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MAYOR'S MEETING
ON
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
OCTOBER 9th 1985

1. opening prayer

2. Introduction of those present.(see sign in sheet attached)

Mayor thanks everyone there for being at the meeting. It's time for us to deal with this issue, the thing were looking at is to get everyone in one room to walk with each other, thats a start to get any where and I felt that we should the alcohol and drug abuse. Like I said earlier when I stated before, both the Health Dept. and several agencys, we have Public safety that tries to deal with problems, it's a difficult problem and from looking at the observations from particular my office it has to involve everybody, it's a serious problem, I think were going to hear everybody's here in this situation thats why in this meeting after consulting with Kenneth, we should try to get everyboby together and talk about it, thats why I'm here also to hear,as far as group and to listen to what ever direction or decisions or reccomendations that may come at this meeting and I hope this meeting results to going some place from here and I'd like to see more of this to get together again. I talked it over with some of my staff it's a possibillty of even providing of asking for funding, it's another possibillty for this group using objectives that we can reach at to try to make this more then just a one time try, I'd like to keep it going if we can. I understand in the past such a gathering use to come together like this organizations that we have here tonight, about a year and a half or two years ago then it died so were trying to pick it back up and try to get everybody all in one room and talk to each other and deal with this problem, I'm certainly interested about it I want to help out the community by all possible means, like I said it's going to take everybody to help us out so I'm here and I'll

be listening to everbody's concerns where everbody concerns and suggestions or what ever might come out best assured that you'll have my support which ever direction that were going to deal with this problem and the agencys that are where with us maybe some of their agencys as well, I have some suggestions but I think it's time tha we talk about it, cooperate, work together,and have more

Mayor Nate Olemaun also would like to make a few other introductions concerning this meeting here, Mayor Ahmaogak ask's Nate to speak, Nate: Thanks Mayor Ahmaogak. City of Barrow is your community, it's my community and we all know whats been happening, we cant hide that were aware of, we could talk about it and not take actions, now you could bring it to your leaders and complain that it's going too far and I'm gald it's getting possitive now instead of talking about it . This group decided to do something about it, there was this of University Of Alaska on interviews about people who use the Alcohol, Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin here in Barrow and you cant hide it from people where their telling their feelings truthfully that it's going on in our community and thats something thats getting out of hand and that which Borough has personal and staff too, they have the Health Dept. and with the Mayor's backing and with the City of Barrow backing from our staff and from our self and councils, I'm sure we could accomplish some things that we are just talking about. Thank You. Mayor Ahmoagak thanks Nate for speech.

Mayor Goerge: I hope this meeting results to something here today and come up to a consensus and I know that everybodys concern on this issue, alot of have dealt with it

and I'd like to stop at this point and to just listen, we have somebody here that going to try to keep us in order and I have asked Ida Olemaun to cheer this meeting at this time, so I'll be sitting here interacting with this group listening.

Ida Olemaun: Let me take the list and see who's on time 'cause I'm going to start from the list. I want to welcome everbody that has come here tonight and I know that this is a very important meeting and I'm glad that we have a good crowd here to discuss the matters on alcohol and drug abuse in our comminity and the North Slope Borough, I'm going to start from the list and when I say your name you can say what you have to say concerning the issue on alcohol and drug abuse, what I have first is Bert Hall: Thank You , the only thing I really have to say in advance is maybe something later just to reside the experience that I had a few years ago when I was working with the municipality of Anchorage we were dealing with one of the and problems, I'm really dealing with street problems in that case and I had occastion to go around and visit a number of cities in the United States and Canada where some great success was done by groups of people and we were trying to find some kind of pattern to use that we got to deal with alcohol locally and I found that in the five communities and these were in Toronto, Detroit, , Philidelphia and Massachusetts that they were all different and no two communtiys have agreed on the same kind of accommodations on what they ought to do, some are very heavy on prevention, some are heavy on treatments some in law inforcements some in different combinations in Canada, church and State who are working alot closer together under different set of laws, just a whole series of commbinations and yet none of them was identicial to the other and suddenly it dawned on me after thinking about all of that but the one common ingredient that those five communities had was the fact that communities had gotten together and they had agreed to do something and what ever is that they agreed to do every-one had a responsibility did his part and it worked, all of which suggest that they may be several different answers that we as a group come up with to deal with the different portions of the problems that we define them here how and that if we all buy into that system even though

we may not like all of the portions of it and try to do what we cant for our responsibilities and our agency or your agencys or your home or thru the church whatever it is that we have an opportunity to influnence someone. It is going to work. It justs shows, it really, there are some many different ways we can do it, that if we just get a system, that sounds, you know, like it its the most plausible and we all support it. That it probably we work, and that was the one thing I wanted to share at the beginning.

Some one requested more chairs.

Helen Solomon: I'm from AWIC and the problem that we are always incountering now is, always battery due to alcohol and drug related. Very few that we get that are not alcohol related but the problem, they have me traveling is to set up safe homes where women, chidren or the men, where they can get away from that alcohol situation. We are now dealing with child sexual abuse within the family home, and for us to deal with it, we need to conquer that big problem it alcohol and drug related. It's bad enough we can see children growing up during our time where we can have all these problems that we usually deal with. We need to see our younger generation grow up where they are not left with that problem, so lets all work together, in on this. Thank you

Tom Drake: Yes, well I hope everybody is probably aware, that I'm in charge of the jail in Barrow, and I would hope that some kind of solution could be addressed and come up with some kind of answers, to the problem especially dealing with alcoholism because it is mostly that type of person that comes to out particular facility, and of course, through doors pass some four hundred to five hundred

detox's a year and for simple reasons there's no place else for them to go, the only time that they can be referred to SATS or other programs within the health departments selfs is by court order and of course detox is court orders are ordering them to go some type of program, unfortunately our hands are tied additionly because be can not refer them to SATS because by law we they have the right of confidentiality of their name and what their in cusdody for, so it's kind of a loose end that I get and I cant referr them to anybody so my hands tied and I would hope that the only alternately that I can see is some kind of detox facility, of course were talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars of money. The one in Fairbanks alone, and they have a small ten bed facility for detox's that runs an excess of four hundred thousand dollars and theres fully staff of nurses and counselors are licenced nurses and I dont know what the cost of a nurse would be in Barrow but I would imagine it's probably would be doubled just for staff purposes, the only alternative we have is to push a real on going educational program in the school systems and to the public it self and try to make them aware of what is availible in the community for them to go to to recieve help in their alcohol and problems.

Bertha Leavitt: I'm happy to be here and help support on this issue on Subtance Abuse, it's a real hard thing to see in the homes and the community, it's cried about every day in the homes and it hurts me deeply in my heart and seeing my relatives not doing well with it by abusing it and using it and for me and my grandchildren to see the hurt that abusing it and hurt that is being seen in the community and you as leaders or providers if your using it your just setting your selfs as an example to these young people and the children and grandchildren that the people

have because the youth look up to you, the community leaders or a social providers or the adults in the community and when you set up an example like that they say to them self "why cant I do it, they do it too"

Leeanne Mercier: I'm a public health nurse My concern are with the community health issues and of course alcohol is a big problem and the communitys concern other wise we would'nt be here. I guess some of my concern are health issues that I see on a daily basis that are alcohol related or the alcohol syndrome and I think that that is the most hurtful thing and the base of all alcohol if you could just get the pregnant women to stop drinking we would'nt have the retarded and it's hard to see children starting off that are drunk or but they call them drunk but they are mentaly retarded due to alcohol abuse, in some point of the mothers pregnancy they dont know how much and you know public education is one thing but until you can get your family or other people in the community to approch a women when she's drinking "why are you doing this?" stop drinking and do it out of love and concern. So much their doing for them self but the unborn child, I think another communical disease is another aspect of public health nursing and I feel alot of gonorrhea and syphils and other sexualy transmitted diseases and I would think probably 90% are them drug related and alcohol which were drunk and dont report them so they have a social disease, the disease continues because they choose not to remember who they were with, because they were drinking. I think were all aware of the problems that alcohol causes and we cant sit here all night and talk about it but until we cant jointly say "it's got to stop and were not going to tolorate it any more"

Bobbi Leone: I think your probably, most everybody in the room is aware of what the SATS program is about and alot of you may be familiar with how

much we've been pushing for a residential Treatment program, we certainly have enough problems here to warrant one for the North Slope. I'm here tonight because I feel alot of feelings about whats going on here, alot of feelings about what comes thru our office every day, I'm feeling alot of frustrations and alot of anger and alot of pain and no one program or agency or person is going to come in with a magic wand and fix this revealing with a sick family a very big sick family and it seems to me that if were going to provide health services when we have to be healthy our selves and we have to be willing to stand up for that and we have to be welling do that with our own personal lives and we have to be willing to do that in our own home and then share that with each other, you know? dont be afraid to talk to each other about if your having a hard time or if something isn't working and you need some help, alot of the things that we deal with when were working with alcoholism is we deal with alot of pride and alot of denial but that pride and denial is an exclusive to alcoholics and so I'm here to ask to everybody in this room including myself to do is look at ourselves and to see where we might have some of these laws, problems, misunderstandings, unresolved issues,what ever we got going on, just with ourselves and in our own homes and I'm going to ask everybody here if you would make a commitment to yourself to take that home and deal with it there and then bring the results of that in a working place and thats what I really have to say right now, Thank You.

Bob Covarrubias: I'm the counselor at the Elementary School and the reason I came here is well I want to learn more about the problems and the situation were dealing with I did'nt know that health problems this thing was here and until I started thinking a few weeks ago and since some of the counselors at the Elementary School here in Barrow, I think one of the areas that we need to start is probably very early in life, we need to start prevention programs and one other thing I'm here is to learn about the problem and to learn how many agencys, what kind of resorces are available so we can and develope the kind of curriculum that hopefully will provide the kind of prevention program that we need, because we need to start and thats one of them and later maybe I'll probably be giving more but I need and grateful I was invited, Thank You.

Norm Hibbard: I'm here because, will first of all I recieved a letter from Mayor which I appreciate it enough, I'm very new in Barrow and I have a feeling that when you try to address Subtance Abuse in alcohol and drugs together and the same thing that your that you have a very difficult time, one is might be classed as a social problem because it's not Ilegal and with it is you get alot of pertection thats the alcohol problem the other the drug problem is a criminal offence, you seem to have it in your possession which puts someone in Mikes jurisdiction here automaticaly almost, its so that they have to be treated differently so in both cases, I think what you said a moment ago in that you've got to stop to begain with, pertection of the abusers is much as it hurts that when their

pertected by their own family they just never reach the point that they want to do something for them selves they have a very difficult time moving forward in any kind of correction program or a rehibilitation program. I would like to listen, I think you all can teach me alot more then I can offer in this but I'm very interested in my congragation that suffers like every body else does.

Cliff Spencer:Thirty four years ago I qiut drinking, I spent the first nine years of my ministry as
and I suppose I could write several books, someone has said it takes one to know one and I certainly qualify .
Listening to others speak here I see that your a great deal hender by the restrictions of your office and thats not true of me because by the time the indivdual gets to me and they usually try it is in fact the
and all the and all the pride and everything is striped away and it would appear that people have to get to that point before they call their uncle for help. I understand the some of the basic causes of alcoholism, drug abuse what ever is one pysical, person that has the pysical problem to drink to relieve it, or they have a psychological problem and they drink and drown it or they have spiritual problem, they drink to forget it, or any two of those or all three that persons really in trouble, I like what Greg said about education
certainly, people need to be educated, they need to know their taking poison in their system some thing other people say does not belong. Always been of the mind that something I learned early in live that a better world begains with me

that our selves, we cant lift any body any higher then our selves. As I said by the time the people get to me they lost everything their dignity, indivuality, wallet and their I.D. and everything, their glasses, false teeth and sometimes the reason I mentioned that is I have to continue stripping that person down so their rock bottom I finds out where their coming from and them they begain feel, take away all and all the excuses for all the sick reasons and bring them to the point to where their philosophy of live is not working too well for them or they would'nt be here,when we see that then we create the desire and they has to be a desire present, or god almighty cant help us and so with me theres no fooling around, I dont have time for people who want to pull my leg or bending my ear or wasting my time, I have no time to take of things and like I seen it comes by our experience we have in our organization teen challeng, their known world wide and almost every mager city theirs a teen challenge center, they deal exclusively with the drug addicts and alcoholics and others, they have an eighty percent thats unheard of anywhere, eighty six percent effectiveness. the federal government is throbbing at the mouth trying to get into our organization but then they did

I'd like to ask a question her regarding this very serious monumental problem that we cope with it or do we deal with it? I find that their are some things I must cope with be-cause of they may be on my control but their are somethings

that I must distinctivly deal with, temtation for instance I dont quote with temtation I deal with it instantly. I find that this positive approach helps me to help and thats what their coming to me for on favorite remarks that people go to the phone and in my office "I need help,Help me" thats too easily said because someone mentioned about waving a magic wand that doesnt deserve I cant help them, It's just them saying they need help, it doesnt nescessarily make it so. I would like to see for us to continue here and to just close in for every angle, every direction, everyone in their office and their place and coordinating our efforts and our thoughts by simular meetings, follow this up and and communication, I learn what your doing and you learn what I'm doing we learn with each others doing and we can make aggustments and keep closing the thing in and I think after awhile we can look at it, we can do anything if we wanted to, lets stop there. Thank You.

Jim Christensen:Thank you Mayor Ahmoagak for inviting me. For those of you who dont know me, I'm the investigator for Public safty and my primary functions is to investigate Ilegal drugs and alcohol sales so I'm gald to see everybody here, sometimes it seems like theres a lonely jobs since theres only one investigator in addition to the officers because theres only one investigator assigned to it and sometimes like your trying to put a finger in a and stop this massive flow, actually I gave some thought to what comments for awhile here and they might be alittle disjointed in not really not going in one track but I think that perhaps to prevent, approach is probably more worthmore and cost less money in terms of trying to deal with

the alcohol and drug abuse then the approach I'm involved for example the enforcement approach because is Judge Jefferys other people that are in the traditional system will tell you it takes along time and a large amount of money and some cases over trying to try to legaly stop something and make it stand up in court and the pay off's and time and everything is then you've gotten rid of maybe one person thats selling booze or you stop that person from doing that thats selling booze or drugs and yet theres nine or ten more thats a long slow so I think my personal opinion is that a strong perventitive educational system starting at a younger grade in school you know pay off more money in a long run, perhaps a thought that we could kick around or people might just in mind for the next time is theres a possibility of they were to put a small group together that might be able to travel to give the classes in the school here starting in certain levels and maybe gear the class you might have to have five or six different classes parpered with films, slides and have somebody from each one of the key agencys or maybe four or five different people, you might want somebody from the hospital there, the doctor that can answer the students questions about drugs or alcohol or what it means the alcohol is killing my brain cells, "will they ever grow back?" and when they find out that it wont then it might make then change their mind, thats just a concept is perhaps a small panel of instructors. Go to small villages and teach. A drug dog is in consideration.

Kenneth Toovak: I do not know how to speak so well but, I will make an attempt to speak about the things I feel about the alcohol problem we have in Barrow. Very happy that we are able to meet this evening, and get things rolling, also happy to see people from the orginal community. Lot of feel that we like Barrow the way it was and that there is no way to revert back to the old Barrow we all use to know. The only way to face the problem is to unite as a group. In the past 40 years people have been helping each others. More and more

taking our jobs, sitting behind a desk and, not know what exactly is going on in the streets of Barrow. Would also like to take this time to thank Mayor George N. Ahmaogak for giving an opportunit to be of service to the community. I would like to also advise this as a group to have councelors available to who ever has an alcohol problem and, make home visit to where the problem is and confront the matter right on the spot. Well I really don't want to take up too much time, so I will turn over to the chair again and, thank you very much.

GEORGE AHMAOGAK, SR.: Thank you. There is a severe problem, and I do agree with what Kenneth had to say, and the problem is not only here in Barrow, the problem is also affecting the nearby villages. Taking you back to the Municipal Code of banding Ilegal sales of alcohol. An individual came and confronted me with the problem of bootleggers. Must also honor those who enforce the law, it must take alot of time and effort to pursuit a legal bust, and must be awfully hard to find volunteers to make a plan work to make a legal arrest. We are here united to solve the problem. Many alternatives are inperfective, like the education program, city of Barrow, and I would be more than willing to make a proper concences gainst the alcohol abuse. . Would like to let you know that you have n 100 percent support to this matter, thank you very much.

ELISE PATKOTAK: I think I came here tonight over alot of anger and sadness and as a citizen of community more then a Social worker. I've seen so many pecple get hurt by drinking and drug abuse for thirteen years now, like George said we've been to alot of funerals,we've lost alot of good friends. Theres no one in this community who will stand up and say this is my town and I'm angry as hell and I'm not standing for it any more, this is'nt the way I want to raise my kids. It saddens me to see my friends leave because of the drinking and drugs that is out of control

Why should we have to take children away from their own home when they would other wise grow up right? The only way we can stop this problem is to get personal commitments on a one on one bases from everybody in this room tonight saying "no more, not in their home and not in their families" and stand and then spread this message.

STEVE GARRISH: I'm new here and this is not my home and I's probably not going to be my home. I have worked in the bush for the past eight years as a doctor and I have to tell alot of families that they have lost a family member and seen alot of babies born retarded, sick and never were going to be anything and never were going to be happy. I see people during the day getting sick on their selves, they stink and swear or were beaten up and we work hard to get their health back sometimes you get attached to them and they get well then next thing you know there back and maybe sometimes they dont make it. Other places I've worked, this is the place that has the worst problem, more of our patient come in drunk then any other places I've worked or sick from drinking. I'm sure all the medical people agree it's the main problem in the community. We need more people to talk about it over the radio or meetings like this, or schools, churches and homes.

CAROLE PYLE: I'm the nurse Addmistrator in the hospital and I guess I'm kinda speaking for all the nurses at the hospital, when I say there alot of frustrations because we see the same patients come in time and time again due to drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, deaths. It's no fun when a young kid comes in from a gun shot wound due to all that. I agree with Elise that you've got to put your foot down, but in the mean time we have to have a detox center, I dont care what it cost I think it's really crucial for something like that here or a halfway house. The problems are also in the villages. I got a call from the community health aid from Nuiqsut who stressed that at one time we had

a hot line at one time if it was brought cast in Barrow but she said it was really helpful for alot of the people, she also said there was a video tape that was shown on T.V., which is no longer here and I think those kinds of things are helpful. In jail too, some kind of video shown to them would also be helpful. Thank You.

