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THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

WILL BE CONDUCTING A

\*\*\*\*STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE\*\*\*\*

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1984

TIME: 3:00 TO 5:00 (AST)

SUBJECT: FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The federal government requires a statewide legislative public hearing concerning the usage of federal monies received and expended by the state, in order to guarantee ongoing federal support.

The Department of Health and Social Services receives block grants in the following areas:

Preventive Health and Social Services  
Maternal and Child Health  
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health  
Low Income Energy Assistance

More detailed information on the amounts of money, specific programs and expenditures are available at all local legislative teleconference sites.

Committee members are: Joe P. Josephson (D), Anchorage, chair; Vic Fischer (D), Anchorage, vice-chair; Rick Halford (R), Chugiak; Pappy Moss (D), Delat Junction and Paul Fischer (R), Soldotna.

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# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: E.S. Rabeau M.D.  
Director  
Division of Public Health

DATE: April 25, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-3141

FROM: Susan B. Glocke <sup>S.B.G.</sup>  
Health Education Specialist

SUBJECT: Request for 1984 Preventive  
Health & Social Services  
Block Grant Monies

## I. 1984 Block Grant Projections

Overall 1984 available funds at CDC maintenance level funding.

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Preventive Block Grant Funds (PBGF)            | 314.0 |
| Roll-over PBGF (approximately)                 | 90.0  |
| sub total                                      | 404.0 |
| Rape prevention (restricted for this use only) | 5.0   |
| Available funds                                | 399.0 |

### Requests for funds

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Health Education Risk Reduction Project |       |
| operating budget                        | 100.0 |
| contractual                             | 175.0 |
| total                                   | 275.0 |
| Emergency Medical Services              | 30.6  |
| Hypertension - Field Nursing            | 40.0  |
| Dental Services                         | 6.0   |
| Project CHOICE                          | 25.0  |
| Discretionary funds                     | 22.4  |
| TOTAL                                   | 399.0 |

## II. Back-up support for PBGF requests

1. Health Education Risk Reduction Project 275.0 for continued support of the State HERR Project (100.0) and for granting contracts to non-profit agencies in the state to provide disease prevention and positive health behavior promotional education programs to school aged population groups and completed assessment of the Prevalence of Behaviors Posing Health Risks in Alaskans - i.e. smoking, alcohol, lack of exercise. (175.0)
2. Field Nursing 40.0 for continued expansion of hypertension screening in urban and rural communities throughout the state. PHNs provide preventive health services for at risk groups associated with hypertension and screen persons who seek health care for any reason ( T.B. , sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, etc.) to detect high blood pressure early.

Examples of service: Initial screening, confirmation of evaluated blood pressure, referral, follow up persons with elevated pressures and establish tracking mechanism for

surveillance of all persons with diagnosed hypertension.

3. EMS 30.6 for continued support of the Southern Region EMS council emergency medical technician instructor position who in turn provides the necessary certification training for the approximately 1,000 emergency medical technicians in the southern region.
4. Dental 6.0 for continued support to Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) to assist them in their provision of preventive dental services to approximately 2000 school children in 33 villages in the TCC region.
5. Project CHOICE 25.0 for a cancer prevention and risk reduction curriculum for students in grade kindergarten through twelve. These monies will purchase ten sets of the curriculum for a state-wide distribution.
6. Rape Crisis Intervention 5.0 for continuing to grant to the Department of Public Safety Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in support of their training activities and material in rape prevention protocol for field personnel.
7. Discretionary Funds 22.4 for meeting unexpected needs during FY 84 budget period.

## FY 84 Preventive Health and Social Services Block Grant

During FY 1984 Preventive and Social Services Health Block grant funds were utilized as follows:

### Field Nursing

40.0 for continued expansion of hypertension screening in urban and rural communities throughout the State, PHN's provide preventive health services for at risk groups associated with hypertension and screen persons who seek health care for any reason (T.B., sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy etc.) to detect high blood pressure early.

Examples of service: Initial screening, confirmation of elevated blood pressure, referral, follow up persons with elevated pressures and establish tracking mechanism for surveillance of all persons with diagnosed hypertension.

### Dental Health

6.0 granted to the Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc. (TCC) in support of their preventive dental services program for the 2,000 children living in the 33 villages in the TCC region. These services include topical fluoride applications, oral health education and the promotion of the ingestion of systemic fluoride.

### Health Education Risk Reduction

275.0 for continued activities of the State Health Education Risk Reduction Project. This included awarding six contracts to non-profit agencies in the state to provide disease prevention and positive health behavior promotional education programs to school aged population groups to deter high risk health behaviors such as, smoking, substance abuse, lack of exercise etc.

