare Buy-In Status Report David Davidson (DHSS)
 Jim Armbrust (AANHS)

11:30 A.M. Closing Remarks

12:00 Noon Adjournment

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Jeff Friedman, Director
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Dear Jeff,

You had asked about a regional workshop on the implementation of SB 100 when the HESS Committee was in Bethel, and I have talked to Vern Stillner about your concerns. The first draft of regulations for SB 100 are completed, and the department plans to have public hearings on these regulations in January. Workshops will be planned around the state after that, and have been funded, so you should be hearing from that office soon.

I am sorry to take so long to respond to your question, and hope this information will assist you.

Have a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Deitrick".

Nancy Deitrick

Committee Aide