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THERE ARE SO MANY OF US HERE THAT MAYBE WE CAN TRY TO SHORTEN WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

JOHN TILLEY-I AM A PHYSICIAN OVER AT PHS AND AM ALSO QUITE NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY. I DONT HAVE AS MUCH PERSONAL INVESTMENT IN THIS COMMUNITY AS SOME OTHER PEOPLE DO, I ALSO DONT PLAN ON STAYING MORE THAN ONE TO TWO YEARS. IN ADDITION TO MY INTEREST MEDICALLY IN WORKING WITH THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM, THERE IS ALSO A GREAT FRUSTRATION IN OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THE SOCIAL WORKERS AND SATS PEOPLE. THEY ARE BURNING OUT. EVERYONE FEELS UNDERSTAFFED. PEOPLE ARE WORKING AS HARD AS THEY CAN,BUT THERE ARENT AS MANY PROFESSIONAL PEOLPE AND HELPERS AS WE NEED TO GET DONE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I CAME HERE TO SAY THAT I THINK THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HAVE A DEDICATION TO SPEND WHATEVER MONEY IT NEEDS TO SPEND DEVELOPING SOME COORDINATING PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO DRY OUT FROM ALCOHOL. WE NEED HALFWAY HOUSES FOR DRUNKENESS. I DONT KNOW HOW FEASIBLE IT IS TO BUILD A REHAB CENTER HERE BUT MY GUT FEELING IS THAT THE COMMUNTIY CNAT AFFORD NOT TO CHANNEL THE VAST RESOURCES THAT IT HAS IN THAT DIRECTION. I THINK PUTTING MONEY IN A PLANNED WAY CAN MAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE. I THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR EDUCATION AND MORE COMMUNITY INTERACTION, AND GOING BACK TO THE BASICS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE COMMUNTIY GET TOGETHER AND BUILD A CENTER ON THE NORTH SLOPE. WE CANT RELY ON SENDING PEOPLE OUT TO ANCHORAGE OR FAIRBANKS. THEY ARE JUST TOO FAR AWAY. ONE OF THE

THINGS I FIND AS A DOCTOR I FIND THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT THAT I SEE PEOPLE FOR REASONS THAT ARE ALCOHOL RELATED. I ALSO SEE A LOT OF PERVASIVE SORROW THIS IS A SAD COMMUNITY. ILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY SOME OF US WERE ON THE BEACH TAKING PICTURES OF THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET AND SOMEONE WAS BROUGHT IN SHOT. THIS WOULDNT HAVE HAPPENED IF IT WASNT ALCOHOL RELATED. ONE EMOTION THAT ISNT EVIDENT ENOUGH IS ANGER. I WONDER IF THE COMMUNITY CAN BE DEDICATED ENOUGH TO MAKE THE PROBLEM PUBLIC, AND NOT HUSH IT UP SO MUCH. TRY TO KEEP PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE HERE AND PROVIDE FUNDS TO KEEP THEM FROM CHASING THEIR TAILS AND NOT GET THEIR JOB DONE.

MICHEAL JEFFERIES-I HAVE BEEN HERE WELL OVER A YEAR AND OVER AT THE COURT WE GET THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BOTTOMED OUT. AS SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WE GET MOSTLY THE REAL SERIOUS PROBLEMS. WE DEAL WITH MAJOR DRUG DEALERS AND BOOTLEGGERS. WE DEAL WITH FAMILIES AND SOCIAL WORKERS WHO BRING FAMILIES IN THAT ARE FALLING APART BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES. I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT PRACTICALLY EVERY SINGLE ONE IS ALCOHOL RELATED. TIME AND TIME AGAIN I AM ACTUALLY DEALING WITH SOMEONE WHO IS A VERY NICE PERSON AND POSSIBLY A STABLE PERSON BUT THEY WERE DRUNK OR HIGH THAT NIGHT AND THEY HURT OR KILLED SOMEBODY. IT HURTS BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEY WERE A NICE PERSON AND DIDNT MEAN TO DO IT BUT YOU CANT EXCUSE SOMEBOSY JUST BECAUSE THEY

WERE DRINKING. BEFORE I WAS A JUDGE I WAS ON REVIEW BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM. I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A FEW IDEAS FROM THAT EXPERIENCE. ONE THING IS I REALLY SUPPORT EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG KIDS. BETHEL HAS A CENTER WHERE ONE BUILDING IS A DETOX AND HAS A PATROL OF THEIR OWN. WHERE SOMEONE IS DRUNK AND NEED TO BE PICKED UP FOR DETOX, THEY ARE NOT PICKED UP BY THE POLICE BUT BY THE CENTER CARS. ANOTHER WING IS A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM. THE ADVANTAGE OF A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM IS THAT YOU CAN KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOME ENVIROMENT. AND YOU CAN WORK WITH THE PERSONS FAMILY. THE PROBLEM IS WHEN YOU SEND SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF BARROW THE FAMILY GETS NO HELP. I REALLY SUPPORT SATS"S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A CENTER. I UNDERSTAND IT WAS IN THE CIP BUDGET FOR 1988 OR AFTER AND I DONT KNOW WHERE IT IS NOW. WHY ISNT IT BEING BUILT RIGHT NOW? ANOTHER THING IS THE RADIO STATION IS NOT IN A POSITION TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS OF THIS KIND ON ITS OWN. THERE USED TO BE LOCALLY PRODUCED TELEVISION PROGRAMS ON ALCOHOL ISSUES. AN AWARENESS WILL HELP. THE AA PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT HAVING A MEETING IN THE JAIL. GREAT STUFF! YOU HEAR THE BEST TIME TO TALK TO SOMEONE IS WHEN THEY ARE AT THE BOTTOM. SOMEBODY THAT HAS JUST BEEN ARRESTED FOR DOING SOMETHING, NOW THAT THEY ARE SOBER THEY ARE HORRIFIED THAT THEY DID, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO GET SOME COUNSELING GOING. I CANT DO IT, BECAUSE THERE IS THIS RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT AND THE ALCOHOL COUNSELOR COULD BE SUPEANED INTO COURT IF THE PERSON HAPPENS TO TELL THEM IF THEY DID THE CRIME. MAYBE THERE COULD BE A LOCAL AGREEMENT THAT THE DAS OFFICE AND

THE POLICE WOULD NOT TOUCH AA OR ALCOHOL COUNSELORS OR SATS AND THE DAS ATTORNEYS WOULDNT ADVISE THEIR CLIENT TO NOT SAY ANYTHING TO ANYBODY. IF WE COULD WORK TOGETHER TO GET THESE PEOPLE SOME COUNSELING WITHOUT INFRINGING ON THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. WE NOW HAVE A MINOR CONSUMING ALCOHOL PROGRAM. THIS IS A BOOM TOWN AND UNFORTUNATELY THE MONEY IS GOING INTO ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. THERE ARE SOME EFFORTS WE CAN MAKE TO DO TAKE FUNDING AND USEFUL THINGS COULD BE DONE.

MARY AHGIUGANA-THIS PERSON SPOKE IN INUPIAT. IT IS A VERY HARD PROBLEM FOR HER TO DEAL WITH WITH HER CHILDREN AND RELATIVES. AND WITH HER BEING HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, THIS PROBLEM IS BEING TOUCHED BY EVERY PARENT IN THE HOME. OTHER VILLAGES AND BARROW ARE FEELING THE SAME TOO. SHE SAID SHE HAS NO SUPPORT EXCEPT FOR HER FAMILY, AND SHE HAS TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM TOO. WHEN THEY ATART USING IT AND USE WEAPONS SHE CALLS HER RELATIVES FOR SUPPORT. AND HOPEFULLY THIS PROBLEM CAN STOP AND SHE IS HAPPY SHE CAN BE OF SOME HELP IN THE ISSUES THAT SHE BROUGHT FORTH. IF WE HELP EACH OTHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER THEN SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE PROBLEM OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. THERE IS BOOTLEGGING IN THE COMMUNITY AND SOME OF THE VILLAGERS COME INTO THE COMMUNITY TO BUY THEY ALCOHOL. SHE SAID OUR LIVES ARE SO VALUABLE.

DIANE ORBELS-IM GLAD THAT WE ARE HERE. I THINK WE NEED TO DEFINE SOBIETY. THERE IS SO LITTLE SOBRIETY HERE IN BARROW. I GET EXCITED WHEN I HEAR SOMEONE HAS FIVE MONTHS SOBRIETY ONLY TO FIND OUT THEY THEY HAVE BEEN SMOKING MARIJUANA. THEY GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND GO TO SATS. THEY TALK ABOUT SOBRIETY AND STILL THEY ARE GETTING HIGH. SOBRIETY MEANS ABSTINENCE OF ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA. THE SUBSTANCE ABUSET IS THE LAST TO KNOW HE/SHE HAS A PROBLEM. THEY TRY THE SATS COUNSELING, AND ANTABUSE FIVE TIMES, IT GETS SO FRUSTRATING. SOMETIMES PEOPLE NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR ENVIROMENT SO THEY CAN COPE. IN THE FOURTEEN MONTHS I HAVE BEEN HERE WE HAVE SENT ONE PERSON OUT. I FOUND OUT THAT THE TREATMENT CENTERS IN ANCHORAGE AND FAIRBANKS ARE EASY TO GET INTO. BASICALLY, THE ONLY COST IS THE AIRFARE. I AM FOR THE EDUACATION BUT WE ALCO NEED TO SAY WE HAVE A TREATMENT CENTER BUT WE ALSO NEED TO SAY THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR. I DONT UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE SO MUCH INDIVIUAL COUNSELING WHEN ITS BEEN PROVEN THAT SUBSTANCE ABUSERS DO BEST IN GROUPS, WHERE THEY BUILD SUPPORT AMONG THEMSELVES AND ALSO CONFRONT EACH OTHER. MOST OF THE PEOPLE I SEE AT THE HOSPITAL NEED INTENSE TREATMENT AND THEY ARE NOT GETTING WHAT THEY DESERVE. THEY DONT HAVE TO PAY THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR ACTIONS. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

MABEL PANIEGO-FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, EVEN IF WE GET A REHAB OR WHATEVER, INDIVIDUALLY ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL THEY HAVE TO COME TO THEMSELVES. THEY

HAVE TO WANT TO QUIT, NOT BECAUSE SOMEBODY TELLS THEM TO, BUT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO THEMSELVES. AS INDIVIDUALS THEYU HAVE TO FACE THIS PROBLEM BEFORE THIS CAN IMPROVE. THANKYOU.

RON BOYNTON-LAST MONDAY NIGHT I KNEW THAT I WOULD BE COMING TO THIS MEETING I HAD ABOUT FORTY YOUNG PEOPLE AT A MAEETING AND I ASKED THEM WHAT THEY WOULD TELL YOU IF THEY HAD THE CHANCE. THEY FIGURED OUT OF 300 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT 200 OF THEM WERE USING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. WHEN ASKED WHAT KEPT THESE FORTY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM USING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS, THEY REPLIED THEY HAD SOMETHING BETTER (MEANING GOD). WE AGREED EACH ONE OF US WOULD PICK OUT SOMEONE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND GO SPEND THE DAY AFTER AND TELL THEM WE CARE ABOUT YOU BUT WE DONT LIKE IT WHEN YOU DRINK. I SEE A REAL NEED FOR EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS AND HOW TO DEAL WITH ABUSE IN THEIR FAMILY.

NATE OLEMAUN-BACK IN 1982-1983 THE SCOOL FOR ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION STUDIES IN ALASKA WERE IN BARROW. THERE IS ONLY ONE REPORT AND I HAVE IT RIGHT HERE IN MY HAND. THEY DID A QUESTIONAIRE PN PEOPLE FROM AGES 18 TO 79 AND THERE WERE 80 OF THEM. THE EDUCATION DID NOT MATTER, ONE HAD A COLLEGE DEGREE. IT BROKE DOWN THE USAGE OF DRUGS LIKE MARIJUANA, 58% HAD TRIED IT BUT 73% WERE STILL USING IT. COCAINE-21% HAD TRIED IT AND WERE STILL USING IT. PEOPLE WHO USED ALCOHOL (THE PERCENTAGE IS THE SAME OR HIGHER NOW) WAS RUNNING AT 95%. THE ONES WHO DIDNT USE ALCOHOL WAS AT 7%. THE PEOPLE DOING THE STUDY SAID THAT IT HADNT REACHED ITS PEAK YET,AND I AM PRETTY SURE RIGHT NOW, THAT WE ARE CLOSE TO REACHING THE HIGH PEAK.

HUGO-I AM A DRUNK WHO HAS MANAGED TO STAY SOBER 13 YEARS. I WENT TO QUITE A FEW EFFORTS TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WAS TRYING TO STAY SOBER LIKE MYSELF WHEN I FIRST CAME TO BARROW. IT WAS THE SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE TO DRINK. THERE IS NO PLACE TO GO WHEN TRYING TO STAY DRY. YOU CANT GO TO THE HOSPITAL OR THE JAIL OR HOTEL IF YOURE NOT SICK, NOT VERY DRUNK OR HAVE NO MONEY. WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE FOR PEOPLE TRYING, AND SOBER BUT HAVE NO PLACE TO GO.

ERIC-I AM AN ALCOHOLIC. I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE TONITE, BECAUSE FOR SO LONG I WAS NOWHERE. I NEED TO TELL THE KIDS "BE GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE". I LOOKED UP SOBRIETY AND ALCOHOLISM AND FOUND I NEEDED A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION.

PATRICK-I AM AN ALCOHOLIC TOO. BEING AN ALCOHOLIC IS HARD. I AM STILL TRYING TO RECOVER FROM ALCOHOL. IT INVOLVES A LOT. HEARING YOU PEOPLE HERE TONITE ABOUT THE TREATMENT CENTER, WE NEED IT FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION. TRYING TO RECOVER FROM ALCOHOL IS SCARY.

PAUL GUNNELL-THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS SAID HERE TODAY THAT HAVE TOUCHED ME DEEPLY. ONE PROBLEMS TODAY IS THAT THE ELDERS HURT. THEY KNOW ONE DAY IN THEIR LIFE THEY ARE GOING TO PASS AWAY AND NOT BE ABLE TO TEACH THE YOUNGER ONES WHAT THEY KNOW. ITS ALSO ROUGH FOR A LOT US US WHEN WE SEE OTHERS WHO SAY WE WANT A TOKE OF THIS OR A TOKE OF THAT. MOST OF THOSE REHAB CENTERS IN FAIRBANKS OR

ANCHORAGE, YOU CAN WALK OUT OF THEM. MAYBE THE PEOPLE FROM UP HERE WHEN THEY GO OUT IS THAT THEY ARE PREJUDICED TOWARDS A WHITE OR BLACK PERSON COUNSELING THEM. MAYBE A BETTER AND CHEAPER WAY IS TO HAVE ONE HERE IN BARROW. MAYBE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE SOME OLDER PEOPLE THERE SHARING WITH THEM AND TELLING THEM HOW TO GET RID OF THAT HURT. BOOTLEGGING IS TOUGH BECAUSE SOMETIMES THERE ARE FAMILY MEMBERS INVOLVED. ITS TOUGH TO TURN IN YOUR OWN RELATIVES, SOONER OR LATER THEY END UP IN PRISON.

MARIE ADAMS-I AM GLAD TO BE HERE AND SEE WHAT IS ON OTHER PEOPLES MINDS. THINGS REALLY CHANGED WHILE I WAS OUT IN COLLEGE. THERE IS REALLY A TEMPTATION BECAUSE THERE IS NOT REALLY ANYTHING ELSE TO DO DURING THE WINTER, JUST SIT AROUND WITH OTHER PEOPLE. PEOPLE CALL AND SAY LETS GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A PARTY. BEING PART OF THIS COMMUNITY YOU ARE FACED WITH IT ALMOST EVERY DAY. PEOPLE CALL AND SAY LETS GET TOGETHER, "I HAVE SOME WINE, OR I HAVE SOME BEER". I CAN SEE THAT IT WOULD BE EASY FOR SOMEONE TO GET DRUNK EVERYDAY. THAT A BIG PROBLEM. I THINK EDUCATION AND ALTERNATIVES TO ALCOHOL WILL WORK. YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION FOR YOURSELF. MAYBE IF PEOPLE ARE SHOWN THE ALTERNATIVES THEY WILL MAKE THOSE KIND OF CHOICES SO INSTEAD OF GETTING TOGETHER WITH WHAT LOOKS LIKE IT IS GOING TO BE A FUN NIGHT, AND IT DOESNT END UP TO BE A FUN NIGHT.

ROSIE HAVISH-IN GOING WITH THE EDUCATION THINGS I HERE THERE IS A HERES LOOKING AT YOU PROGRAM. I AM NOT SURE IF IT IS ACTIVE OR NOT. WE SHOULD APPROACH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MAKE IT AN ACTIVE PART OF THE YEARLY CURRICULUM.

I LISTENED TO PAUL HARVEY ON THE RADIO ABOUT ALCOHOLISM

AND IT CREATED LOTS OF STATIC

Rosie hubish cont: Paul Harvey mentioned the alcoholism studies that had beed done in Barrow between 1979-1980 and it created lots of . Two weeks later Tundra Times had several different articles about this alcoholism and town meetings were held here in Barrow. Since that meeting back in 1979 a detox ,rehabitbilitation facility were built. Theres no time like the present to do something about this. It is part of the C.I.P. plan perhaps it is for Barrow and we are people from Barrow maybe we need to re-evauluate and say " this we feel and deal with is a priority.

MARGARET OPIE: I appreciate the offer for coming here for the verious people that are concerned and I'm going to be dublicating some of the of what has been said tonight. One of the things I'd like to bring out is family oreintated activities like other programs they could go to including the single people instead of having nothing to do, or having no choice of things to do. Another things I'd like to bring out is to inform the people that we do have facilities to help people who are in need, let the people know by radio, newsletters.

LORETTA WILHELM: I'm going to start from eleven years ago when I came back from Port Land in 1974 there was losts of changes in Barrow. In 1976 I went to Elise and told her I need help because of the problems at home, plus other families, Now we have all these facilities to help like detox, recieving home,A.W.I.C.. so we should be happy we have these places to go for help. Thank You.

IDA OLEMAUN: I'd like to thank everyone for being here tonight, I would like to say that having a home to go to is very comforting, thats where our meals come from and the love and affections are, I was raised happly and we as people have to set a good example for our young people in order to keep thing going to right way. I also take people in my home due to alcohol or they may come to my home just for comfort. Some of these kids dont like to go home after school because their parents or another family member may be drunk.