### Rape Crisis Intervention

10.0 was granted to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in support of their training activities in Rape Prevention Protocol for field personnel training sessions for Public Health Nurses in the three regions.

### Project CHOICE

25.0 for purchasing comprehensive cancer education materials (Project CHOICE). Materials distributed to various school districts within the State.

## FY 84 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

During State Fiscal Year 1984, Social Services Block Grant Funds have been utilized to provide program amounts described below. Since FY 84 has not yet ended, all FY 84 Social Services Block Grant funds have not been expended. The dollar figures indicated for FY 84 represent, then, projected expenditures. It is planned that Fiscal Year 1985 funds will be utilized in the same programs. Planned expenditures for FY 85 are also indicated:

### HOMEMAKER SUPPORT SERVICE

Homemaker support consists of utilization of homemaker skills by trained individuals to assist persons in preserving family life and maintaining independent living. It is provided only to individuals or families of children who are in danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation and who require support and protection in order to remain in their own homes.

### ADULT PROTECTION HOMEMAKER SUPPORT

Assistance to at risk adults in general household management, goal setting, planning and organizing time and work, promoting general hygiene, nutrition, budgeting, and certain chores that cannot be performed by the individual.

### CHILD PROTECTION HOMEMAKER SUPPORT

Assistance to families of at risk children in household management, planning and organizing time and work, nutrition, hygiene, child care and parenting skills.

|                            | <u>FY 84</u> | <u>FY 85 Planned</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Adult Protection Homemaker | \$1,933,500  | \$1,751,200          |
| Child Protection Homemaker | 401,600      | 349,700.             |

### ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE

Adult Protective Service includes investigation into the physical and economic well-being of adults to determine if other services are required to protect them from harm or exploitation, and the provision of necessary services either directly or through purchase.

The Department is only mandated to investigate the circumstances of elderly persons but may investigate the circumstances of other adults if requested to do so and the person consents. Purchased support services include residential care, foster care and homemaker support. Direct services include counseling, referral, and initiation of legal intervention when necessary. In all

instances services are provided only with the consent of the client.

| <u>FY 84</u> | <u>FY 85 Planned</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|
| \$ 709,000   | \$ 785,000           |

#### CHILD PROTECTION DAY CARE SUPPORT

Child protection day care support is a special day care service arranged by the Division of Family and Youth Services staff for children in danger of harm from abuse and neglect. This service allows therapeutic relief for both child and family, and often allows children, who otherwise may be removed to receive adequate protection, to remain in their own home. Utilization of the day care resource often provides a sufficient respite for both the child and family, so that other support services and resources may be better utilized and that the functioning of the family may be maintained at such a level that the child may remain at home without danger of harm.

| <u>FY 84</u> | <u>FY 85 Planned</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|
| \$ 343,800   | \$ 357,500           |

#### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

This service includes mandated investigations into reports of harm to children and the provision of a wide range of direct and support services to prevent harm to children, strengthen family relationships and functioning and to maintain families intact whenever possible. Services include investigation, counseling, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, out of home care and treatment, permanency planning, adoption services and purchased support services. Social Services Block Grant funds provide only a small portion of the total amount of funds necessary to supply this service.

| <u>FY 84</u> | <u>FY 85 Planned</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|
| \$935,800    | \$983,000            |

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This service consists of training activities and materials to provide new knowledge and increase skills of persons providing services under the Social Services Block Grant or associated services provided with state funds. The training is available for all Division staff concerned with operation of programs and the provision of service. It is also made available to individuals and

staff of other agencies providing human services in Alaska. A training plan is developed each year based on assessments of staff needs by staff, supervisors and management; program changes or priorities which require training for implementation; and an assessment by other providers of areas in which training is needed to improve the quality of services.

FY 84

\$ 96,600

FY 85 Planned

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Request for FY 85 Preventive Health  
and Social Services Block Grant Monies

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Requests for funds

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| Operating Budget                | 100.0 |       |
| Contractual                     | 185.0 |       |
| Total                           | 285.0 | 285.0 |
| Hypertension-Field Nursing      |       | 40.0  |
| Dental Services                 |       | 6.0   |
| Discretionary funds             |       | 16.0  |
| Total                           |       | 357.0 |

II. Back-up support for PBGF requests

1. Health Education Risk Reduction Project

285.0 for continued support of the state HERR Project (100.0) and for granting contracts to non-profit agencies in the state to provide disease prevention and positive health behavior promotional education programs to school aged and adult population groups and to research assessment of the Prevalence of Behaviors Posing Health Risks in Alaskans i.e. smoking, alcohol, lack of exercise (185.0).

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40.0 for continued expansion of hypertension screening in urban and rural communities throughout the state. PHN's provide preventive health services for at risk groups associated with hypertension and screen persons who seek health care for any reason (TB, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, etc.) to detect high blood pressure early.