Lena Baker left earlier and left alittle message for it to be read, It's about the adults she deals with.She works with the elderly in this community when they meet services and it's about the services they ask is pertection from their families. She stated Adult pertective services see alot of adult abuse, so easy for me to say that"that son of yours kicked him out but I'd forgotten our old ways that welcomed people, easpicially our own family, never have we turned them away even now it's unthinkable so that person stays in the elder home still drinking abusing the elder, maybe as the village grows to a city we need to change, teach our elders to change and assure them not to feel guilty about putting out the drunks, encourage them kick out a drunk and maybe the drunk will be forced to face his problem, the elders are too easy. It's better when it comes from families to encourage them it's O.K. to kick out the drunk,make them feel it's not their fault, be there to back them up" Thank You.

BERT OKAKOK: I'd like to thank the people that got this get together tonight. Back in 1979-1980 I was involved in a session like this over at the C.E. building that discussed alcohol and drug abuse. Before we did'nt have agencys that dealt with either of those, but tonight we probably have eight to ten agencys that deal with alcohol and drug abuse. If we have support with these agencys as a group we can probably handle all this money is no problem in this situation. I seen it happen in British Columbia where they have 98% alcoholism in the community and in six years they had 95% turn over, thats thru education, involvement, support and agencys, churches. Deal with a counselor about alcoholism. Thank You.

CHARLES MUMFORD: As a medical person, I've seen it over the past five years is in the area of trauma. Three years ago I believe there was eighteen deaths in one year from a town of twenty-eight hundred, of those eighteen twelve of them were because of trauma and they all related to alcohol and the age group were from about fifteen to fourty and the others were natural deaths but thats more then enough.

Theres snowmachine accidents, people freezing to death, car accidents or even people just drinking too much that died. People think when the hunters or even whalers go out some people think they should have frost bites but its the alcoholics that have the frost bites. The only thing I have to say is that as far as doing something about it, it has to start from a values and attitudes and I agree with Elise. People need to change their feelings about drunks and dont tolorate. We need to start teaching the young at a early age, and a positive immage.

DENNIS PACKER: I just want to say that sale of alcohol if provitable, these people were making eight to ten thousand dollars a weekend selling, other case these two people were making one hundred thousand dollars a month. We need to teach them starting ECE about drugs and booze.

MARIE ADAMS: Based on what I'm hearing at least for my self and the city offical I feel strongly about and it should be considered a priority in terms ofdealing with the active project and looked in the State for funding..I dont get a chance to hear whats going on I deal with capital projects or staffs, I dont deal with whats going on or even get a chance, My self I wouln't want to see it as a priority.

John?: Speaker was soft spoken and hard to pick up what he has stated on the tape. Suggestions on his part are counceling services 1 to 1 basis, and getting a committee of some sort to identify the problem of alcohol and drug. Would like to see affirmative action taken on this matter. Supportive of the suggestions made by previous speakers.

SPEAKER STATED NO NAME: Can I make a suggestion, seeing how there are so many of here, then let us put it in three catagories Education, Treatment, and Law Enforcement, and sugested that the meeting, split up into three groups and follow thru of what the three sections ideas and, answers of what they would like to see happen, we may be able see some results to the alcohol and drug abuse problem.

Unknown speaker: Stressed that a support needed for the elderly, they need care and attention before we hurt each other so bad.

HUGO ENGELS: I'd like to see this meeting adjourned to see which priority we want attack first soon as posibble.

BERT HALL: open meeting discussion- The SATS program right now is very effective, ,theres one on one counseling and a good sobor environment. We have just begain prevention in the villages just a matter of weeks ago, we need to get together with the Mayor and and discuss the money situation.

IDA OLEMAUN: One thing I dont want to see is one department be responsible for the whole alcohol issue, especially if were going to be working as a unit, I think we should make a list of who wants to be under education, or treatment, law enforcement and if these group can get together and then we can all get together and share information.

The meeting will continue Thursday October 17th . On that day we will determine if we will work as a group or divided into commities to work on different projects.

MARIE ADAMS: I have a suggestion,ASRC is a major employer, I would reccommend the major employers to join one of these because as an employer we do have problems with alcohol and I think they need to address the issue them selfs.

Unknown speaker stressed that he'd like to see Youth Alternatives,Public Health, U.I.C., ASRC,and Lions Club join in on meeting on October 17th.

IDA OLEMAUN: Speaks of what some of the elders go thru, they dont know cope with it home when their family members are drinking, they just end up leaving the home and they need all the support that we can give them too from that side of view, Thank You.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAYOR'S MEETING ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE
OCTOBER 9, 1985 UIC/NARL BARROW, ALASKA

The first meeting with many various agencies, programs, health care providers and concerned citizens resulted in an overwhelming concensus that a Residential Center for Alcohol Abuse is an urgent need. However, that is not the only need we have at this time. Also, there was an awareness of the need for improved communications and Networking and community involvement. Another point made frequently was the need for each one of us to take personal responsibility to present healthy role models for our youth; to look into our own lives and discover areas that we may need to resolve and heal.

The Mayor's committment to follow the reccomendations that come from these meetings was strong and sincere. Therefore, our intent should be to continue to work together on ideas and solutions that can be implemented in the working place; keeping in mind the necessity for personal committment in addressing the issues at hand.

Anyone interested in having a transcribed copy of the meeting may inquire at the NSB Health Dept.

Mayors meeting 10/9/85

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exhibit 'e'

3:30 PM, 3 April 82, CAP Office Villager-to-Villager Public Hearing

Present: George Jackson, V/V President, Savoonga
Ted Katcheak, V/V Vice-President, Stebbins
Frank Ongtowasruk, Cluster #4 Rep, Wales
James Oksoktaruk, Cluster #3 Rep, White Mountain
Connie Hollenbeck, CAP Coordinator, Nome
Jones Wongottilin, CAP Village Coordinator, Nome
Nancy Mattson, CAP Family & Youth Coordinator, Nome
Wil Condon, Attorney General, Juneau
Dan Hickey, Chief Prosecutor, Juneau
Sharon Emley, Asst. D.A., Nome

Excerpts from discussion (transcribed by C. Hollenbeck)

/Each person reviewed the attached report on the purpose of the special meeting of the Cluster Group and the priorities set on activities from the present through October 1983. There was a general explanation of the history of the group by Hollenbeck./

HOLLENBECK They have had three full conferences, and this group is now meeting on it's third time. This is a special meeting; it's a wrap-up to the last one because they have decided to incorporate. They have decided that they are not going to take a chance on losing their voice, now that they have got it. Nine of this region's villages have voted for local option #4, and I suppose that that is one of the main reasons that they wanted to be able to talk to you, because of the confusion has come about what does the word "dry" mean; what can they do to deal with what they thought they were getting, which was no possession and what they got was no sale and importation. People from Alaska Legal Services come out (to the villages), and every time they come, it just gets more and more detailed on the law as to whether or not the law will stand up in the Supreme Court as a constitutional issue. That is not what they (the villagers) are asking. How can we make it work, is what they are asking.

/General introductions among those in attendance. Copies of Title IV statute were distributed./

HOLLENBECK They have had this (law) explained over and over. Frank, tell them what happened the last time Legal Services was in Wales.

ONGTOWASRUK This local option Law is a ban on importation and sale. On the back of what was prepared, there was a list of what you can have, and they include 200 gallons of wine or home brew. Why did they include that? They make it seem like it is alright to drink.

EMLEY That was the information that Legal Services sent out. What they were doing was answering a question about whether home brew was legal under federal or state law. I think that paragraph was explaining that, under federal law it is not illegal to have that much.

OKSOKTARUK How about under state law?

EMLEY And under state law there is no . . . .

HICKEY I think that included in that was a level of home-brewed beer and wine, if I recall the statute correctly.

HOLLENBECK The question is not whether or not it is legal; it is that in their effort to make the people understand the law, they are going in there and telling them things that they (the village officials) don't want them (the general public) to know.

WONGITTILIN This is what we don't want the villagers to hear.

HOLLENBECK They spend hours explaining the Ravin Decision.

WONGITTILIN The village people can make the local optior work, but they are stuck with state law and federal laws; that's what is keeping it from working. They thought that they voted for "dry". "Dry" in the villages means "no more drunks in the villages." That is what they thought they voted for. I don't even know where this "dry" came from. That is why I told Alaska Legal Services, I want this "dry" defined in the villages, because the people who are voting on this 4th option, they are casting their vote for "dry" and it is a misinterpretation.

EMLEY What you are saying is that Legal Services should have explained that before the elections were held.

WONGITTILIN Yes. Otherwise, I am quite sure that if they had heard that they would not have voted for it. They would have rather have voted for "dry" meaning no more drunks staggering around the villages.

EMLEY What Legal Services is saying in that information was that if the people want it to be totally dry, they can't do it under the state statutes. They can do part of it under state statutes, and they could possibly pass village ordinances against possession in public.

HOLLENBECK Yes, but the problem is when the VPSO gets called out to someone's own home, and the wife says "My husband is drinking, What am I going to do? He's not supposed to have it. " Two suggestions that came up over the last three days that Legal Services says they are going to research: 1) is it alright to accept anonymous phone calls in order for the VPSO to be called out to try to build a case, to dig up evidence. Is it worth it to try to dig up evidence (on a violation of the state law) once they hear that someone is drinking, without having to ask the families to sign their names. If they trace it back from one person to another who each say that "so-and-so brought it" until they get to the first person who actually observed it (the booze) being taken out of the suitcase, and he says "wait a minute, I don't want to have to sign it." If enought people know, and if they have enough circumstantial evidence, for example that person did come back from Nome yesterday, can the village police start trying to make some cases based on circumstantial evidence? That was one thing (suggested), without having the villagers have to sign complaints.

EMLEY Oh, absolutely.

HICKEY You mean, sign a formal court complaint?

HOLLENBECK Yes.

HICKEY. Sure.

HOLLENBECK I know that it can happen, but is it workable to do it that way? Legal Services keeps saying, "No, no, you have to take responsibility; you have to be willing to sign the complaint, and you can't go into the home." They really go into detail about probable cause and that sort of thing. The other thing (that was suggested) was a voluntary search. If they can't do it (go into the home), what about a search with consent?

HICKEY The village police officer?

HOLLENBECK Anybody. If the village council says, "in this village we would like for any of you who travel into Nome to voluntarily submit to a search." Now, it is just an embarrassing thing if they were asked when they got off the plane, "let me look through your groceries or let me look through your diaper bag." That such an embarrassment might be enough to deter them from bringing booze back in. It's like having to ask for a Playboy from behind the counter as opposed to being able to leaf through all of them out in front. If it is a voluntary search, can someone else perform it besides a police officer? Could

a city council member? Could they at unannounced times go out there, to the airstrip, and say, "Can I search your bags?" If they give consent, and if they find a bottle. . .

EMLEY Can they seize it?

HOLLENBECK No, can they use it as evidence? We don't want to get into encouraging them to pour out bottles, because then we might get counter-complaints. They would be taking something that belonged to someone else and destroying it; while if they did that we could reason that at least if it were dumped out then it wouldn't get into the village.

HICKEY What do you mean? Like the potential for a law suit? The potential for a lawsuit would be about equal on pouring it out as on conducting an illegal search on behalf of the village council which is the governing body.

HOLLENBECK Is it illegal if it is with consent?

HICKEY Well, the question is "Is the consent voluntary?"

HOLLENBECK Is the social pressure such that it is not really voluntary?

EMLEY If the person says "Can I see what you've got" and they say "Sure".

HICKEY What would happen if the person says "no"?

HOLLENBECK You let it go, I presume. You just drop it. Just that embarrassment. The social control would be that embarrassment, of having to say "no".

EMLEY Do you guys think that is a good idea? /directed toward V/V reps./

JACKSON You know the answer is going to be "no" (by the traveler).

HOLLENBECK If they have got it (booze) the answer is going to be "no", but if they think they might be asked, they might not bring it back, because they don't want to have to tell you "no".

JACKSON Even if they don't have it, they are going to say "no".

WONGITTILIN One of things, to me, that would work is that Gambell has made a resolution to Jack Fuller and Frank Ferguson asking them to check with an X-ray machine at the airport. We want. . . we have been told that it is illegal. . . but that would give the village police officers, ahead of time, probable cause for seizing that--anytime they see a bottle on the machine (that might be booze). That's the way it would work. Every passenger that goes to the village from here.

HICKEY Do you think it all goes in as hand-carried stuff?

WONGITTILIN That's the way it's getting in.

HOLLENBECK In this part of Alaska, it is not coming in directly from Anchorage. We don't have trouble with that. Nome is where it is coming from, and it is one or two bottles at a time. It goes back in in Mama's diaper bag or with the groceries.

HICKEY There is no airport screening at all in this place? Little charter flights with people carrying on what they've got?

HOLLENBECK They aren't charter. They are regular commuter flights.

EMLEY Airport screening, would that pick up a bottle, anyway?

CONDON Yes.. It could.

HICKEY Sure.

HOLLENBECK But Legal Services is saying that that is illegal. That it is only because of the special federal law against weapons. That you couldn't do it (specifically to detect booze).

HICKEY The state statute is such. . . . Any evidence turned up in such a (weapons) screening is (probable cause), can be passed on (to the VPSO). Legal Services may be right, that you can't do the passenger just to detect, just for the purpose of looking for bottles.

HOLLENBECK You are saying, though, that if they are doing it looking for weapons and see a bottle that they could report it?

CONDON That's right.

MATTSON There were some feelings that came out of this group this week, and it was things like Jones just said. There was a lot of confusion about "What's this dry?" and that they need it better explained. They wondered about how to get their local ordinances to work. They have commented that local airlines have been very cooperative. There was a comment that came out of this group that maybe the wording of the law was poor and that it was very unworkable. Could it be handled at a statewide level? Kind of the consensus was that the offender seems to be more protected than those who place the complaint. They wanted to ask people like you, "What can we do legally? What do we need to do to move on someone legally? How can we get the obvious person who is breaking the law investigated? We know that we need to have community support to make this law

work, but what can you do to get them help to make this law work?"

HOLLENBECK They are trying real hard in the villages to get people to sign complaints againsts sons, daughters.

HICKEY Right. It is very difficult.

HOLLENBECK No, it is beginning to work. I mean, they are doing their end of it. They are starting to get people to sign complaints. That is part of it.

HICKEY Why don't we take those things one at a time? Maybe just throw them at us. I don't know that we can give you a good response to all of them, but as you read them to me, I think we can give you some ideas on, certainly, some of them.

MATTSON There big theing at the very end was "What can we do? What can you do to help us?" "We have got this law. We are hearing all these ways that protect the offender. Now what can we do to make the law work in our villages?"

HICKEY That is very general, I mean, what you are specifically talking about is the adoption of local ordinances under the revisions two years ago to Title IV that would prohibit importation?

HOLLENBECK What other local ordinances do you know, from your experience, that would be most effective to supplement local option #4?

JACKSON Or can we right such an ordinance?

HICKEY What are you referring to when you say local option #4?

HOLLENBECK Sale and importation.

MATTSON We are referring to that, but the villagers thought they got a dry village.

HICKEY When that legislation passed, you mean?

EMLEY When they voted on the local option law.

ONGTOWASRUK The law was misunderstood, as dry, you know.

JACKSON Completely dry.

HOLLENBECK Are you familiar with the history of the law, where they went around and took public testimony in different areas(and everyone wanted a truly dry option), and then the Ravin Decision came out. . .

HICKEY Yes. . . right. . . The Ravin Decision had nothing to do with this. It has to do with marijuana.

HOLLENBECK It has to do with marijuana, but Legal Services says that it means that you can have alcohol in your home.

HICKEY That's their view. Their view of what Ravin would mean applied to alcohol. Ravin deals with small amounts of marijuana in a persons home for personal use. Do you buy off on equating marijuana and alcohol, necessarily?

HOLLENBECK No, we don't.

HICKEY I didn't think so.

HOLLENBECK Yes, but they're doing the training for the troopers, and the troopers are doing the training for the VPSO's.

HICKEY I see.

MATTSON And so now it turns out that it is legal to have alcohol in the village.

HOLLENBECK They (one of the V/V Cluster reps) said, "We don't have a legal mind. Things are not legal or illegal. It is right or wrong. If it is illegal to bring it in and someone has some, then that means that a crime has been committed. That's wrong, so why can't we do something?

HICKEY Sure. Well, ultimately if Legal Services is right, and I am not sure I agree with exactly what it is that they apparently have been telling you, and apparently have been telling the troopers, but there is a good argument there. But, if they are right, then there is nothing we can do about it, short of amending the constitution, because the Supreme Court has the final word. I could sit here and BS you that there is something that we could do, and there isn't. But that's only if they are right. But ultimately if what you are talking about is an ordinance that would prohibit alcohol, all the way down to a very small quantity they made themselves--the one beer situation--Legal Services probably is right. I mean, that would be a bad case to end up in the Supreme Court on this question.

CONDON But if we are talking about a gallon. . .

EMLEY What they (Legal Services) is telling people apparently is that it probably okay constitutionally to pass an ordinance prohibiting possession, period, in public, but. . .

HICKEY It is okay?

EMLEY Yes.

HICKEY In public?

EMLEY Yes, if fact what I saw said that if you want to do that contact Legal Services and we will help you draft this ordinance.

HICKEY Why is legal services training the troopers?

EMLEY They are not training the troopers.

HICKEY Is that lady out of Anchorage still coordinating?

HOLLENBECK Carole Baekey, yes.

HICKEY Do they have some sort of program to train troopers?

HOLLENBECK Yes, they do. They are doing trooper training and VPSO training. The training they are giving them, and I am not talking about whether or not they can have open container laws, because I think that the villages are aware that they can have open container laws. The question is why is it not a crime if they are obviously intoxicated, and you've got the bottles there, and you know that the person got back from Nome on the afternoon flight. . .

HICKEY Well, that's all circumstantial evidence of importation.

HOLLENBECK Why is it, then, that the VPSO's are being told, don't arrest on this, because it's against the person's constitutional rights? That they've got to get somebody in the village to sign the complaint--that they're not allowed to arrest on this.

HICKEY I don't know why they're being told that.

MATTSON Well, that's what they are being told, and this is why they are saying it makes it unworkable.

OKSOKTARUK In roder to get a search on any person, the way I understand it, is to get a judge to sign a search warrant. Over at White Mountain, this is going to take a process of time.

HICKEY It can be done by radio. It can be done by telephone.

EMLEY Do they have to wait until they have the physical warrant until they. . .

HICKEY No.

HOLLENBECK They can seize and hold it, but they can't open it and look.

HICKEY Procedures can be devised to overcome that situation. Ultimately, the simple answer to the basic question is that the law does not allow for the prohibition of just possession--it just doesn't--the statute doesn't allow it. The statute could allow it, and then there would be a question about whether that would be constitutional or not. There is a question there, as apparently Legal Services has pointed out, about the importation--particularly if we are going to be talking about very small quantities or if someone is being charged and convicted for importation about whether there is some question if they made it themselves. I don't know. Does that really go on in the villages?