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6.0 for continued support to Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) to assist them in their provision of preventive dental services to approximately 2,000 school aged children in 33 villages in the TCC region.

4. Rape Crisis Intervention

5.0 for continuing to grant to the Department of Public Safety, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, in support of their training activities and material in rape prevention protocol for field personnel.

5. Discretionary Funds

26.0 for meeting unexpected needs during FY 85 budget period.

ALASKA MCH BLOCK GRANT  
FY 1985 PROJECTED ALLOCATION

The FY 85 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant is anticipated to be \$1035.0.<sup>1</sup> The Section of Family Health proposes to utilize these funds to maintain current services. The distribution of funding is projected to be as follows:

Administration

\$16.0 will be expended for personal services for the Chief, Section of Family Health. This individual is a pediatrician, whose responsibilities include directing all Maternal and Child Health Block Grant services, and supervision of medical care services for the Handicapped Children's Program.

Maternal/Child Health and Family Planning

\$495.0 will be provided for continuation of family planning services (Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Kenai, Kodiak, Juneau), RH immunization (statewide), cervical cancer screening (statewide), metabolic screening of newborns (statewide), NCAST Training (Juneau, Fairbanks, Anchorage), Neonatal and Maternal Transport (statewide), sterilization subsidy (Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, Kodiak, Anchorage, Bethel), Pregnancy Testing (statewide), Dental health fluoridation activities (statewide) and grants to local communities for implementing innovative programs addressing priority MCH areas.

Communicative Disorders Program

\$39.0 will be used to increase statewide communicative disorder diagnostic team outreach. The funds will support an audiologist's and speech pathologist's travel for the purpose of identifying individuals with hearing and speech impairments. Those individuals identified as having problems will be directed to appropriate corrective service options.

Child Development Program

\$75.0 will be allocated to community-based Infant Learning Program grantees. These grants provide for specialized evaluation and education services for children with handicapping conditions that impair their ability to learn. (statewide)

Handicapped Children's Program

\$323.0 for continued support of medical care to children with handicapping and disabling conditions. (statewide)

Nutrition Unit

\$30.0 will be utilized to provide counseling services to families of handicapped children (Fairbanks, Kotzebue, Nome, Dillingham, Bethel, Cordova, Anchorage, Ketchikan)

<sup>1</sup> There are no anticipated increase in federal block grant monies for FY 85, thus distribution is allocated on the same pattern as FY 84.

Public Health Nursing

\$56.1 is anticipated to be utilized in providing prenatal and postpartum counseling services at the Fairbanks Health Center.

ALASKA MCH BLOCK GRANT  
FY 1984 ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Section of Family Health has overall administration of Maternal & Child Health/Handicapped Children's Program for the State of Alaska. This responsibility includes administration and operation of the Maternal-Child Health Block. In FY 84 funding was provided to:

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|--|-----------------------|
| (a) Administration                                     | 16.0                  |
| (b) Maternal & Child Health (includes family planning) | 495.9                 |
| (c) Handicapped Children's Program                     | 323.0                 |
| (d) Nutrition Unit                                     | 30.0                  |
| (e) Communicative Disorders Program                    | 39.0                  |
| (f) Child Development Services                         | 75.0                  |
| (g) Section of Nursing                                 | 56.1                  |
| Total  | 1035.0 <sup>(1)</sup> |

MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH/FAMILY PLANNING UNIT (MCH/FP)

The focus of the Maternal Child Health/Family Planning Unit during FY 83 was:

To promote the health of families during the child-bearing years by providing each person with the knowledge and capabilities to time and space their pregnancies by focusing on health care during the maternity cycle, subsequent delivery and care of the newborn, and by emphasizing support of parent-infant relationship.

To promote optimum health for infants, children and adolescents through the prevention of disease, the early identification and treatment of handicapping conditions, and the enhancement of the parent-child relationship.

During FY '84, the unit had the following projects/activities:

1. Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training Project (NCAST)

NCAST is a continuing education program that provides Maternal-Child Health Care professionals with a tool and methodology to objectively evaluate parent/infant interactions, to isolate specific problem areas, and to standardize the parent-child interaction assessments. Courses were offered in Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage.

(1)

This represents availability of funds as of 7/1/83 through FFY 85. Funds shown are allocated for SFY 84; not included is 200.0 reserved for first quarter SFY 84 and fourth quarter FFY 84 and is budgeted for SFY 85.

2. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Counseling and Referral Program/  
Neural Tube Defects Counseling and Referral Program

The Child Health Nursing Consultant reviewed infant death certificates and referral were sent with additional support material to the appropriate Public Health Nurse.

3. Cervical Cancer Screening Services (CCS)

CCS Services supported by Section of Family Health are provided through the Section of Nursing, Yukon-Kuskokwim Native Health Corporation, Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation, Griest Family Service Center (Barrow) and Maniilag Health Corporation (Kotzebue).

4. Cervical Cap Demonstration Project

During FY 84 the Section of Family Health conducted a study into the use/effectiveness of the cap as a vaginal contraceptive device, user acceptability and compliance, and the advantages and disadvantages associated with cervical cap use.

The project was conducted in Juneau, Anchorage and Ketchikan.

5. Alaska Newborn Metabolic Screening Program

The Metabolic Screening Program provided metabolic screening to all newborns for the following endocrine and metabolic disorders: Phenylketonuria, Hypothyroidism, Galactosemia, Histidinemia, Tyrosinemia, Maple Syrup Urine Disease, Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia.

6. MCH Audio-Visual Library

A collection of audio-visual aids were loaned to Alaska MCH Health Care professionals for client and/or self education. The library currently consists of 100 different titles.

7. Family Planning

Through the Section of Nursing, Family Planning Services were provided to clients in Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, Kodiak, Homer, Fairbanks.

8. Alaska Newborn Care Project

The Section of Family Health provided Financial and Technical Assistance to the Alaska Newborn Care Project. The focus of the project was to improve perinatal care in Alaska and to reduce perinatal morbidity and mortality through regionalization of perinatal care, transportation of ill neonates and high-risk maternal patients, and to provide educational programs for perinatal health care.

### COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS PROGRAM (CDP)

The major thrust of the Communicative Disorders Program has been to provide early identification of middle ear problems, prevention of noise-induced hearing loss, diagnosis and rehabilitative services Speech Pathology services, and implementation of vision and hearing screening programs in the schools.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS)

The overall goal of the Child Development Services program is to stimulate the early identification of the developmentally disabled child, to provide multidisciplinary evaluation, and plan for treatment services. CDS conducted multi-discipline evaluation for children throughout the state, followed up treatment plans with parents and local health and education resources, and continued work on to regionalization of the service.

### INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM (ILP)

In cooperation with the Department of Education and with local community groups, the Section of Family Health supported services to the zero to three age handicapped children. In addition, two programs are funded to provide consultative services for infants with hearing or vision impairments. Services are provided through 20 grantees.

### HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (HCP)

The focus of the HCP is to eliminate or modify handicaps (congenital or acquired) so that children may develop to their maximum potential, into useful and productive members of society. The program coordinated comprehensive services for the patients, such as arranging social work services, public health nursing services, transportation of patients and escorts, long-term follow-up, and referral services. The Handicapped Children's Program funded and/or arranged service for children with chronic an handicapping conditions; and organized specialty clinics in all three regions of Alaska in eight specialty areas.

### THE NUTRITION UNIT

The major focus of the nutrition unit was on education, counseling and consultation.

In FY 84, 50 communities were served by WIC Program. The supplemental food and nutrition education services were provided to participants each month; the Alaska Nutrition news was published monthly; and 33 community nutrition programs were conducted.

### Field Nursing

State Public Health Nurses provided maternal-child health services to all the areas in the state except Anchorage, Kotzebue and Barrow. These services included immunizations, well child clinics, prenatal and postnatal services, pregnancy testing, cervical cancer screening, and anemia testing. In all of these services, there was an emphasis on working with families at high risk for parenting problems and on working with the young child.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

In SFY 84, the Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse received \$1,504,000 under the Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant program.

Pursuant to federal requirements, the Office divided these funds into four separate and distinct activities; general prevention, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and discretionary. Following the federal guidelines, the Office provided these funds to thirty-one localities in the State utilizing the departmental grant-in-aid regulations.

Specifically, the Office provided funds to the villages of Eklutna and South Kachemak as well as the City of Ketchikan which previously had agreed to revise their direct relationship with the federal government and enter into the state block grant process.

In addition, the funds were used to provide drug abuse services to Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan, etc.

For FY 85, the Office proposes to use the block grant funds to supplement, not supplant, state funds. The Office will utilize the grant-in-aid process to select recipients and distribute the available funding in accordance with the provisions of AS 47.37, AS 47.30, and AS 44.29, as well as the block grant guidelines in the U.S. Code.

The Office is currently projecting the receipt of approximately \$1,504,000 under the FY 84 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Block Grant program.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT  
MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

In SFY 84, block grant funds were used by the Anchorage Community Mental Health Center, to provide services to priority populations. These priority services include services to children; services to chronically mentally ill adults on an out-patient basis; and aftercare services on an out-patient basis to clients discharged from in-patient psychiatric treatment. In addition, federal mental health block grant funds were used to enhance provision of psychiatric emergency care services in the Anchorage catchment area, and to enhance delivery of consultation and education services, also in the Anchorage area.