KATCHEAK Yes. Unalakleet, Stebbins, and St. Michael. Especially in Stebbins, we have had that problem, where we find some people making their home brew. We find that the problem has arisen more since the local option law. And, also there is another problem besides the home brew being present in our village. St. Michael hasn't voted the local option law; therefore, and they can get their liquor here in Nome. Sometime this last year I heard rumors several times that it's alright to make an order through St. Michael.

WONGITTILIN Do you know how far St. Michael is from Stebbins?

KATCHEAK St. Michael is 8.5 miles away. The population is less than Stebbins.

HICKEY Is there a liquor store there, in St. Michael?

KATCHEAK No.

HICKEY But people bring it in from Nome and they go down the trail to Stebbins?

KATCHEAK On a snow machine at 40 miles an hour, it is just 25 minutes from St. Michael to Stebbins. We had a terrible accident this year, about a month-and-a-half ago--a snow machine collision. Both of the driver's had broken bones. One of the snow machiners who was driving was intoxicated, and the other was driving with his family and was sober, but. . .

HICKEY Was the guy who was drunk, was he prosecuted?

KATCHEAK I'm not sure. I haven't followed the problem.

HICKEY You see, not only would that be a DWI, but under the new criminal code that would be an assault in addition to the DWI, because of the injury.

KATCHEAK Both of the driver's had broken legs.

HICKEY You know, depending on all the facts, that could be a felony assault.

HOLLENBECK Becuase of the initial crime of driving while intoxicated?

CONDON Yes.

HICKEY It's recklessly causing serious physical injury with a dangerous instrument, a snowmobile, and you're reckless because you're drunk.

HOLLENBECK They suggested yesterday that what they should do is secede from the union and start customs checks. You know, we joke about this, but it really is a problem. We go out there and enlighten these people on the fine points of the law, and it just makes the whole law unworkable.

HICKEY Right. The frustrations you have are the frustrations we have in enforcing many of our laws all over the state, and that people have all over the country. They are obviously more acute in your villages. Alcohol is a serious problem and it has been for such a long time, and your expectations, your hopes, are raised by laws that get passed that give you an ability to exercise some local control, and adopt your own ordinances and your own approach to dealing with the problem. Yet that enforcement has to take place within the system that we all live in, and that system, frankly, it's got a lot of problems. It's cumbersome and it's got all of these questions about it that you are raising with us right now. I know that my work in helping draft some of the model ordinances up in this area, and I guess what we are looking at now is enforcement.

HOLLENBECK They are being told that they should not be using some of their local ordinances. Some of the ordinances say, like for open container here in Nome. If Vacek ever takes someone to trial on it the law wouldn't have a chance. It says "one year"; it's a local ordinance and for that sort of offense it cannot be for more than 30 days (imprisonment maximum).

HICKEY How does that happen?

HOLLENBECK I don't know how they get written that way. Apparently they tried enforcing it for a while, and a judge was run out of town over this thing. Last year I was the court-referral person, and Judge Jones was here doing a fine job and the whole town got up in arms about it. He wasn't giving people one year and $500 fines for having an open bottle of vodka on the street.

HICKEY Is that what people would like to see happen?

HOLLENBECK No, but that was what some of the business owners wanted to see during tourist season. They didn't want to see drunken Eskimos on the street. They don't go out to the softball field and drag the whites away who have open

cans of beer. They don't do anything at Iditarod time when people pour our of the bars and drink, and pour champagne. We're not after that either. That's not a crime that we really need to be worrying about. But it doesn't make sense to ask people to pay outrageous fines on a possession of an open container of vodka hidden in their pocket. They rouse them because they are sleeping, and then they search them or a bottle falls out of their sleeve, and off you go to jail. They get a $25 fine for possession of two joints, but they want a $100 or $200 fine for possession of a bottle of vodka which is not an illegal substance. It just doesn't make sense. That's the sort of thing we get here, and people don't want to get caught in the middle of it as witnesses. They want to know, I guess, basically, is how much cooperation can they get from the court, and from your office on circumstantial evidence if they can get some of tese people to at least start saying, "He told me he brought it back." If they can get someone to say that, and call the police. You may not have physical evidence of it, but you have the police officer saying that he observed the person drunk, and you have the wife or mother saying he just got back from Nome and he brought this bottle with him. . .

HICKEY Yes, wo would prosecute on that. Yes, we'd give it a try.

HOLLENBECK Because you and I both know that 95% of these people will just plead no contest, and then we'd get our claws into them and maybe get them into treatment or some education.

HICKEY What would like to see happen to someone like that? The example she just described, what do you think should happen? /directed toward V/V reps/

EMLEY The sentence?

HICKEY Yes. The net result.

ONGTOWASRUK You mean on the open container?

HICKEY No, someone who brings a bottle into the village, and he's observed drunk, and someone will testify or give the VPSO officer a statement that they observed him drunk, and someone else will say that he told me that he brought liquor in. We say, "Okay, that's a good case," and we convict him of violating your ordinance (law), what do you think should happen to him?

JACKSON To the person himself?

EMLEY Yes, what should the court do?

JACKSON I don't know. Maybe give him a stiff fine or a mandatory ten days

in jail.

HICKEY Does that make a difference. I mean, is that going to stop him?

JACKSON It would me.

HICKEY But you don't do it in the first place.

KATCHEAK It Stebbins, we've had court referrals where we have had problems that are caused by fellow citizens. The person is sent here to the jail in Nome or to Bethel and the liaison officer or probation officer comes to us. We have requests from the DA's office here in Nome about how we'll deal with that problem. We say that the person sold booze or bootlegged and we say, we can't deal with that at the village level so we send it back to the DA here. Without a magistrate or someone in that sort of capacity. We hace tried several, many ways to deal with it. We have put them to work. A lot of times we don't know what to do.

HICKEY What would you think if in that case we would file the charges and we would say to that person, "If you go back to your village, which you are going to do anyway, because that's where he is going to go sooner or later, and you have no alcohol in your possession for six months, and you do 50 hours or 20 hours or whatever seems reasonable of work that the council directs you to do, and the council will be reporting to us that it is done satisfactorily," and if he doesn't do it satisfactorily then we would pull him back and proceed with the charges and put him in jail.

JACKSON Oftentimes, I think it would be better for the city council to ban him from the village.

HICKEY Well, we could do that to. What would you think about that?

HOLLENBECK George, why send them in here to us in Nome? We don't want them.

JACKSON We don't want them back.

HICKEY We would hold that charge over his head. If he did all of those things we would dismiss it and he would have no record. With a guy who has been a problem in the past, okay, "You're going to do community work, and you are going to do it here in Nome, and you can't go back to the village for three months or six months." I mean, is that something you would want, that the villages would want?

JACKSON I think this could have some good effects on him, and I think it would have some negative effects on him.

OKSOKTARUK Well, most of these offenders, there foundation is at home, and if they are put away from their home I think it would start to let them think.

EMLEY Also, does it embarrass the person in the village who has to do it? I mean do people in the village know about the fact that he has been found guilty and been ordered to do that?

WONGITTILIN If you have somebody to work in Savoonga, and the city council is responsible to see that the person does work, and the city council will never have them do it. When the DA says, this is what he was suppoed to do, and the city is responsible to see that this person will do it, when (they) get the note like that they'll start working him.

EMLEY Yes. What about the idea of in the village store or a real public place. What if you published a list for the public to see. Would it shame them, would it have an effect.

JACKSON It would, but our city council doesn't want to do that for fear of being embarrassed themselves.

EMLEY Why would they. . .

OKSOKTARUK For one reason, everybody is related.

EMLEY They don't want to embarrass their own families?

JACKSON They don't want any favoritism either.

EMLEY There isn't any favoritism.

/General discussion about whether or not the work chosen might be less offensive for relatives of city council members than for others, etc./

HICKEY But, that gives the council the flexibility to do something with the people. That's what I have been hearing.

WONGITTILIN Yes, but when the DA send that letter to the city council and asks "Has this person been doing it?" The person would never do it, but the city council would just sign the paper and say he has.

HICKEY Really? Well, how many of you guys are on city council?

/Katcheak and Ongtowasruk; Jackson was and Oksoktaruk was; Jackson is administrator./ I tell you what. How about if not the city council, it was all of you who are on this board?

WONGITTILIN You have to realize one thing. To me, it's something like this. You are going to have to say that this person is going to be hired. The problem is that every state, every resource agency, even this, our own organization, everything we do in the village is volunteer, volunteer, volunteer, volunteer, and city councils are getting tired of it. If you are going to make something work, you are going to have to start hiring people; that's when these things will start happening.

HICKEY Do any of you know Bob Lewis from our office here.

WONGITTILIN I do. He travels with me sometimes.

HICKEY Well if he had a person, someone like you, or the city council, or an entity he could work with, he could set up a regular schedule.

HOLLENBECK We were doing okay for a while when we were using our volunteer village counselors to make the assignments for that Pre-Trial Intervention through them. Then the offenders began to threaten the counselors, such as "I'm going to shoot your son."

HICKEY We need to know that. Just tell us.

HOLLENBECK They don't want to say it. I've got a volunteer sitting out there, and there is no way you can protect her. There is a 50-year-old health aide sitting out there and she is being told by this awful person. . .

EMLEY Or she has been told by his relatives. . .

HOLLENBECK Yes. That you're a bad person for making me do this, and so she doesn't want to turn him in. She says to me that it is happening, but she doen's want to have to sign her name to it because they are making it rough on her kids at school or threatening. . .

HICKEY That's why it has to be an organization that he is afraid of.

HOLLENBECK You don't realize, probably, how really busy those city councils are. These people are really busy, they have limited funds; their funds come in great part from mincipal aid and such because there is no economic base in the villages. These poeple do not have time to put a great amount of effort into it. The easiest thing to do if they get such a request is to just hack off on it and say, "Sure, he's doing it."

HICKEY What if it was the VPSO. Is the VPSO becoming an authority figure?

HOLLENBECK Yes. Now there's the person that I think who could be doing the monitoring for you.

JACKSON The VPSO has been under a lot of pressure. Going out, putting hadncuffs on; getting a lot of pressure.

HICKEY But he's taking it?

JACKSON Not for very lony, because he's under so much pressure.

KATCHEAK In the past when we charged a person with a complaint and bring the person to the city council meeting. The decisions that were made were made by the city council. The person can be fined $25 or $100--it's going to hurt the person economically, and this is where the problem arises. Relatives feeling that the council caused this. The person ususally doesn't have any money. To pay for the fine, the person has to work for a week, say, and cannot make money that week to feed himself. There have been a lot of questions about it. How hard can we punish a person? This has been a problem since we got the local option law. How hard should we charge a person? We adopted the local option law, but we have been placed in a disadvantageous situation because of the language that is used--legal--not legal--the word itself "dry" is a problem because it is misinterpreted. It's not working, bit it is a law, anyway.

EMLEY It is a new law, too. I think part of the problem that everybody has been real excited, and anxious to see it work as soon as it went into effect. It is going to take a little time to sort out some of these things. I don't tink people should give up right away.

WONGITTILIN The problem is that it is also breaking the villages apart. The drinkers are now against the others. I mean, they are fighting for their booze.

HOLLENBECK Prior to this law they were coping. It may have not been very well, but they had their existing system in place that was working. Then they got their hopes up about how this new law was going to work, and it's not; it hasn't been the miracle that they thought it was going to be. We've only hoped that it was going to work for a year or two so we could do some education and prevention and get it started. It is a band-aid. It's no longterm thing; prohibition never has worked very well anywhere and they are aware of that, but they thought that they could. . . . Where else in the United States could it have such a good chance. We have isolated communities here where the only way in is by airplane. So, if it is going to have a chance of working anywhere, it has a chance

here. You can't just go across the county line or get it by mail so easily.

EMLEY We are getting some cases here.

[Changed tape. Wongittilin made comment about whether or not searches would work and whether or not the city council could ban possession.]

WONGITTILIN Even if the state says that it is illegal to do that, this is what I want to hear.

EMLEY You can try it.

HICKEY I'm not going to prosecute you on that.

JACKSON Can we put aside the state law for a while and just go the old traditional way? I know that in the past it has worked--the search and seizure stuff.

HICKEY One of the things I have learned today is that when I get back to Juneau I am going to sit down with Bill Nix, who is the Commissioner of Public Safety, who is responsible for the VPSO program, and I'm going to find out a little more about what it is they're doing, particularly with training, and to what extent Legal Services really is involved, and I am going to try and get our people a little more involved.

HOLLENBECK I will tell you my personal gripe about what they are doing with the training with the VPSO's. They are giving them 91 hours of EMT training to be able to do search and rescue.

HICKEY That's important.

HOLLENBECK Yes, that is important. They are giving less than eight hours of alcohol training. I can guarantee you that what those people are involved in is almost all alcohol and very little search and rescue, aprticularly search and rescue where they would actually need medical training. I'm an EMT; I do volunteer ambulance duty here in Nome; and I understand the importance of all of that. But, you know that those policemen in the villages are dealing a <u>lot</u> with alcohol. Each of our villages has a community health aide. The village has other people who have medical training, and it's good to have that extra training with them. We would like to give an equal amount of training of how to handle a drunk, what to do to do an intervention, and that sort of thing--alcohol education.

HICKEY What would people think if VPSO's were transferred around. If they . . .

HOLLENBECK James said that that would be fine, but if you are going to move

them then you need to provide them with housing.

OKSOKTARUK That would be the biggest downfall. To transfer one VPSO to another village they would need a house. And another thing that is crossing my mind is that anonymous call.

HICKEY I think that's okay.

OKSOKTARUK Then, personally, if I see somebody possessing alcohol, where can I make the call to? To the judge?

EMLEY No. To your VPSO.

HICKEY It's got to be somebody who can do something right then, right?

HOLLENBECK The VPSO would have to go out. You would say, "I reported him, he's got it, and I want you to investigate and I want a charge filed out of this. Don't just let it go; don't just take him home."

WONGITTILIN This is something I would have liked to have heard when we were down in Wales, that an anonymous call is okay.

MATTSON Okay, but an anonymous call to a VPSO in a village which doesn't have village phones in yet, it's not possible.

HOLLENBECK They're not really talking about anonymous. It's not a problem of going to your own VPSO and telling him. . .

WONGITTILIN But the trooper says that you have to appear in court to testify.

EMLEY If the guy pleads not guilty and wants to then we have to have a trial, we have to have some witnesses. That doesn't mean that we have to have everybody, but in order to convict him. . .

HOLLENBECK However, most of them don't go to trial.

JACKSON Can we take a recording of the voice and change it so you can't recognize who it is (for use in court)?

EMLEY No.

HOLLENBECK Don't get all hung up on that. So few of these go to trial. Most will go ahead and plead no contest.

EMLEY Yes. Don't. . . It's pretty unlikely that if, say, you reported something--you had actually seen the guy with the bottle and you probably didn't want to go to court and testify, and you are afraid that if you tell your story

to the troopers that we are going to make you, and it's going to cause you some super problems. We could, theoretically subpoena you and force you to testify, but we're not going to force people who really don't want to.

JACKSON Will the case fall apart then?

EMLEY No, it won't if, for example, he pleads guilty. If he wants a trial then, like I say, we will need some witness or some evidence. Maybe there are four or five people in the village who saw him and you didn't want to testify but others would, then we can use those people.

WONGITTILIN For instance, there are some villages who voted this local option. Is it possible if we go to these villages again for one of your people to go with us? To explain it?

EMLEY Yes. We travel. I am going to Gambell on Tuesday.

JACKSON Why don't you seing over into Savoonga too?

EMLEY We are trying to plan a trip to Savoonga. I have asked the judge when he can go out to Savoonga.

HOLLENBECK I don't know what your travel budget is like, but we could probably put your people on our charters when we go.

HICKEY Our travel budget is a problem. That is what Bob Lewis said. We have paid his way to go explain the Pre-Trial Intervention to the councils and our volunteer counselors.

WONGITTILIN I think it is good to let both sides get their opinions to the people, both the District Attorney as well as Alaska Legal Services.

HOLLENBECK Bob Lewis is out of the District Attorney's office, but he has never spoken to these things. He has always spoken only about his project.

EMLEY Yes, that's partly because Bob's not a lawyer.

HICKEY Yes. Bob is not in a position to speak on the legal questions.

EMLEY Yes. There are two DA's and we love to travel. And whenever we have time and there are things we need to do, we're hoping to get out. We can't. . . it's hard to tell how much time.

WONGITTILIN The question of anonymous calls came up at Wales, but they already told them that they can't do that.

HICKEY I think that you all ought to sit down and see if you can work out

a schedule and just stick to it.

HOLLENBECK What you are going to get--we are just going to have to hang loose on this until the travel starts again in the fall. We are just getting into a time when subsistence, hunting, and all of that takes place. He (Wongittilin) travels from October to April. But, if a village calls and (asks for help during the Summer, we will go).

HICKEY Will do.

HOLLENBECK We pay only $50 a day per diem, and we insist that you leave the money in the village.

EMLEY Is there a customs check at the border to see how much money we arrive with?

HOLLENBECK No, the idea of per diem for the villages is to get it out there. There are no hotels or restaurants. We want the per diem to be paid to whoever lodges you for the evening and feeds you.

HICKEY Great. And I'll find out on the Juneau end on the VPSO program.

HOLLENBECK I'd like to know what is happening in the other villages in the state if they are having this problem . . .

HICKEY I think you're further along than the other areas.

HOLLENBECK We have fifteen villages in our region and nine of them have adopted local option #4. We are not having a bootlegging problem. We do get talk that maybe there is more marijuana use. I suspect that you have more sober people so you can recognize the marijuana high. I don't know. It scares me that the law goes in place, then the logistical system follows for bootlegging, then with that in place other contraband will start to get in on the same system--the drugs and the polar bear hides and the raw ivory and those kinds of things. We are really doing double time trying to do the prevention and education adn get the treatment and everything in place--these support systems in the villages, so one of these days they can say (if they want) take the law away, the people now have enough to learn to drink responsibly.

HICKEY Wil and I are on our way to Bethel on Monday, so we'll see what's there.

HOLLENBECK They have more bootlegging charges in court that just about any other type of case.

HICKEY That's right. They have for a number of years now.

OKSOKTARUK The only way that I can see that this alcohol prevention program is going to work is for everyone to work together, not part of us against it and part of us for it. That's what (it seems like with) Alaska Legal Services.

/Discussion about a police report on statistics of alcohol-related crimes and domestic violence with relation to hour and day of greatest occurence. Some discussion about the times of bar closings in Nome./

HOLLENBECK This group has a couple of major goals, and one of them is to tax locally. I think that if the excise tax is raised statewide, that we won't be able to (win support) to tax here also. We do have that advantage here that Bethel doesn't have. Bethel can't raise a local excise tax on alcohol outlets, because they don't have any.