Funds allocated in SFY 84 were \$249,700. All of these funds were granted to the Anchorage Community Mental Health Center, in compliance with the federal block grant regulations.

In SFY 85, federal block grant funds will be distributed as part of the regular community mental health grant-in-aid process. In keeping with the block grant laws and regulations, they will be awarded to community mental health centers for delivery of priority services. These priority services include:

1. 24-hour emergency care services for psychiatric emergencies;
2. Services to chronically mentally ill adults, including transitional care, aftercare, case management, socialization, vocational rehabilitation, or other recognized services specifically designed for the care and treatment of the CMI;
3. Screening and evaluation services for persons being considered for admission to the state mental hospital;
4. Other direct care services, including specialized out-patient services for children and adolescents, and elderly, other mentally disordered adult populations;
5. Consultation and education services.

All community mental health center grant applications will be reviewed by the Governor's Mental Health Advisory Council for compliance with these basic requirements. The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities will review the programs provided by community mental health centers for compliance with these priorities, on at least an annual basis. All community mental health grant statutes and regulations will apply.

## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT

The State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) received \$1,106,607 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance LIHEAP funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its FY 1984 Energy Assistance Program. Seven Alaskan Indian and tribal organizations applying directly for LIHEAP block grant funds received \$1,729,859. Under agreements executed between DHSS and these tribal organizations, the DHSS LIHEAP block grant was reduced by \$2,599,113 so that the tribal grants could be augmented by that amount. The agreement was sent to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for action ensuring that tribal organizations had the resources in FY 1984 to offer benefits comparable to those offered to households served under the DHSS Energy Assistance Program. Final FY 1984 LIHEAP funding for Alaska was \$11,340,466 (DHSS \$7,011,494 and tribal grantees \$4,328,972).

As of April 1, 1984, the DHSS Energy Assistance Program served approximately 9,150 households with an average grant amount of \$480. It is anticipated that the FY 1984 caseload will be approximately 14,000 households.

When an applicant household is found eligible for energy assistance, a credit is established on its behalf with its home energy supplier. The credit is then used for either overdue or future home energy bills. The Energy Assistance Program has agreements with 250 home energy suppliers. These vendors agree to extend credit to eligible households, later submitting invoices to EAP for payment (or in the case of most utilities, to apply prepaid credit to the client's account). The grants can be used for a variety of home energy products including; fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, wood, coal, and some other petroleum products used for home energy. Both renters and homeowners are eligible for energy assistance. Renters whose home energy expenses are included in their monthly rental payments, and those applicants whose energy vendor is not participating in the program are given benefits in cash.

The State has the option with the LIHEAP block grant to use up to 15 percent of the funds for low-income weatherization. This year approximately \$800,000 (12 percent) will be put to this purpose through agreements with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs and the Alaska State Housing Authority. Another block grant provision allows grantees to carry-over up to 25 percent of yearly LIHEAP funding to the next fiscal year. To hedge against predicted funding reduction and more importantly to start FY 1985 EAP several months earlier, DHSS carried forward \$1,300,000 from FY 1983. Funding for FY 1984 will not be known until October 1984 at the earliest. For the same reasons, DHSS again intends to take advantage of the carry-over provision.

There is not expected to be major changes in the nature of the Energy Assistance Program in FY 1985. If there is a severe federal funding cut, changes in household grant amounts, weatherization and energy conservation funding, and tribal grantee transfers would possibly result.

The LIHEAP block grant authorization expires at the end of 1984. There are several reauthorization bills now before Congress. All pending bills include funding at least at current levels and three to five year authorizations. LIHEAP enjoys considerable support in Congress so passage of reauthorization legislation is highly probable.

Joe, Rick, Pappy, Vic <sup>(Chairman)</sup> May 18, 1984

## Federal Block Grants

Joe intro. and background of grants.

members of the Committee had no questions.

Yakutat Barbara Harris

low income Energy assist.

Jim Dalman - DH & SS

grantees who received direct funds can fall over 25% of their funds.

Will do, <sup>at least</sup> 15% fall over this year.

Harris

concern over timing of funds.  
Yakutat Native Assoc. applied for direct grant, not a recognized tribe → denied.

Dalman

Yakutat had been funded through T & H in Bureau

delays because of denial of grant. State should be able to get money to Yukon in October

This year's funding should be timely.

Harris

Block grant prep. Say village corps. are recognized as recipients for Metlakatla recognized

Dulman

don't know if Fed's have changed requirements; on mind on the qualifications under ANCSA

Directed her to a regional meeting in Seattle

Sept 1 application deadline for grants for energy block grants

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Senate HESS Committee will host a statewide teleconference on Federal Block Grants in the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services on Friday, May 13, 1983.