OKSOKTARUK Would it help at all of the liquor stores were closed at ten o'clock at night instead of midnight?

/Discussion about checking ID's of persons in liquor stores to determine village. Further discussion about the proposed license to drink. General consensus was that it was unworkable./

HICKEY I don't think we have been very helpful to you, but you have certainly been helpful to us. I certainly have a better understanding.

WONGITTILIN Yes, you guys helped us a lot.

HOLLENBECK You have been a lot more positive that Legal Services.

HICKEY Well, we will see what we can get going with Bob Lewis.

HOLLENBECK You are saying that you are willing to run a bluff and that's what they (in the villages) will do, too. Legal Services was just making it too hard.

HICKEY You'll find very few poker players in Legal Services. You'll find a few more in the Department of Law.

* * * END OF HEARING * * *

A PUBLIC MEETING ON DECEMBER 13 & 14, 1984, FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE, open by the IRA President Larry Larkin, on behave of the Selawik IRA Council and the city of Selawik, he welcome the guest who attendent the meeting, the next speaker is Vice-mayor Chuck Johnston for the City Council, invite everyone that want to talk to speak up, have invocation by Roland Booth.

Chuck Johnston go thru the agenda, introduce the represenatives from the villages, thank John Clark from the City Council and Chuck Riley from the IRA Council for getting everything ready for the meeting and setting it up, from Noorvik there is Jake Wells the IRA President, Robert Newlin IRA member also School Board member, Alfred Wells from Elders Council, Clarence Jackson from the Noorvik City Council, Selma Newlin the IRA Administrator, and Robert Mulluk. for Kiana there is Elwood Atoruk from IRA Council, Florence Clark the Kiana City Clerk here for the City Council, Grace Outwater, Mae Black, Peter Atoruk for the Elders Council, and William Sheldon,Jr for the Kiana Friends Church. From Kotzebue, for Maniilaq Association there is Marie Schwind, President of Maniilaq, Danny Thomas from the Alcohol Program for NANA Regional Corperation, Reggie Joule, Sarah Scanalin, and Lois Hostedler but not here, and for the Northwest Arctic School District have Martie Steckman, and from the Selawik Community from the IRA Council have Larry Larkin the President, from the Elders Council have Clarence Goode, from the Friends Church have Roland Booth and Fay Foster, for the Advisory School Board have Roger Aylard, also KOTZ radio Station Tim Coffman is here for the KOTZ radio Station. Will take action on both written and resoluation form to the soluation or suggestion that the public have come up with here at the meeting which is joint with the IRA Council, at this time would entertain public comments, City Council or the IRA Council comments as to additions or changes to the agenda if there is anything that anybody see from looking at the agenda that is needed to add to the agenda, will have a break at 6:30 pm or so for supper, come back into session at 7:30pm and go as long as everybody wants to go, will try to get everything done as much as we can, but will have a full day session tomorrow, Chuck Riley said will have to add Noorvik Elders Council on for guest comments, which will be Alfred Wells will be item C, will be after Noorvik City Council, the other letters will change. add on Kiana Elders Council for item F, also Kiana Friends Church after Kiana Elders Council, put Robert Newlin first under NANA Regional Corp, in order that we entertain all public comments, and that we do not restrict it, we want to give everyone a chance to speak because everyone might have keen idea that may really help us work on this problem we are going to move the public comments down to where it says other after item I, on to item J on the agenda, that would be the public comments, after each of the organizations have had a chance to put input

we will idenify them, than we would like to move the public comments to there because than they can address each of the areas that we began to talk about, so public comments will be move down to item J on the agenda. Chuck explain to the public how it works, behind the council there is certain categories at what the council is trying to do, they want to give a chance for everyone to speak about the problems and how you think they might be able to be help here, but in order that at the end of a conclusions of this meeting it is not just something to put down on paper, it is something that we have talked about, we want to organize this so that when we go to the Buckland meeting or the next meeting at one of the other villages we can take what we have already done as a collective group, the suggestions, improvements, soluations, the problems and they can look thru thoses, add on soluations or problems that will affect the village, so that we already have that down, I think it already gives agencies like Maniilaq and NANA somewhere on paper direction that we see from the villages where things could be helped, this is a real diasterious thing, I would like to by way of starting this, like say this is coming from every source and every community where people are concern from the student level all the way thru the elders, and think it is something that we need to put down so that our representatives and people that have been struggling with this problem for a long time, that we can show them from the local communities what we think as communities, to find out this problem. Any other additions or changes to the agenda. Seeing none, need a roll call vote to approve the agenda as now down, 2nd by John Clark, hearing no discussion, QUESTION? roll call vote by the city clerk, Luke Sampson, Chuck Johnston - yes, Allen Ticket - yes, William Sheldon,Sr - yes, Chuck Riley - yes, Lloyd Davis,Sr, and John Clark - yes, Luke Sampson and Lloyd Davis,Sr not here, it have been moved and the agenda is adopted under public comments we can entertain any other problem we can deal with. Turn the meeting over to Roland Booth Roland explain in eskimo that the agenda was approved by the Selawik City Council. Also said that if anybody don't understand anything to go ahead and stop him and ask.

REPORT FROM THE NOORVIK MEETING ABOUT THE ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

NOORVIK REPRESENTATIVE - Jake Wells - the Noorvik meeting was a planning which took about a month to plan, because in one of our meetings in the IRA Council they became aware that the alcohol & drug abuse and other moral issues were hurting our community and they were hurting the community on and on, and they feel that the time was right to stand up as elective leaders and representatives of the community to start fighting against this things, or at least start working on things that are hurting the community, they figure that as a one group, and the IRA Council couldn't do it all by themself, they figthat it would take all the organizations like the City Coun-

cil, Health Council, School Board, and the other organizations, like the Church and Elders Council. They had to come over the consensus they have met a couple times with all of the organizations before they had a ranshell meeting, and that took a couple meetings. One of the things was that they know that they couldn't do it by their own village, so they invited Kiana and Selawik representatives because they have our brothers, sisters, relatives, or cousins who are living in those villages, and we know that they go thru the same problem, the situation that we face, the three villages are closely interties, the other thing is too, the most important resource is that we had to tap on them, thats the NANA Regional Corportation, Maniilaq Association, and the Northwest Arctic School District, we invited them up to Noorvik also, and we were real happy that we the persistapation that each of these organizations and the villages. We just wanted use Noorvik as to get started, we know that we couldn't just have one meeting and than all of a sudden all the problems go away, infact we have to make a trying effort to keep on doing it and have to keep attacking or addressing the additions, we have to keep trying to work on the soluation to try to make them work without coming up with alternatives, when we think of plans, it doesn't work, but if overall it takes a matter of getting all our people together and start getting them to talk and getting them interested, one of the other things that Jake see in the Noorvik meeting that we didn't fully attack what problems in the Alcohol & Drug Abuse, it was a number of other problems like moral issues that are hurting us also, our Inupiq values are really deroding, we are really crumbing our Inupiq values, there is a lot of other things that may-be alcohol & drug abuse that are really hurting our communities, and think this is a good time to start to addressing it, because if we just let elective leaders to let it sit by and let it go on and on, why should we be elected in the first place? Jake think the people as the whole community elect us so that we can go for the better for them, think this is the time as us as leaders should start standing up and even go further as being an example in our communities, but the Noorvik meeting should be a model for either the Selawik or Kiana meeting, it shouldn't be followed the same way, and Jake is glad that the Selawik meeting came up and he really wanted to come over here and say a few things to learn a little bit more about the other villages also, he thing he might of said a little bit more, but the most important thing that has been coming to his mind lately is our children, that is beganing to be a real concern for Jake, is that mainly why he will keep speaking up is for our children is that we have to pave the world for them, we can start now, we can make the road further down the road a lot easier for them, our children are going to keep our heritage going and our values on going, but if we continue to just let things go by as they are today and not worring about our children than I think we are in big

trouble ourselves, even tho we become elders, he think this is a good time to start, so with that in our Noorvik meeting before he came here he had to have a big meal because he thought the meeting would last until 3:00 am. Also will thank the city council and IRA council for welcoming us.

KIANA REPRESENTATIVE -Elwood Atoruk- as you know we had a meeting about alcohol & drug abuse in Noorvik last month, everybody is concern about alcohol & drug abuse and whatever has happen we don't want it to happen again, there was a lot of people concern at the public meeting at Noorvik, and we all know that some of the children who speak have to go to school the next day, all because of alcohol related and that is bad, and we know it as adults, but talking about it and doing something about it, we are heading in the right direction, hope something come out of it which will be real good, we all want it to happen that way, first we had a public meeting at Kiana last winter, we had a public meeting too in Noorvik last month, and now we are having it here in Selawik but I think everybody is concern about the problems. Elwood is with the IRA Council.

SELAWIK REPRESENTATIVE- CHUCK RILEY,SR- I was real glad when Noorvik invite us over to their meeting and I think they should get a lot of credit for starting this meeting process we all know it is a problem and the only way we can work it is if everybody work together to address our problems, only way we can work it out is everyone in the community work together by finding out the problem and some how we can work them out, at Noorvik they had a lot of comments concerning alcoholism, they know it is a problem and hopefully we can work them out all together in village meetings, all I have to say, it is just that we all have to work together and solve our problems.

COMMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONS

SELAWIK IRA COUNCIL- HERMAN HENRY- what I have to say is no different from everybodies story, same story drug & alcohol abuse, so now all we can do is address probably to the people and see what we can do about it, my speech won't be real long it the same story all over, have the notes but didn't get them while ago, so will have to make my speech short, thank-you.

SELAWIK CITY COUNCIL-CHUCK RILEY,SR- from the city council side what we are going to try to do is get all the problems that we can idenify right now here in this meeting, and we won't just let it sit, what I am going to say is that the city council will try all they can to solve these problems along the line that what people want us to do it, so we just won't slip, anything you say will be recorded and we will put it all in a booket form at the end, and we will send it out to the people that we have invited to this meeting, and

also to the resource people that we idenify, that can help us solve our problems, so we are not just going to let it sit, we will try and work it out as best as we can, along the way, the way you want us to work it out, that's the reason for this public meeting, and I think it is really important that we all work together as one group to try and solve the problems together, not just having the city council or the IRA council going and force this soluations on you, but you want the people to give us comments, people to give us a little bit direction on what kind of soluation they want us to use so we can try and make Selawik better for our younger kids and for ourselves too, so we are going to try the best we can from the city council to help Selawik become a better community and we won't just let it sit, thank-you.

CHUCK JOHNSTON,SR - Luke was going to address these things, but we will speak about the things the city council have talked about, I would like to ask the Noorvik representatives if they brought with them any of the soluations that you came came up with and any of the resources, if you find in the minutes or notes for that we can have somebody reporting that, putting it down now, if not may-be when we get to that, we could just bring up the things that were the soluations and resources that you have address in the first meeting, did anybody bring that with them? We wanted to know how far along you want, cause when we get done here we wanted to be able to do the samething, so that when we go to the next village we will have those things down for them, what we done so far, and than they can look at them and than add in their own, first every city council meeting we have, I'm sure they are the same as Noorvik, Kiana, our council meeting we usually start about 6:00pm, we usually get done about 11:00pm, we have a lot of things, alot of problems, alot of things that we have to deal with, and alot of our time is always step upon these issues, what are we going to do about alcoholism and drug problems, like other villages we try stricker laws, and we try more punishments, we try to promote or educations to schools, we tried alot of things already, we hope from this meeting that we can began to say to the all the organizations I think Noorvik had a good idea that it is going to take alot of people working together as a group to began to address these things, we feel as a city council, that we have problems of the spirit and of the heart that the things that what are happening within our communities that touch every persons life here, suicide, awaste of life because of alcoholism, death, neglect, children who don't sleep, don't eat, don't have happy childhood because of just a something in those little bottles, drugs and we are seeing that take over kids younger and younger, and we been struggling with it for years now, trying to figure out what excatly we can do, and we are coming more and more together, that it must be something done with all of us, and that all of us are responsible, there is a temptation to drink, most all of us here have gone thru

time of our life where we had that temptation, some of us never loose it, we suffer with it and our kids and children are suffering with it, there is a lot of pressure on our youth to drink, to party, to escape life problem by thinking that alcohol or drinking will just let them not have to worry about it for a while, I have kids that come to me all the time, they are confuse and they don't understand, and their life is one of trying to be happy, but pouring into themselves something that will make them happy, we have a problem with our partner and with our spirits, parents grow up, kids grow up seeing their parents, they love their parents, they see their parents drink, and they learn to drink from there, it is hard to say, but we all know it is true, so as parents we have to began to realize that this problem is what kids are learning from us as parents, the image of people they have is when they see themselves drinking, is one is they are no good, they are drunk, I can't help myself anyways, so let it, or my problems are so big that there is nothing that I can do about it I might as well drink anyway, let em if I go to jail, you know and I know that those are the things that people have to live with you from our little ones, we had last week a house where we went to, where there was one little second grader, and two little babies, house was cold, no food, no one to watch them, two nights ago we could of have 4 people die here, one from an overdose, 3 from almost freezing to death, the weather was cold as it gets, we can't ignore these things, or we are partly the problems ourselves, and we have to all look at ourselves, and that is what we are going to do, each one of us, don't look for the city councils or the IRA Councils, or the maniilaq, or NANA or anyone person to solve these problems, we must all solve them together, or more lives will be lost, or lives will be wasted, there is a conflict that we have no choice in, myself for coming here not being from here in a way I am part of that conflict, 10 years ago they just had electric, just only electric in here, now we have VCR's faster and faster sno-machines, 3-wheelers, moneys for projects, big things, the world is moving so fast, and our children and you and me and all of us are cought in the middle, that it is the same all over the world, but I think we feel if it is worst because it have change real fast, do we sacrifice Inupiq values? in the name of developing and growing ecomonicly, people getting richer, I don't think so, that is not an option, children here, adults here, would rather not work, than have to leave their home to relocate some place alse, we as the city council feel that the lack of jobs, lack of opportunity, the unrealistic situations that are made put children are in is a priority cause that are a problem with alcohol, I see kids face and I see hopeless and dispare, because they don't know what it is that we as parents, as a community what we really want them, we want them to be educated, we want them to succeed, at the same time we want them to live here, the lands heals

people here, and yet there seems to be so little time to get out and be in the land, if you don't have money for sno-machine, or for a boat, or for the utility, we are cought between that conflict of when people use to live off the land totally, but now they are force to live in two worlds, it is hard to do those things that people wanted when they were just living in camps, when we are living in communities, like we are living in now, it is going to take understanding, organizations and to work with the elders, the organizations, the state people to recognize that this is part of our problem is being caught between these two things, the elders and the youth, there is probably no greater sadness to see when young people have a hard time even communicating with their own grandparents, premiary language here anyone over 40 to 45 years is inupiq, their children even the assignments from school find it very hard to just sit down and learn from their elders, because they don't understand the language, we lost such a large amount of that, it is not hopeless, you can gain them back, but it will take us all work together to do that, there was a respect of elders, there wasn't the argueing and the fighting the things that we see now was brought in by alcohol, parents don't want to see their children go to jail, their older boys, and yet when they come into the houses and they are drinking and things got torn up, kids get hurt, suicides are attemped, something must be done, we have to bridge the scape, education we taken a strong stand toward higher acedemic towards getting kids to read and write, and now the education I believe as the city council we talked about us began to direct awards preparing kids to surive in the world, that is rapidly coming upon us we must prepare the future where people can get jobs and keep jobs, and at the same time not sacrifice living as an inupiq, because I believe with all my heart that if we force children to decide between being inupiq and live strickly in the world, because they do love you and because they do love this place, they are always going to choose to be in that, and I think we should love them all the more for it, thank-you. Roland explain some of it in eskimo, also told the people that the meeting is beening recorded.

ELDERS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE- CLARENCE GOODE- I went to the Noorvik for the alcohol and drug abuse meeting for the Selawik Elders Council. They explain to us real plain, what the alcohol and drug can do to you. Alcohol can ruin your drains, your memory, your mind, your family, any kind of problem it will come up to you, also said in another thing they told us in Noorvik is to advice your children while they are young, if they grow up it will be to late. Advice our younger generation even tho they don't want to listen someday one of them will remember, it will be someday, not all of them will remember. so please advice your children. Clarence explain in eskimo what he said in english.

SELAWIK FRIENDS CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE - Fay Foster - thank you, i won't talk in english, but in eskimo, it is not good to try to talk, before hearing about anything and about what they are going to have meeting about, I will talk the way I understand, the Friends Church Moral Committee, if one of them could talk to each others, and talk to the people that need help or talking to, if they have time to meet and talk to each others they can meet for a little while to plan, they have to talk right or wrong way, but never talk to each other for a long time, supose to talk things over, but never for a long time. This fall I got worried when I heard on C.B. of what is happening, when I saw and talked to that person, I told him to pary, and I wonder what the other members always do to help, I don't know about anything and can't tell them what to do, if there is another meeting I wonder if the other members will talk too at the meeting. That devil will lead you wrong way and won't help you. When I heard that person wanted to kill himself, I told him to quit drinking, also when I heard that my grandson wanted to kill himself, and when he talk like that, I told him it is not good to go. There is two narrow ways to go, but either way it is not right, I talk right way, and I won't give up, I start praying, and give everything to god, I ask god to take care of everybody, when I listen I hear my grandson have no wood, I sure pray, and my prayer was answered last nite, and was thankful that I talk to that person, we have to talk right a way and thank god, we have to ask god to help us when we need help. If anything kill the one I love, I don't want to eat it, if one person die from alcohol, I feel as if I kill the person myself, any problems I have I give to god. I thank god that I have time to talk to young people that like to drink, If anything happen to a person, I don't want to stop talking to people, I will keep on talking if anybody need somebody to talk too. thank-you.
Roland said she said that it is hard for her or for anyone to talk in a meeting, when you don't know what the meeting is about, she had some real strong comments, need to pray for one another.

SELAWIK ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE - ROGER AYLARD- Oran Walton was to be here to talk, but he is not here at the moment, welcome to the school, we're concern about our children. What do we see? we see children who are lively, and well and interested, we see children who are not, we see children who are awake, we see children who must sleep in class, we see good grades, we see poor grades,, we see children who respect their elders, we see children who talk back, we see children who are crankly, and upset with themselves, we see children who feel very good, we see parents who are healthy, we see parents who say let the school do it, we see good attendence, we see poor attendence, we see students on the Honor Roll, we see students who are not, it is that we should work together, one reason, we have students

5 to 6 hours a day, the community has them for the rest of the time, what can the school do? the school can have programs in class to teach about drug abuse, we can counsel with our children, we can talk with them, but we cannot solve the whole problem, as Chuck Riley said we have to work together, the school also cannot point a finger, if you point a finger what's pointing back to you? it is the thump, so we are not pointing a finger, we have to work together, what we are saying is we need a hand up we need help, the school cannot do it all, the students will say give me five, that's the way I feel about it, the IRA helping us, the city council helping us, the school board helping us, give us five or more we need your help, we cannot do it alone. am glad to see this group being a group by that I mean you as people starting as a concern community, we will help in any way we can, but again we is all of us, thank-you.

SELAWIK CITY COUNCIL MAYOR - LUKE SAMPSON - welcome to Selawik, I'm glad that we got representatives from villages and organizations, see people from NANA, Maniilaq, got people from here from Noorvik, Kiana, I believe we are missing the Buckland people, hopefully thru this meeting something that concerns our social problems and we can talk about them hopefully to find directions to try to solve these I know it is kind of hard and emotional sometimes to bring out things in meeting like this, but we have tp gp ot caise we got all our young people today involved not only in alcohol but in drugs, I see we have a problem, it is hard for each of us to bring it out, but bring whatever you can out and we can talk about it not only this evening, but in the workshop tomorrow, speaking for myself, I lost my best friend in suc-ide so with you too, I have to bear this evening and tomorrow hopefully tho solve some of these problems to keep our children continuing their education, hopefully to teach their children to stay away from drugs and alcohol in the problems that accur, we have a letter here from the governors office that I want to read before I turn it back to Roland Booth, it's a letter address to the people of Selawik. (letter in closed). Is there anybody that we have not really introduce as a representative from the community? Martie from the Northwest Arctic School District, if you have not found a place to stay, the people to contact is people here on the table, also Vicki Ticket sitting at the end of the bletchers if you do not have a place to stay, thank-you.

Roland Booth - before we get down to the guest comments, I think we will take a five (5) minute break.

GUEST COMMENTS:
NOORVIK CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - CLARENCE JACKSON - like Roland said I'm from the Noorvik City Council and I don't have any comments to bring you from the latest city council at Noorvik, but I do have some speech to say about this

alcohol & drug abuse. At our city council meetings, I'm just about the only one that could speak in eskimo, most of our city council members they speak only in english, most of them I don't understand what they are saying, because they get more education than I do, I grew up in the 1920's, and in those days we didn't need that much education, just all to 6 grade what we went up too, but now today most of our younger generations they got to hve the education in order to run for the city council, in order to run for mayor, or whatsoever, they got to have education. I don't want to tale all of your time, that's about all what I got to say, thank-you.

NOORVIK IRA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - ROBERT NEWLIN - thank-you I thought Jacob was suppose to give Noorvik IRA representative comments, but I will say that I am very glad that we are able to represent IRA and to share our comments here with all of you. speaking for the IRA council, I'll say that we will assist you in anyway on trying to at least have a better future for our kids, for our children, I'm glad that Chuck Johnston and the other local organizations representatives had really good comments on what Selawik is trying to do. Thank-you.

Roland Booth - some of the comments that were made, some in english and some in eskimo, hopefully you got them all, they have a taperecorder here, what ever you miss she will send them to you. (hopefully)

NOORVIK ELDERS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - ALFRED WELLS - THANK-YOU on behalf of Noorvik Elders Council, I want to thank the Selawik community for inviting us to this important meeting, the men from Noorvik Elders council is Bob Mulluk, Clarence Jackson, Robert Newlin, and myself, have 9 other ladies in this Noorvik Elders Council, before I go I want to thank Noorvik IRA Council for taking us over here with their charter, about this meeting a lot of us need think that, its just a waste of time, sometimes we feel meetings like this is just a waste of time, but it is not, this is a really important meeting, but thru unity of these surrounding towns, there can be hope and chance of concern these two (2) deadly killers, what I mean by these two (2) deadly killers, is alcohol & drugs, these two (2) have taken quite a few of our young people and our love ones, I have lost a son Alfred Jr. I know what alcohol can do to a person, I know what it is, I use this and I know and I can say a lot of things about it, it can rob a family of love, it can rob kids of good food and warm clothing, sometimes even destroy a home thru fire and also lives of our loved ones, it can cause two (2) good couples to seperate who love each others so dearly, it will lead to stealing and sometimes take lives, these are just some of the things I'm going to mention about what alcohol can do to a person, we have said many times that we should have more policeman and State Troopers in order to solve alcohol & drugs, but I think that's not the

real answer to these problems, even tho we have been helped by these officers our people who would have frooze to death or drown, or commit sucide, or even shoot or stabbed to death Let me say this we parents should assist these officers when they need help, lots of times they save our children, even tho we parents critize them, especially those of us who are church workers or christains, we should try to help these officers, weither it is here, or Noorvik, Kiana, or Kotzebue, (Romans 13:d1 to 5). I want to tell you what I have experience, one time thru love, one of my daughters started drinking when her cousin disappeared, on her last year in college, she dropped out after about 3 months in school and than she went home, she started drinking, just because she miss her cousin, I loved her so much, I said to myself, I'm going to try to help her the best as I can, I'm going to try to find ways to try to help her, so what I did when she came home drunk, I start to tell her that I love her and I hold her and let her sit on my lap, and I hold her and I let her sit on my lap, she would be drunk and than I try to talk to her and tell her that I love her, at first she start to tell her that O ;pve her, at first she start to tell me to leave her alone, but I never give up. so I guess after much thinking my daughter she find that alcohol is not the answer to the problems that she have, she found out that someone loved her, and thru this love that I gave to my daughter, I won. Alcohol and drugs is not the answer to problems to the problems we have at home, so young people, young parents, and love ones, I will repeat that alcohol and drugs are not the answer to your problems, if you have a problem instead of going to alcohol and drugs try this what it will do to you go and see a pastor or go and see your parents and talk to them, or if you have a christain sister or brother, go and see them tell them about your problems, I'm sure that they will be willing to help you. thank-you for giving me time to say these few words.

Roland Booth - it is 6:30pm, have 1 hour break for supper, come back at 7:30pm.

KIANA IRA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - ELWOOD ATORUK - have same comments as of while ago.

KIANA CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - FLORENCE CLARK - Thank you Selawik for inviting Kiana to this meeting, I'm not with the city council, but their city clerk. I know the council members at Kiana are concern about alcohol & drug abuse, I know they would like to help Selawik. I don't have much to say.
Roland - any kind of help we can get is just right.

KIANA ELDERS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE - PETER ATORUK - Thank you we are happy about what is trying to get going here, alcohol can do a lot of things to a person. I would like

to be on your side, on those of you that have began this certain good work, certainly can't do too much other than praying for those of you who are in the position, our god is certainly mighter than all of us, he is on ourside too, and certainly should not be descurage, those that are in business in alcohol and drugs certainly would be happy so lets continue to work on what we have began all together, we Kiana, Noorvik, and Selawik, lets help each others, thank-you.

KIANA FRIENDS CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE - PASTOR WILLIAM SHELDON, thank-you Roland, I am no one to speak against stopping alcohol and drug abuse, certainly was one that would have not spoken at anytime before to stop the use of alcohol, one day, god will send Jesus Christ that will stop all the use of alcohol, this world and I certainly praise the lord for that, I will be happy to help the people to try to stop importation of alcohol into the villages, and want to thank everyone who have began this, it is good to talk and teach children the right way.

MANIILAQ ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE - MARIE SCHWIND - first want to thank Selawik the mayor and president of IRA council for inviting Maniilaq Association to be a part of this community meeting, we appreciate it very much, I want to apologize that we don't have as many staff here as we would like, when we were invited to the Noorvik meeting, we had more staff that was there, because a lot of committments that were made, so there was just a few of us that could have come to this meeting, what I like to say that a number of us went to the meeting at Noorvik and I just want to point out to the communities that have had this type of meeting Kiana, Noorvik, and Selawik, the 3 villages, encluding this one has taken a big step forward and coming to a discussion that you need to solve the problems that you have in the community to me and to a lot of other people that are involve trying to figure ways to of how we can work with the villages and how we can help our people, that step foward make things even a lot better for all of us to want to continue provide services that we are now providing because when I first started working for Maniilaq Association, since 1976, when we would talk about all the programs that we were offering to try to help solve the problems that all the villages were having in the NANA Region, we would hear comments like that's not my problem, thats his or her problem, we just wouldn't admit to ourselves that the problems that we are having affects everyone in the whole community, the whole village, so thats why I'm saying the 3 villages have taken a big step forward admitting that we have a problem, it will make things even easier for people like myself and all the other staff at Maniilaq, NANA, people that all work for you, Maniilaq Association is exsist because we have work for not just for the village of Selawik

but the other surrounding villages, so now we feel stronger make us want to continue to provide services that we can provide a ong time, than I also pointed out when we were in Noorvik that Maniilaq have grown since I have been involved with Maniilaq Association, we have when I first started we had about 45 employees, and now we have 115 employees, and from the time I been involved we grew quite a bit not just in numbers of employees, but also with the money, what we have recieved from Federal Government or State and it is clearly pointed to me that money is not the answer to help and solve all the problems, that we have sure it help us to a certain extent, we know need that but its been proved out to me that there are other things other than money that we have to work together in the villages, the community and say that we have to work together to solve these problems thats a lot, but the other thing I want to point out is I know Selawik is a large village and that those of you that are here this evening and this afternoon you are going to need a lot. most important we will provide that support to you at Maniilaq, Kiana said that to you, Noorvik said that to you, but the thing is you are oing to need more, so I have that as times goes on and as these meetings like this can change or occur, will let more and more support from the surrounding villages even more from Selawik. All of us know that we got a lot of social type of problems and one of them that stands out are most of them are sucide problems and its hitting our young people, and just being at the meeting in Noorvik we heard a lot of good things that were said, that made us feel better, that made us feel stronger, made us want to keep on trying no matter what happens, and the reason why is the numbers I've given out in Noorvik. I just want to mention to you tonite in 1979 there were 12 sucide attemps, in the NANA Region, 1980 it went up to 35, 1981 it went up to 45, 1982 it went down to 29, 1983 it was 27, and when we gather these numbers as of October 16, we had already 28, when we see numbers like that it really hits us hard, we start thinking geez, we got all these problems, we got all these money, we are getting from the state and federal government, what are we not doing? We're trying to do a lot of different things that each of the program that we have on alcoholism, mental health, social services, public assistance, we have group homes, alcohol treatment center, but yet something is still missing, and I think one of the things is community support and becuase of the 3 villages, that have started these community meetings, thats why I'm saying you are taking one big step forward, Maniilaq is mainly here to listen and to find out in what way we need to do and what we are not doing, and that's why I'm here, that why Danny and Ellenore are here, and tomorrow Morreen Pa will be coming here to attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon and evening, I won't be here, I'm sorry, I got a alcoholism program is being eveluated right now, and I have a meeting with these people from

Anchorage this morning, and will be meeting with them tomorrow afternoon, so I will be going back to Kotzebue tomorrow in the morning, so I'll say thank-you so much for inviting me and it is really a pleasure to be here.

DANNY THOMAS - thank-you Roland, first of all I thank the community for inviting us to come to be part of your search for health, there is so much we have to think about when we come to meetings like this, I would like to point out to you that we as Natives of Alaska have a wonderful heritage, our forefathers lived here a long time they had to learn to survice, when whalers first come here, their men were dieing from scuridy and here the natives were all healthy running around and strong and they couldn't figure out why our people we could take things and learn things and at that time our people had a ot of togetherness as of which we don't have today, we are getting so indepentanted in our own way of living today we don't have that togetherness that our forefathers had, when a person had any problems in that community they use to help each other out without expecting payments or anything like that, today it isn't like that because of the changes that have come in our lives, in the 1930's and 40's our people were in with T.V. and with a problem they didn't hnow anything about, and help was given to us by the hospital so we depent on them to hear that problem today we have a problem and we don't know about the problem, we don't know what causes it, in a lot of time not knowing about the source of the problem our not thinking of it is what cause us to have more problems, I remember our forefathers in the 40's when I was a young child our leaders and elders use to take care of any problems that were in the village, weither it was curfew violations or any other problems our elders or the council use to handle them, I don't know as a little boy I had to stand before the council and to be scolded by them and I had to do some type of work in the community to remember that time, today we are not doing that to our children, seems like our children are controlling our liveswe don't even up hold our curfews that is helpful to our young people, and right now I am very thankful that there are quite a number of young people here because they are our future, they are going to take over from us, they are going to take over our community, our regional corporations, our Human services that provided, they are going to take over them, how are we helping them in preparing for that live are we doing like William Sheldon, like talking and explaining to them the situation they might be faced with you know I think today that our children are afraid to face it, when I was a bad alcoholic, my first boy watch me as he was growing up all the drinking problems that showed him and I think it affected him because when he got older he start rebelling to me and my wife, and he run away from home, and we couldn't find him for a few days, and he was with a bunch of boys who were on drugs. I started thinking why, how, even

if I whip or scold him he wouldn't listen, why was that? Well I didn't take the time out to sit down with him. Today we have a pretty good relationship, and I think thats the way our family should be in away I'm glad that the good lord didn't allow me to have children while I was an alcoholic or alse they would have all end up in the wrong direction today I feel that I since I been bless with my children that I'm mature enought to be able to talk with them to let them know that I'm here with their problems, that they have when I compare that with my younger sisters kids I could see the difference between them and of that I'm very thankful of that today, I think we got to encourage more parent to get involved with the school, education is the good thing, and the children should set up their goals in life early, so that they could be somebody, something that they want to be, you know one of these children when I mention to them that when I had school assembly with them that one of them can set a goal high enought to even be the president of the united states, when times comes, thats the kind of encouragement will do a lot of more than to recomment them to scold them in the wrong way, today we have a lot of us have problems in our lives and if we don't take that problem and work them out it will be there with us all the time it is the same way with alcoholism, alcoholism is a problem that people don't know about, it is there, it been with us for years. I had it for over 19 years. I didn't know what I was doing to myself all these years, because nobody told me that alcohol was a disease, alcohol is a disease, because when we get it in our body system it changes our way of thinking, our way of acting, so that we are not fully normal alcohol is a drug in a liquid form, in any drug that we take that work in our mind to change our way of thinking is bad for us when we take alcohol it medician what the doctors use to put patients to sleep when they give them a shot of ether alcohol is the same material that is delutted, there is a lot to know about alcohol what they are doing to us, durning our community meetings it is the best time to learn about alcohol, it is when we bring a lot of material with us, when we drink alcohol since it is a liquid drug it don't wait to be digested it go right straight to our blood stream from our stomacks and instenence and with in minutes if we never eat, it start putting the brain to sleep, that's when we start feeling high(as we call it). thank-you.

NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION - REGGIE JOULE - GOOD EVENING, have a couple of things first of all was 3 years ago a few of us, John Shaeffer, Robert, and Roland traveled to alot of the villages when the idea came out and were pretty much talking about what we are talking about tonite, and think it kind of goes to show that things don't happen as fast as everybody would like to see them happen. tonite instead of NANA, Maniilaq, and School District calling this meeting to may-be tell you your problems, you decide to turn it around

and call us to your meeting, and that was this time your told us your problems, but you realizw enought to know that we are not going to solve the problems for you in different ways, different organizations have tried, what we can do is help yu solve your problems yourself. I think some good things should be said about what happen a few years, for last few years we have run a camp for kids, I seen a lot of those kids tonite, just been here a couple hours, and they are already asking about next summer programs, they did get something out of it, they meet other people from the other villages, other students, kind of exciting, they have fun, they learn something, here in Selawik I went to eat at the resturant tonite adn I see kids running their own business I think that's pretty good, I know that there is a boy scout and at one time there was a girl scout here in Selawik, they had the opportunity to go to Fairbanks last summer and to be with others that are in that same organizations from different places thru out the State and in Selawik you got along 22 boys I know, but the guy that is running that Bill Minerva needs some help, he can't do it by himself and at the sometime if you are going to help at sometime there isn't going to be any money if you want to help, it will have be volunteer help to do it, another that happens over the last year since last years meeting, Regional Stragy in Kotzebue, one of the things that came out of it was sucide having to have the highest priorty, and one of the things requested was to have a hot line some place where people can call to talk, thats what they need to talk to somebody that hot line got started up right away and has been there for almost a year and most of the time that has spend has been spend answering the telephone, had been done by volunteer from 8pm to 6am on week-ends and 8pm to 4am on week-days, the phone number is 3375, if anybody need somebody to talk to, or if you know anybody that need help and is scared to call, you can call collect, when we start thinking about some of the problems today, some of us are going to ask for help and some of have to be ready to give it, thank-you.

SARAH SCANALIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION- thanks and sorry I miss your Noorvik meeting, but would like like to thank you for have this opportunity to speak to you this evening, a few of the things I'm going to say, won't speak very long, some of the thing I'm going to say are going to be some of the things you have already heard this evening share with them with you to let you know some of our concerns for those of us that work for you as your NANA employees, I hope too, that the other villages in our NANA Region will have a meeting like this but the problems aren't just here, but in other villages in our region, as you know our only duty is not to make a profit and run business our first concern is the people and we have look at it in all areas, we look at it in our social point of veiw, as you know most of us here are related to each others one way or another, NANA

is concern about everybody, everyone are shareholders equally we want to try to treat everybody equally and know their concerns, from this business point from NANA this alcohol and drug abuse afeect us also as you know we have alot of problems keeping our shareholders and jobs because of alcohol, some of you know that our hotel what we own in Kotzebue that too is effected, there is a lot of damage done to your hotel due to alcohol, sometimes too we look back and say gee whiz we give out these divident checks to our shareholders in December, some just use on drugs or alcohol, is that what we want them to do? that's not what we want, so theres things what we need help with, I'm here to find out why and how come our people turn to alcohol, we know that there is a problem, but how come, we talked about this over and over again at the NANA office, but we haven't found the soluation yet, we haven't found out why our people turn to alcohol to try to take care of problems that they are having one thing we try to do a couple years ago was the program, but we know we have to try to have us help you take care of some of these problems, and I want to find out what we can do to help you guys, there are some people out there calling for help all of us here I think recognize the importance of communicating, we need to let out young people know that we care for them, there is a lot of few jobs up here in our region that is what making young people wonder how they will take care of their family, that is what turn them to alcohol to try to stop worries, other things is just we have the attendence to turn the other way, just purtain like nothing is happening. It makes a difference, just one little caring word to somebody, it might change them if continue to ingnore it we will continue to have this problem, one thing I hope tonite that we would have a larger audinence of our middle age group as we know our elders here they don't have that problem, our young people some of them yet don't have that problem, but the middle age group going thru the changes from completely inupik lifestyle to change over to the white man world, those are the ones who seems to be lost, and those are the ones we are going to have to work on to get across to them that is why we drink alcohol, again there have been mention of our children, we should be responsible adults and brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, enought to care, we want them to be happy, we want them to grow more, we want them to grow up in a living situation, again as a closing word, for all of us to be an good excample to be proud of who we are and to let our little ones grow up that way too.