The teleconference will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (PST) and will be carried in the Legislative Information Offices in 42 communities throughout Alaska.

Senate HESS Committee members are: Senators Joe Josephson, D-Anchorage, Committee Chairman; Vic Fischer, D-Anchorage, Committee Vice-Chairman; Rick Halford, R-Chugiak; Paul Fischer, R-Kenai; and Pappy Moss, D-Delta Junction.

Detailed information regarding the block grants for Alaskan communities is attached.

For further information, contact:  
Nancy Deitrick, Tel.: 465-4907

## FY 83 PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

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### Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

30.6 allocated to the EMS section were granted to the Southern Region EMS Council to hire an emergency medical technical (EMT) instructor to assist in meeting EMT certification and training requirements for FY 83.

The Southern Region is the largest in the state and the new EMT regulations requiring certification, recertification and licensing have strained their training capacity. The Southern Region EMS Council trains certifies, and recertifies approximately 1000 people per year. The addition of an EMT instructor to their staff greatly eased the situation.

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### Maternal and Child Health Component

\$155,000 will be budgeted for continuation of family planning services in Ketchikan, Fairbanks and Kenai; RH immunization, cancer screening, metabolic screening of newborns, and patient education materials. In addition, the Section of Family Health plans to offer start-up grants to communities seeking to develop innovative programs that meet local maternal and child health needs.

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\$45,000 is anticipated to be utilized in providing family planning and women's care services at the Juneau Health Center. These services will contribute to the provision of a full spectrum of nursing care in the Juneau Borough.

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\$25,000 will be used to increase statewide communicative disorder diagnostic team outreach. The funds will support an audiologist's and speech pathologist's travel for the purpose of identifying individuals with hearing and speech impairments. Those individuals identified as having problems will be directed to appropriate corrective service options.

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their ability to learn. Through these individualized learning activities, children are able to overcome their disabilities and maximize their own potentials.

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT

MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

These funds will be distributed as part of the SFY 84 mental health grant process. In keeping with the block grant laws and regulations, they will be awarded to Anchorage Community Mental Health Center for delivery of services currently funded with the FY 83 mental health block grant. These services must include:

1. outpatient services, including specialized outpatient services for children, the elderly, individuals who are chronically mentally ill, and residents of its mental health service area who have been discharged from inpatient treatment at a mental health facility,
2. 24-hour-a-day emergency care services,
3. day treatment or other partial hospitalization services,
4. screening for patients being considered for admission to State mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of such admission, and
5. consultation and education services.

The Anchorage Mental Health Center Grant Application will be reviewed by the Governor's Mental Health Advisory Council for compliance with these requirements. The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities will review the programs provided by ACMHC. All community mental health grant statutes and regulations will apply.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

In SFY 83, the Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse received \$2,664,000 under the Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant program. This level of funding recognized FFY 82 funds which were rolled into SFY 83 as well as FFY 83 block grant funds.

Pursuant to federal requirements, the Office divided these funds into four separate and distinct activities; general prevention, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and discretionary. Following the federal guidelines, the Office provided these funds to thirty-four localities in the State utilizing the departmental grant-in-aid regulations.

Specifically, the Office provided funds to the villages of Eklutna and South Kachemak as well as the City of Ketchikan which agreed to revise their direct relationship with the federal government and enter into the state block grant process.

In addition, the funds were used to provide drug abuse services to the North Slope area, Bethel, Kodiak, Yakutat, and the area served by the Norton Sound Health Corporation.

For FY 84, the Office proposes to use the block grant funds to supplement, not supplant, state funds. The Office will utilize the grant-in-aid process to select recipients and distribute the available funding in accordance with the provisions of AS 47.37, AS 47.30, and AS 44.29.

The Office is currently projecting the receipt of \$1,504,000 under the FY 84 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Block Grant program.

## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT

The State of Alaska received \$9,112,856 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its FY 83 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The six Alaskan tribal organizations applying directly for LIHEAP funds received \$1,702,384. Under an agreement executed between the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and these tribal organizations, the DHSS LIHEAP block grant was reduced by \$2,051,220 so that the tribal grants could be augmented by that amount. The agreement was sent to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for action ensuring that tribal organizations had the resources in FY 83 to offer benefits comparable to those offered to households served under the DHSS Energy Assistance Program. Final FY 83 LIHEAP funding for Alaska was \$10,815,240 (DHSS \$7,587,118 and tribal grantees \$3,753,604).

As of April 1, the DHSS Energy Assistance Program has served approximately 8,500 households with an average grant amount of \$525. It is anticipated that the FY 83 EAP caseload will be approximately 13,000 households.