Roland Booth - we are thankful for all the good comments, what Robert had said we try to make improvements in some of the homes, don't have everything as they can.

NORTHWEST ARCTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT - MARTIE STECKMAN - first like to thin the people of Selawik for inviting us to

participate in this meeting, in refrence would also recognize to the region board members who are here, Luke Sampson and Robert Newlin, I bring you greetings and promises of support from the president of the Northwest Arctic School District and from Superintent Jim Elliot thank-you, we at the School District believe design to organize the communities to work together against those forces that are destroying the changes of our young people for happy and productive lives, our major steps to solving problems, when we consider the many negatives conditions that effects the lives of our children, there is 3 factors stand out on my mind that need to be the most sufficent the thoughts I will share with you this evening are based on many years of research which is based conduct on people of all ages, thru out the world, it been determind thru out the basic needs when are comment to all people, these are included, the need for food shelter, clothing, and love, but other needs also need for respect, need to be need, and need for meaningful, for and decutive for exsistence, at home our children have food, shelter, and clothing from what I have observe, the inupiq culture have on over powering love for their children, so lets consider the needs. When parents are drunk in the home, children may think this is the way life should be, the committment to the children and well being is gone during times of drunkness and in behavior, which is being use surely will be use by the little ones. One of the most step from being out of control out of their own lives during family drunkness, children about 2 years old is abuse, the most personnel and precious is control over your body with out control why look into the future. What happen to the commitment parents made to their children. 3 needs, respect to be needed adn need for a meaningful exsistence. Need for respect children and young people need to have selfrespect and respect from the community, selfrespect stands to be proud of ones hertiage, but also being able to achieve in there work which is getting their education, students in school should be getting parents support, parents should listen to their young, support efforts and encourge them. 2nd factor is the teachers who work with your child, parents and teachers must work together to assure the success of each child, children must have the respect of their parents or teachers.

(2) need to be needed-children and young need to be needed, it is important that they are expected to make a constrabution to the family, it is important that they have a roll in life to began with, they need to feel needed, it is important.

(3) need for exsistence- have control in lives, if students are allowed to pass thru school, they need to have choices in live, not feel trap, need to try to encourge your children, talk with them, and provide a good place for them, prepare for their years to come. Parents need to get in with the school to see what is happening in the school, get to

know what your child is going, what he is getting into. need to support those who are helping your children, help the teachers at the school. Need to look into the records, State can't do it alone.
(10 MINUTE BREAK)

Days are to short to complete what you wanted done, all the other problems that are happening all over the world, if everything quit coming in like the mail plane, want to know what to do. There are alot of other problems we discuss this evening.

PROBLEMS

A 1. IMPORTATION OF ALCOHOL - SNO-MACHINES, AIRPLANE, BOATS
A 2. BOOTLEGGING OF ALCOHOL
E 3. IMPORTATION OF MARAJUANA
B 4. PARENTS NEGLECTING THEIR CHILDREN
B 5. FAMILY VIOLENCE/FEAR
A 6. MAKING HOMEBREW
B 7. SUCIDE AND ATTEMP
A 8. LOCAL AA CENTER
G 9. JUVENILE CONSUMING
A 10. POLICE ASSISTENCE
A 11. ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL OPTION LAW
A 12. COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT
A 13. OPERATION IN DWI - TRAFFIC HAZZARDS
B 14. EDUCATION/ALCOHOL AND JOB TRAINING
A 15. LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF ALCOHOL PROBLEMS
A 16. WRONG ROLE MODELS OR LACK OF
D 17. LACK OF RECREATION AND JOBS
A 18. LACK OF CONTROL OF OTZ'S AS A CENTER OF ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTION
D 19. MORE SUPPORT FROM STATE FOR FUNDING (ADEQUATE FUNDING FROM STATE)
B 20. EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL CHILDREN
A 21. PEER PRESSURE TO DRINK
A 22. LIMITATION OF LOCAL OPTION LAW
23. RELUCTANCE TO REPORT OFFENDERS
C 24. FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL COUNCELLING
D 25. LACK OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND CENTERS
26. IGNORANCE TO RESOUCES AVAILABLE
27. LACK OF RESPECTED AUTHORITY
28. CHANGE FROM SUBSISTANCE TO WESTERN LIFE STYLES
29. LACK OF EDUCATION TO SUBSISTANCE LIFE STYLE
30. FAILURE TO ADMIT PROBLEMS
31. PRESSURE ON CHILDREN FROM PARENTS TO DO WHAT PARENTS SHOULD DO.
. LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENT & CHILDREN.

LUKE - It is good to hear [illegible] speak of what is happening. it is the hardest part in helping family members to [illegible] fact that they have a problem, start at family level, go understand that brothers and sisters have problems, they

don't want to admit, it hurt even more. Cannot send children to school when they are pressurd into things they can't do. We cannot stop here in Selawik, need to keep on going, need to talk to love ones when there is a problem, need to understand the problems, not to point a finger at anybody, hopefully in the future there will be answers, need others to hear that there is a problem. There is someone that cares, look and see what you have at home, children are blessing that were given to you, need to get after people who are creating problems, that are doing it and getting away with it. Tomorrow we will have Robert Newlin lead the meeting, it will be held at the Friends Church at 9:30 am, I thank all the guest, representatives that came to the meeting, this is not the end of the meeting, but just the deginning, we need to continue with what we began.

Fay Foster end the meeting with a prayer. Meeting ended at 10:29pm.

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Meeting
March 21 & 22, 1985
Selawik, Alaska

Good afternoon. We'll open the meeting at 4:48. First on our agenda. Prayer by Lulu Foxglove. Thank you Lulu for the opening prayer.

On behalf of the City Council and IRA people of Selawik, I'd like to welcome you visitors and people of Selawik to this meeting.

This is the second time we're having the meeting here in Selawik, We'd really like to welcome you iglaaqs that came in from other villages to help continuing on this alcohol and drug abuse meeting.

Next on this agenda will be introduction of Local representatives and guests.

Ambler - Katherine Brown, Truman Cleveland
Kiana - Oscar Henry Jr., Grace Outwater
Shungnak - Genevieve Norris, Marie Clark
Noorvik - Jake Wells, William Field, Lydia Jackson, and Elsie Williamson
Kotzebue - Chuck Greene, Lois Wright, from Maniilaq, Reggie Joule and his wife Linda, Doris Anderson - Maniilaq.

My name is John Clark. I'd like to welcome you here to Selawik and really to express my gratitude to see you all, so people I see before at the other meeting that we have at Kiana and Noorvik. I'd really want you to know that without any of you we can't make any progress on trying to deal with drug and alcohol problem that we have on different community.

The reason for coming here today and tomorrow is so that we can put our heads together and try to come up with solutions, ideas to deal with what our problems are with in the areas of drug and alcohol. So I want to take this moment when everybody go please express your feelings and your thoughts because everybody has something valuable to say that's how lot of ideas tell about . So don't be bashful, don't feel what you have to say it's not important because it really is.

Let me go on. What we want to do here Thursday and Friday night is put all our ideas now on our chart here so that we can have recorded data of what we feel some of the solutions are. So let me start by explaining that we have in the last three meetings that we have. We have put down all the comments that everybody has made as far as the problems solutions reasons and resources. The reason for doing that so that we can take this paper work and present it to different agencies whether they are local agencies or governmental agencies so that we can say that we have honestly taking the effort and times to try to ? or make clear what the problems are and what so the solutions are so that all comes from our hearts so that when bureaucraft or anybody that deals with funding programing for drug and alcohol they can look at this and say that the people from Kiana, Deering, Shungnak, Noorvik and Selwik sat down and said this the problem that need help and this is what required law trying to get action is that you have to have this kind of information so this is a real main purpose in dealing with these workshops. So we can put down on paper what we feel our problems are and get some reasons and solutions because a lot of times when any agencies you bring a problem to them. What have you done? Are you sure that's the problem. How do you know that's the problem. Well now what we can do is that we can say we have numerous meetings on drug and alcohol we talk with various people on all communities and this is a problem. So we're not gonna have to go through preliminaries of producing documentations or having meetings and also it's these two problems that burdens all our families and our hearts. You see young people drinking children suffering . Myself that really hurts me because you're sort of victim also. The community is the victim. Your family is a victim. This is one way we can address. I'm sure proud of everybody. I really, really am. Because it takes lot of time and effort to sit down to come here turn off the T.V. not go and get wood or something to come here to spend a time.

I want everybody to know that quiet a lunch ? because previous meetings we have to go and put papers things like that sort of been like cross word puzzle sometimes we'll try to figure out without well what we able to be we finally been able to put all of our effort on one document and I'll try to go through this document and explain it to you so that it will make sence to you okay? So I'll try to do that right now and I'll let Merna explain what they say now in Inupiaq. So no one will be left out.

What we start off. What we did in the beginning we had nothing everything was blank. We came up with this idea. We came up with , Law enforcement, Family, Social Cultural, Education Program, Drugs and others, Juvenile youth. These are categories , as you look through your pamplet you'll see that.

A-1 You automatically know that referred to importation of Law Enforcement. So anything with in A is going to be implicating Alcohol or Law ? law enforcement implication and besides, forcement implication. A-1; A-2; A-3 and so on clear like A-1 the problem on Law Enforcement implication A-1 the implication of alcohol and drugs. Airplanes, boats,and snowmachines and what we did put a reason. Then we put solutions and put the resource, why?. What we did we put down this problem. we also have enforcement local option law ? court offenders. Problem drinkers with violence. Lack of control in Kotzebue center of alcohol distribution. Limitation of local option law registered a purchase liquor available to village police. Those are the problems that we put down for A-1.

And went down to reasons. This is the one thing in all the sessions that are probably the weakest in is that we skipped over reasons. So one thing that we're gonna do tonight or I'd like to do tonight and tomorrow is that we go to reach the need in problems is try to fill in the reasons. Because we gonna need that information base. Why did it happen. Some of them are real simple but we're gonna have to put it down to make the document complete.

The next thing we did is we want the solution and it gave various solutions to be A-1 problem.

Next we go to resource. And the reason for resource is so that this now can be use any agencies that we might feel with the one funding from. These will all be given to all villages in our region so that ? IRA Council whether it's in school. Whether it's the City Council that want to come to this resource part and this is the part we want to complete during the workshop is so that like you having a problem with A-1 and one of the problems was importation by boat or whatever well under resource you'd write who you'd contact. One resource that I can think was down there is would be department of FAA would be one, state troopers would be another so if anybody's having a problem they can think of a reason we make it look this would be a resource and call them up and say what can I do about people bringing alcohol in here. And the state trooper might say this is what you can do and give them information, solid information you can act on it when your community can start solving that problem rather than just having to go on cause we have to do is we have to change. If we don't change things we're gonna have to change.

Now you'll see the next problem is A-2 is bootlegging of alcohol. So again there the problem and next reason we haven't filled that out. We have solutions and we have resources. We need to fill those out. As it goes through we have for law enforcement importation we have identify five problems okay? The other thing besides going into reason resources there also if anybody feels if there another problem it is a real really need to be put down now this is the time to add ? okay? What we would do and that go into our documentation.

Next Family Cultural B-1; B-2; B-3 and those problems will be. The problem will be mentioned and the reason and the solution what we gonna do tonight we gonna start off A-1 and go through it. Anybody have anything to add like I said everybody has really insite thing and maybe overlooked one thing that might be real key thing that put down. Who know the reason. That sounds reasonable?

Next week I want to explain that we put down general reasons for alcohol abuse, These are one of the reasons we didn't Jake was we left this one areas, as I read through it I found some things other than this which just expain them. There are just some general reasons that everybody has problems, drug and alcohol problem. But we need to take these things, put them where they belong. So everybody redo this will help them.

John Clark: Does anybody think that we need additions or changes to the agenda? to put them on now? If anybody think of anything any different way Jake you have anything besides.

Jake Wells: Suggest that maybe everybody was agreeable to everybody found out to village to give out a report or give us information and what's going on in your area so that it might help us get new ideas of just become familiar with things that are going on in the region. If there isn't any time just holler and we can change it to this. We want to be real flexible tonight and make everbody have to say I think we'll start off. Shungnak you want to give us a report?

Truman Cleveland - Ambler: Joint meeting of the Council President met with representatives from Ambler, Kobuk and Shungnak. Purpose on your concern by alcohol and drug abuse and individual who need help at Kobuk, Shungnak, and Ambler. People present at Ambler that time meeting 44 present in Ambler. Previous joint meeting of Kobuk and Shungnak. Follow-up meeting schedule for Kobuk March 29, 1985.

Village elders Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk.

Resolution 85-01 (See attached copies of resolutions)

Where as the village elders of Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk recognize existing problems and alcohol drug abuse and suicide where as the elder people recognize the drug related problems also alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, and also in small communities with increase use. Whereas the people recognize their problem related to a ? emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and ? that these are effecting the young generation where as also cause family breakdown, no respect for elders, ? more money spent on drugs ? When employee employed also effecting the families ? of parents ? Therefore local option law enforcement be strengthen by Village Public Safety Officer; State Troopers and the village people. This resolution was passed on 9th day of March, 1985. In close signatures shown by the resident of their elders council; Truman Cleveland, Mark Cleveland from Ambler, Walter Douglas Shungnak, Herbert Custer Kobuk.

Resolution 85-02

Where as we the people of Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk met in Ambler on March 8 & 9, 1985 to help decrease alcohol, drug, and suicide problems and our problems in our villages and to strengthen local option laws. Where as we the people of Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk realize that our children are exposed for violence on television programs.

End of side A 3-21-85 continued of Truman Cleveland of Ambler.

This resolution was passed on the 9th day of March, 1985 22 yes 0 no endorsed by signature of three resident elders council, Truman Cleveland, Mark Cleveland Ambler, Walter Douglas, Shungnak, Herbert Custer of Kobuk.

Resolution 85-03

Where as the village of Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk elders President of Alcohol Committee we wish to help the law enforcement to import liquor into our villages that are dry because it create problems in our community and disturbs our life style where as the airlines and charter services be notified at the villages being dry because there is no law enforcement and liquor that is being brought into our villages. Where as we wish the police and state trooper inspect the package or passengers so they ? transport liquor to villages that are dry. Where as we wish community and school students be educated on alcohol because its effecting as students in school and that it is not good to there well being. Where as we wish to have the law on making home brew because there has been an accident for the person who drink home brew has allergice reaction where as we wish to help Kobuk to become dry because they haven't have asked for support. Also inspect other villages of Shungnak and Ambler. Therefore ? result that the Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk village council and the village people request that these villagers be included in village ? on education information on local option laws. This resolution was passed on the 9th day of March, 1985 endorsed by ? shown the President of there Elders Council Truman Cleveland, Mark Cleveland, Ambler, Walter Douglas, Shungnak, Herbert Custer, Kobuk.

Myrna Ticket: Thank you Truman. Next we'll hear frim Jake Wells from Noorvik.

Jake Wells: Thank you Myrna. First of all I'm real happy to see upper Kobuk representatives here. Sounds like they've been doing a lot in this area too of that way. And I'm happy that they're here so that we can hear what they're doing, maybe they can hear what we're trying to do but all in all we're still trying to accomplish over coming the same problems and I think you know if we get to share more of how we what kind of problem we have I think we'll be able to clear out some of them.

I just want to say that I think we've gone this far trying to work on these problems. We've got couple meetings in Noorvik this our second one here and we had one in Kiana and I think tonight we would like the wrap up of most of the solutions and possible answers I think we still got quite a ways to get yet in over coming some of these. I think once we have an idea of what we've identified which direction we can take, we'll probably come out of this meeting next day or so.

First of all I just want to say that I'm not gonna deny that I don't drink I have my personal problem with drinking. I am President of Noorvik IRA I could see it in the communities. My own brother's, my own cousins you know that it doesn't mean I have to turn my cheek away and look the other way if I can try to help in maybe I could help myself along the way. Alcohol contributes not only alcohol but drugs they also contribute about 60-85% of our accidents in our region. I don't know what the correct number is but the majority of the accident are alcohol and drug related.

Yesterday we really had a bad accident and that was one of my brothers travelling from between Kotzebue and Noorvik and barely went through it. I think he lost alot of blood , his cap was almost 10# with blood. You know I don't think we can keep turning the other way and let the problem hurt itself. I don't think it can because it gonna have to take concern our village leaders and concern parents even my own age who drink you know who have to realize that as an Eskimo community and tribe and the Eskimo people in the region. If we want to survive and see our children live in a healthy more better way than what we're going through this is time we can start to address some of these and try to correct them before getting too late if everybody is really going down. I think a lot what we're trying to accomplish and trying to do ever since November. I think it's gonna really pay off at the end if we keep working at it even though it takes money out of our pocket and it take time from being away from family or anything like that. I think you know before future generation and their health and wealth and well-being.

I really want to think Selawik representative. Kiana representative for being included in these last couple meetings cause we can't do it in our village. In fact we can't do it by one city by itself, or by IRA itself because it have to take most of our organization through our work together and to try to clear some of these problems together as whole not as piece of ? something like that.

And listening to what Truman has said their resolution have already. I've already heard couple new ones that I haven't heard yet and I'm real good that they can be able to be here. I thank him.

Myrna Ticket: We'll have Robert Newlin introduce the late comers from Noorvik. Robert will translate in Eskimo what Jake said.

Elsie Williamson: Thank you for inviting us. With all these meetings going on, Marie wants you people in NANA Region to know that Maniilaq is there to help you. You guys heard this so many times in different meetings and just to see you guys take this step after you identify the problem . She's really willing and she's got staff that will help you and time for any kind of information whether it's in alcoholism or local option law if you want to go dry or different things. They have that information you guys have board or director in town her name is Hilda and she can call us collect anytime if you want to talk with her and you guys in different villages I'm sure you know who your board of directors are. They can call collect. If you have any questions and we'll get back to you. Well really help you guys. We won't just forget you after we get a phone call, Marie wants you guys to know that. Charles Greene is with Human Services department. Lois Wright is with Alcoholism program. She attended several of the meetings in this area and she know whats been going on and Doris Anderson from Shungnak. I just want to thank you guys and let you know you have support that if you think you have a question if you have something that you want us to know if you want us to help you. Even get a meeting started we can be there for that although we could be with most of the meetings. We've been taking all the tapes and we tape them, put them in our computer and send the minutes out to the village representatives, IRAs and City Council and we'll do that for you guys in Kobuk we'll have them put in our computer. And if you guys need anything from these minutes your welcome to them anytime. Thank you for letting us come here again.