When an applicant household is found eligible for energy assistance, a credit is established on its behalf with its home energy supplier. The credit is then used for either overdue or future home energy bills. The DHSS has executed agreements with 250 home energy suppliers. These vendors agree to extend credit to eligible households, later submitting invoices to EAP for payment (or in the case of most utilities, to apply prepaid credit to the client's account). The grants can be used for a variety of home energy products including; fuel oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, wood, coal, and some other petroleum products used for home energy. Both renters and homeowners are eligible for energy assistance. Renters whose home energy expenses are included in their monthly rental payments, and those applicants whose energy vendor is not participating in the program are given benefits in cash.

The State has the option with the LIHEAP block grant to use up to 15 percent of the funds for low-income weatherization. This year approximately \$900,000 will be put to this purpose through agreements with the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy and Power Development and the Alaska State Housing Authority. Another block grant provision allows grantees to carry-over up to 25 percent of yearly LIHEAP funding to the next fiscal year. To hedge against predicted funding reduction, and more importantly to start EAP several months earlier, DHSS carried forward \$1,100,000 from FY 82. Funding for FY 84 will not be known until October 1983 at the earliest. For the same reasons DHSS again intends to take advantage of the carry-over provision.

There is not expected to be major changes in the nature of the Energy Assistance Program or its operation in FY 84. If there are severe federal funding cuts, changes in individual grant amounts, weatherization funding, and tribal grantee transfers would possibly change.

# STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
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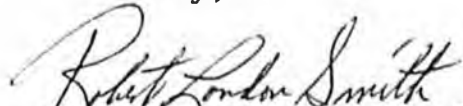
The Honorable Joe Josephson  
Senator  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

In recent discussions with Nancy Deitrick of your staff, we learned that you intend to hold a state-wide teleconference hearing on the use of block grant funds by the Department of Health and Social Services. The purpose of the hearing is to satisfy Federal grant requirements for a Legislative hearing on several of the block grants.

Ms. Deitrick requested that the Department of Health and Social Services prepare a statement of the uses of the blocks for distribution prior to the hearing. Brief statements are enclosed. If any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Renninger at 465-3331.

Sincerely,

  
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.  
Commissioner

Block Grants

May 13, 1983

3:00

Dillingham  
HONOR  
NUT-SIL  
BARRON  
NOME  
ANCH.  
KOTZESUE

ANCH

Russ Palmquist - OPPS Board member

RE: discretionary funding - preventive  
SS block grant.

have in a proposal for dental care  
for the elderly.

22.4

Connie Kellenbeck - Nome - Alcohol & Drug

PSA announcement pg 10 said  
Norton found received drug abuse  
grants.

Drug Abuse - Grant award - Budget Allocation -  
received \$5,000 Fed money. no  
Special Rep

NOME

Ann Walker - Comm Health Services

Health Ed wise production - putting  
funds to criterion 2ip program  
funded by Fed.

Required to return all products  
bought w/ fed. funds.

any change in requirements with state pass through.

Want to finish project

Em. Slooke  
Health Ed

- aware of N.S. contract. Materials are to be returned because now each applicant must get Maryland contract award.

- RFP's out in a month.
- Contracts awarded in Dec.

Ann Walker - developed specifically for some area.

- need adequate notice for RFP
- would like to raise requirement to name responsible person.

Katzblum

Charles Green - Maryland

Health Ed Risk reduction.

usually require minimum of three risk factors.

Mat Se

Helena Hickox - Mat Se Counseling Center

MH proposal - current status -  
Arch. MH Counseling Center

Annex 1000 - Grant requests under review of  
Gov. Council, Dept. & HSP  
Budget not yet final.

name (again)

Ann Walker

more than 30% of health risk reduced.  
Money used in Juneau for Admin.  
Very more in DHSS

Ann Locke Admin. less than 25%. other programs  
are also included in this block grant  
for preventive health education  
block grant is 400.0

Ann Walker

increase in-kind contribution

Pappy - written response

Ann Locke, Air Pub Health

Barron

Carl Hill

mailing out of RFP - so slow, get  
cut short on time. Need more timely  
mailing.

needed time  
to write letter

Howe

Dorothy Vaughn - special services  
Pg 7 - Communicative Disorders  
Age restrictions?

\* DeSana, Chief, Family Health  
no strict limitation but  
priority for persons under  
age 21. Audiologist can  
see other people as time  
permits.

sch. districts have responsibility  
to manage school age problems.

Dillingham

Jan ~~Selmon~~ Houseman

- Communicative disorders  
block grant - has ties in with  
cut backs in program.

Gov. am. budget cut 1 part in 5. C. Reg. am.  
possible it will be restored  
by legislature.

# MEMORANDUM

*May 10, 1983*  
State of Alaska

TO: E.S. Rabeau M.D.  
Director  
Division of Public Health

FROM: Susan B. Glocke *S.B.G.*  
Health Education Specialist

DATE: April 25, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-3141

SUBJECT: FY 83 Preventive Health  
and Social Service Block  
Grant report

During FY 1983 Preventive and Social Services Health Block grant funds were utilized as follows:

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Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 30.6 allocated to the EMS section were granted to the Southern Region EMS Council to hire an emergency medical technical (EMT) instructor to assist in meeting EMT certification and training requirements for FY 83.

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# MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Nancy Dietrick  
Office of Senator  
Josephson

DATE: May 12, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Norma Lang  
Special Assistant  
for Legislation  
Department of Health  
and Social Services

SUBJECT: Block Grant Hearing

The following is a list of Department staff who will be attending the Block Grant Hearing in Courtroom A at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13:

Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse

- George Mundell
- Tracy Pickerell

Division of Mental Health

- Dr. Philip Shapiro
- Dick Branton

Division of Budget & Finance

- Marsha Hubbard
- Owen Hoke
- Dick Renninger

Division of Family & Youth Services

- Mike Price
- Frank Hickey

Division of Public Health

- Dr. E.S. Rabeau

Division of Public Assistance

- Rod Betit
- Jim Dalman

Commissioner's Office

- Deputy Commissioner Philip Hardie, Jr., M.D.
- John Pugh

I will call you if there are any changes.

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# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: E.S. Rabeau, M.D., Director  
Division of Public Health

DATE: April 30, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

3100

FROM:

David A Spence, M.D., Chief  
Section of Family Health

SUBJECT:

Maternal & Child  
Health Federal  
Block Grant FY 84

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TO: E.S. Rabeau, M.D., Director  
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DATE: April 29, 1983

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DAS:by

# MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

to: Division Directors  
Separate Office Heads

DATE: May 16, 1984

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO.

SUBJECT: Federal Block Grant  
Hearing



*Janice*  
Norma Lang  
Legislative Liaison  
Department of Health and  
Social Services

This is to remind you of the federal Block Grant hearing teleconference to be held Friday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Butrovich Room (#203) of the Capital. Senator Josephson is conducting the hearings. If you have any questions regarding the hearing, please contact Nancy Detrick (3787) of Senator Josephson's office.

cc: Jim Dalman, Energy Assistance  
Susan Will, Mental Health/Dev. Dis.  
Jim Arnoldt, Budget & Finance  
Russ Webb, Family & Youth Services  
Lois Bergerson, Public Health  
Pat Hefley, Health Education

*Nancy Detrick Ala/Puyabuse*

MEMORANDUM

TO: JOE  
FROM: NANCY  
RE: FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT HEARING

Since the Reagan administration introduced the Block Grant concept of funding programs in 1982, a requirement for receipt of funds is a yearly, statewide legislative hearing on the block grant funds to guarantee public input concerning the expenditures.

The block grants we are considering today are in several categories, committee members and legislative information offices have been supplied with detailed information concerning the amounts of money allocated to the state. The programs are:

|                                       |             |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES | \$4,374,300 |                                      |
| Field nursing                         |             | Dental health                        |
| Health education risk reduction       |             |                                      |
| rape crisis intervention              |             | project CHOICE (cancer education)    |
| Homemaker services                    |             | Adult protection services            |
| Child protection services             |             | staff development                    |
| <br>                                  |             |                                      |
| MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH             | \$1,035,000 |                                      |
| Family planning                       |             | Communicative disorders              |
| Child development                     |             | Handicapped children's Program       |
| Nutrition                             |             | Public health nursing                |
| Newborn care/screening                |             | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program |
| Infant Learning Program               |             |                                      |
| <br>                                  |             |                                      |
| ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE                | \$1,504,000 |                                      |
| <br>                                  |             |                                      |
| MENTAL HEALTH                         | \$249,700   |                                      |
| <br>                                  |             |                                      |
| LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE          | \$9,610,607 |                                      |

Many of these funds are allocated to specific programs, and allows the department little flexibility in expenditures. Funds for FY 85 are only estimated at this point. In most areas, except for low income energy assistance, the federal dollars are a very small portion of the budget for each category of service.

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The committee also wanted to think about CSHB 579 - relating to Junior ROTC instructors until today before taking action on the bill.

The information the committee requested on Naturopathy has been distributed to each member. There were four AG's opinions/memos, a copy of the Cease and Desist Order for Pettijohn and a definition of the Naturopathic Profession used by Occupational Licensing as a basis for the order. This last piece of information is from the National College of Naturopathic Medicine.

WE ALSO HAVE A MEMO FROM VIC ON Lachar's Bill (HRB 418) ABOUT the service animals for the physically handicapped.