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Linda Joule: I'm working as a volunteer in Kotzebue Hot Line Crisis that take collect calls in Kotzebue on Suicide thinking about people that want to talk about any problems that they have. Our group was started about a year ago we're not funded by the state, Federal Government or anyone. Just a group of volunteer ordinary people with no big reason or anything we're just concern about neighbors I think that giving our time to listen to any kind of problems or whatever you want to talk about our phone number is 442-3375 and we do take collect calls from any village in the region. Our hours are from 8 at night until 4 a.m. in the morning on week days 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. in the morning on weekends. We had about 60 people original but the number has dropped down to 48 and next week we'll be celebrating our first year of operation and we're gonna go on big campaign again to get more volunteers too. We don't have any real strict training requirements to be a volunteer. We have couple training sessions which basically talks about learning how to listen to a person on the other side.

The person that calls us we had different calls like on one I want to say . Reggie's camp in the summer for example lot of the kids are in camp and there's lot of lonely parents out there so they usually call us in the summer because they miss their kids. Thats kinds of calls we get. And thats the kinds of calls we'd like to have. Volunteers. A lot of times this talking to people and encouraging them and listening on what they have to say and if there in a crisis situation and don't know what to so and then we'll refer them to Maniilaq or a state of where ever that might feel more comfortable talking.

Roland Booth: I just want to express my thanks. Certainly an answer to our prayers. It's been in our church ever since I got into ministry. It's been almost an problem to alot of families for alcohol and drug abuse. And certainly all of us that are in this church. Everyone of these leaders that are trying to start up trying to work for it. Resolving some of these problems that are . Even nothing else besides them for the things that they're trying to do and certainly when they're gathering be part of the members that are in workshops. I certainly thank you for this opportunity. Thanks for the work thats something very important. Certainly something we need to resolve. Quickly and possibly can. Certainly something that look like has no bottom through the problem that we're having but certainly with some of these things that are problems that are catagorized already sure we can do something about resolving some of them not all of them. Thank you.

Charles Green: I was talking to the Elders last fall I was working at the alcoholism and you know the advise that I got was alcohol is so big it's so big. It's just like a giant that a Maniilaq alone cannot. Elders advise me get help from the church , get help from the community and get the people together and have your staff talk to the villages and like Rolland said this has been a prayer. In an effort of my aana not her alone but whole community staff. It has been number one problem up here and we can see the pastors prayer Maniilaq's staff effort to educate people and of course I work in the fields especially in human services. We get frustrated and lot of times I want to quit my job but . Of course what you do when you get discouraged. Well you pray. Lot of times. Sometimes we forget to pray and its good to have our pastor like Rolland and I'm glad to hear the praise he use for the church to the workers.

Luke Sampson: Does anyone else would like to speak?

Genevieve Norris: I just want to share few things with you what I've been doing in my village. I've been working for Maniilaq alcoholism like an extension in my village , village coordinator and I'd like to share what I've been doing. Ever since I started working, it's been hard but it's worth it, trying to help our people. You know that alcoholism drugs like that all over in our region too right in our community. Since my last workshop it was in January. I've been concentrating trying to educate our children in school. So what I've been doing in co-operation with other teachers that I've been trying to give education of alcohol and drugs in our school. Showing film talking to them, Its hard work sometime. All in all I think it will be worth it instead of just sitting back. After all if our children that we are concerned with their growing up to this kind of village. It's gonna get worst and worst, if we just ignore it. I'm realinterested in helping my people in our region. I can hear mostly up in our area . Since my last one in Kobuk. So we'd like you to know we're having our meeting up there too.

Luke Sampson: That was good presentation that you give. I'm glad Genevieve and people up there Shungnak and Ambler who have started on meetings like this too. They had express the need for each one of them this alcohol and drug abuse.

Marie Clark: All in Eskimo.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Marie. Marie is the pastor of Shungnak Friends Church.

Esther Curtis not to long ago in Parents/Teacher meeting we had here in Selawik mentioned that small children are like tape recorder. She had read doctor or professional that had written about children. Our children like tape recorder pick up what the parents do and what they see and what they speak. She brought that out clearly and everybody was really interested when she started speaking about it. You know some of you were here during that meeting. Too bad she's not here right now we'd have her speak on that again, But we must remember that what our children see they learn. Even though they are small. Even though they cannot speak. They can see, they can remember. We must remember this. Have our children know if they have children.

I never did understand this too when I use to drink and party all the time. I didn't really care any way but things has change. I'm glad it's better. I know he has picked up quite a bit. From my days when I drank. There was too much trouble in my home. I always think about that when I see my son with his actions now.

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Oscar Henry: Hello. Thanks for the opportunity and my feelings. As a former user of alcohol I can identify some problems or going on from the people that in the past had use alcohol and what kind of effect it has on you and what it does to your body. I studied in the past on what alcohol and I went through court couple of times and also can identify most dangerous drugs in the world. Besides that it has alot to do with my action in the past that I have. I've lived here in Selawik for three years. If I can do it if I can go back and erase what I have done in Selawik and everything else that I went through even my family and my inlaws a lot of problems if there were more people at Selawik at this meeting I'd like to ask for forgiveness for my actions in the past. I am glad that people are taking a step towards alcohol and drug abuse at least we are taking a step at the problems than we are today. I thank everyone thats involved from Ambler, Shungnak and Kobuk. Thank you.

Reggie Joule, NANA Board and Sivuniigvik: I wasn't gonna say at first but I got to thinking you know we when we were over in Noorvik and then we came over here to Selawik and back to Noorvik and up to Kiana now it's back over here. Hard times meetings like this has been going on. Sometimes when you trying to do something but worthwhile it's gonna take them long time and alone sometimes these meetings might be a little slow and people say things over and over again. The first thing we've said in the meeting before. We can't quite cause we have to say these things cause each person that said in this meeting something for thats talking and somethings that are worth doing will take a real long time and I think it's just one of those things and it's really good to see upper Kobuk taking the same step. That Noorvik, Kiana and Selawik has started. Martha Burns is here from Noatak and their looking at doing and starting same thing up in Noatak. So everybody here put lots of time and effort into it is definitely worthwhile. It starting to spread. That's all I have to say.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Reggie. Maybe hopefully within this meeting maybe this evening our tomorrow like Reggie said we gather together now for about 5 times. Maybe we can try to set up some kind committee or task force. I'm just bringing this out than maybe you can think about it. Maybe think of people from your community you would like to be on this task force. We'll probably look at least three people from each community.

William Field: I'd like to welcome upper Kobuk. Sometimes even when you have something to say just like you are not doing anything just like putting it in your pack sack start carrying it around and when you let it out just like you leave some something. You know as human beings we naturally adjsut to the time that your living. These are the times your living now. As within culture we adjust to this time and this is it. We're finding ways to eleminate this problem and before we get too far. We're losing quite a few people because of these drugs and alcohol. Theres sometimes we have to think about as a whole as a community but most of all we have to think about individuals. See you and those coming and who's going and how people think. If we continue on these meetings I think we can get something out of it. We all get together as one it works a lot better like that and maybe later on I'll have something to say again. Thank you.

Faye Foster in Eskimo:

Luke Sampson: Thank you Faye. Faye pointed out was that anybody can quit, everybody can quit.

Doris Anderson: I wasn't gonna get up and start speaking too. I've been sitting here watching what you people has to say when Pat ask me to come to this meeting. I was very willing to come and see what was going on here. In all the meetings they've been having in Noorvik and Kiana or here. I am very interested about whats going on and I would like to be a help to all you people of NANA Region since I've been back from the states things have changed very much. When I was growing up this wasn't all here. They didn't drink or use drugs. I'm originally from Shungnak since these two and one half years I was up in Shungnak I was a health aide. When I first started up there the village was . I know your health aide here when people start drinking I would be sleeping with one eye open and one ear open. Theres no other way when your health aides thats the way you live. Cause your listening to hear if somebody is hurt or your listening for the door , somebody to knock on your door and get you because somebody desperately need your help cause they get hurt because of alcohol. Most of the accidents that I treated when I was up there were all alcohol related. There was very few that weren't alcohol related. I was gonna sit there and let other people speak but then I better get up and say something too. Cause I was like . We got lot of information where I work as health educator. There's lot of information that we can get from us. The only thing that you have to do is call and ask see if theres information about alcohol, drugs and anything.

Hilda Mendenhall, Maniilaq Board of Director: I was appointed by Selawik IRA Council on October, 1979. I've been attending meetings every three months bringing back reports Council. As you know I don't have the heart to speak up. I have no chioce. So I'd like to encourage each and everyone young and old to speak out express your feelings and we'll get somewhere. If I may be of any help you know you can get a hold of me at the IRA office. Thank you.

Lois Wright - Maniilaq: Well I'm very happy to be here and I'd like couple others I really haven't planned on saying anything tonight that more I sit the longer I sit the more I really want to share something. What I have to share mainly comes from the facts that I'm working at the alcohol center and I'm so aware of so many of the needs not only the needs that come in to the alcohol center the ones that are there but the needs that they have when they leave the center and I heard and express several times. It really became apparent to me in the past all three four weeks. That is the activity to see people could be doing in the time that they were ordinary strengthen and it's very very difficult for the person who ahev been drinking for a long period of time and say that they're not really drinkers that might drink all day long. Say in the evening or on weekends. So I have really been working very hard at times finding solutions to fill in the house people been ordinarily been drinking because old habits are really hard to break and if we can train these people to become breaking these old habits and getting new habits of doing something constructive in the hours they have any feeling with drinking at all it seems like Friday night probably was the most critical nights of the week, It seems to be the end of the week we're trying to let our hair down and say hey this is the end of the week. They are feeling like doing something and many times people don't want to drink but then I would say to my self what else we gonna do so what would we do we drink at Friday nights. So many of us that drink and we drank at Friday night we'll get that was fun so let's try it again tonight and so if we can begin finding solutions and activities for these people to do during so called drinking hours I think that might solve lot of problems. Something I think that Luke mentioned and that was training up children starting them very young and if the parents now a days that have younger children even teen agers. It's not too late to begin with teenagers and now try to find something constructive for these children to do. From the time they get home from school you don't have to have bog down to business you can find something interesting to do.

To fill in some of those idol hours when they start young they are going to continually wanting to do something constructive because when they become teenagers their more difficult to find these constructive thing to do but if you start them young and keep building up to their age capacity then instead of drinking as teenagers they are going to be because their minds already trained to do constructive. Their not gonna say well I have nothing to do so that gives them excuse to drink. I just really wanted to share that because we are working on difficult especially in some of the villages to find lot of activities to do.

Another thing that I have found I have found somethings for people to do but the next thing is to do is motivate them to go because they are not trained to these things and so we're going to have to find motivations to get them to go to do these things I have found that they will turn out maybe to one or two meetings or one or two whatever is available and all of a sudden they sort of lose interest and I think if I don't know actually loosing interest or not I think their not motivated and there not playing to be doing something constructive and so thats why the problem found motivating people to attend that are available. But I think thats it all in part of the training and replacing good habits with some of our own bad habits. Well I think thats all.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Lois.

Break for supper.

Remember we're not doing this for ourself. We're doing this for our children and our grandchildren. So come back this evening and we'll start on workshop and get somemore comments.

William Sheldon Sr.: Talk in Eskimo.

Roland: Thank you William. We need to go with the things that has been discussed where ever we are certainly is a road block alcohol and drug abuse is. Hurting us. We need to go forward we might get assistant. Don't get discouraged.

Mainly through those very points that William has encouraged us this evening. He said he would encouraged any one that to go on up the Kobuk and there meeting up there on the 29th. Go ahead and do so. Sometimes you don't feel like much of a help but certainly you get helped from these meetings. He said don't get discouraged continue the things that are going.

Luke Sampson: Thank you William.

Martha Burns: My partner was coming but basketball pulled them in the other direction. When they told me to come I didn't want to be lazy after that meeting down at Elders they were talking about it too cause my brother lost two boys by alcohol and drugs you know Russell. I cried with him when he lose his boys when his wife left him from alcohol quarterly meeting time I spent my time with Samuel and Russell. I look at my brothers for long time. I finally said Russ, he look at me and said Why?. From alcohol and drugs. If you were somebody else losing that family somebody would turn back and take a drink and here you are standing on God's help. We cried. I'm not ashamed of it because us family go through it. Even though I try to feel ashamed. I'm gonna take somebody's time. That's what I think in meetings. When I'm have lots to say but I'm gonna say thank you Selawik people. Keep on praying for our young people even at Noatak. We want to try and put this up too. We've been thinking a lot about it for awhile. I talk to some of my friends. They just ya that would be good for our kids but we just can't get started we need somebody younger person to start it but in God's help I hope there's somebody to lead us in Noatak. We need your prayers. We're not christians us but we always feel ashamed. I always want to talk in people but my mind always say "Your not gonna say it good but I just want to thank the Selawik people and repeat and talk about it. We need your help too and our young people up there. If we start little by little we might have these meetings with our teenagers or us olders people. Maybe we'll have .

Roland Booth: Talk in Eskimo.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Martha. That's the way we start it, it was hard for us to try to start but we got holy spirit. Theres progress everytime we had a meeting. Sometimes some people never give speech in the first two meetings that we had had. I know of couple people that had stood up.

Kathy Brown: I'm thankful too that these meetings have started. You know this alcohol and drugs I think about it alot too plus I have kids that are growing up which are teenagers and I have relatives that uses that alcohol and drugs. Sometimes I tried to talk to them I don't know if I get through to them or not. But I'm glad this is something being done abou it. I'm glad that this has started. Maybe something will be done in the future.

Talked in Eskimo.

We have to think about our children that are growing up. We have to try to train them the best way we can.

Talked in Eskimo.
Luke Sampson: Thank you. She explain it from both sides.

Robert Newlin: I just want to encourage you at least how this works. Be not afraid to recommend some ideas of any of the problems catagories or it would be used by us to consider using the knowledge of background information. To you older people. Your comments are really vital as we may use your comments if we have to rewrite the option law or if we have to lobby to the legislature for any recommendations that we have to work on. We've got to work on problem areas. It is good that we have Maniilaq and other resource people who are committed to work for us.

Talked in Eskimo.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Robert. It's really true what Robert has said all up these meetings. What they can be used for. I mentioned earlier has requested for emergency funding so we have in a proposal for our police department to the governors office. This came about because of these meetings for Robert said is true. These things what you speak we'll try to go and use them to get funding not only from state agencies it's from federal agencies agencies or non-profit organization which is Maniilaq or maybe a help from NANA. So what you say we're not just gonna leave it here. It's gonna be used for solutions that will help our children to better. To be raised better.

Truman Cleveland: Talked in Eskimo.

Luke Sampson: Thank you Truman. Well maybe this time I'll turn this over to Roland.

Jake Wells - Noorvik: Well earlier today I didn't have a chance to make these comments that I'd thought I'd make previously in our other village meetings. This getting together , working together as village leader you know on an issue like this you know we're getting to know each other more in the villages you know three villages, Selawik, Kiana and Noorvik. We're getting to know these upper village leaders too. You know maybe sometimes in the future we might come to a situation or problems that we all have to get together and we've already started the process of getting to know each other. I think that's the one of the big that we have. In case something happen in the future we already know who the people are and we've gotten more comfortable with sitting down and not working together and I think you know one of the good getting together like this.

One of the things that NANA and Maniilaq representatives said in their in that first meeting in Noorvik we had in November you can't accept other agencies like from Anchorage you know Fairbanks and even you know Kotzebue agencies to solve these problems our problems. We can't wait for someone else to do it for us. cause if we just sit back and let them do it. It will take a long while. I think it's us who have to work. Work at this and try to correct.

One of the concerns in our Noorvik meeting is that some people think we were trying to change people but it's us us as whole working together. We're trying to change ourselves. We're not going to change people. I'm still trying to change myself. I'm learning whats going on here. Thats one of the things.

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Public Comments

Bea Mills - Maniilaq Association Social Services: Other families and their kids and then they call the State. What we don't want to do is let the State take custody of the children. Because it's hard to get them abck. We've got one now IRA get involved. Their involve now because the State won't give the kids back to their parents. So the IRA is more involved. Then we can help each others in trying to keep the kids at home. I help the State sometimes to take the kids into custody but that when they need to in their situation where it's difficult to put them back to their parents right away but when I think you know I'd like to go to their parents but we all need to work together. Like I said the IRA have the power to get involved with the children. Another thing I cannot . The small children the parents not taking care of them because of drinking and teenagers but theres lot of discipline anymore from few younger parents. I worked with what I see is their not disciplining their kids like we were disciplines and when they take 12-15 year olds they don't listen to their parents anymore. This is happening kids drop out. Their parents can't let them go to school because their is no discipline. You other Elders can do teach your kids or grandchildren the way you would raise your own children. Because when we're growing up there was lot so discipline. We listen to our parents but now the kids doesn't listen to their parents anymore because the parents are not disciplining. But if we work together then we can eventually give all the children parents. But we need help. We can't do it by ourselves. We put the state on some of them. Sure you can contact the state but if we can be resolved here it would be a lot better. People getting together and make it. We'll help as much as we can to keep the kids at

home. But I don't like the way. So we got new state social worker now.

Ruth Apgar - State Social Worker: Some of you may know me. I worked on alcoholism department my boss is Charles Greene for two years. I worked for outreached for two years. I really thought I had . During that time I travel to villages and went to Point Hope and I make presentations in the schools and to the communities, In school I would show a movie. educational movie. I would tell the kids the harm that too much alcohol too much drugs. I would give educational exactly what the drug/alcohol would do to their bodies. This is a real important part of my work. What I found in most of the communities is that the people who not come out to the meetings. They would call us and tell us about problems. They wanted us to come into the school but when we went community meetings at night. They wouldn't show up. If they bingo. If they would play cards in your housing. They wouldn't show up and so it's difficult for me and the lot of the villages that the adults needed. To help them with their youngsters. There was several villages I went to but one of the villages I went to that really did come out was Shungnak. I had such a good showing in the past two years and I was no one in Shungnak to a community meeting in alcoholism andso the first year I.

Robert Newlin: Importation, law enforcement, family, social, culture.
A-1 Importation of alcohol by airplane, boat, and snow machine.

Enforcement of local option law. Reluctant to report offender. Problem drinker with violence; lack of control of Kotzebue as a center alcohol distribution; Limitation of Local option law; Register to purchase and available to village police; that's part of what we requested at least from Kotzebue.

Talked in Eskimo.

The reason are: Because alcohol is available. Why importation to villages because somebody wants to make a profit. Lack of support from city and official of community. That's one of the reasons why our local option law doesn't work. Another thing is option law not realistic needs to be more comprehensive enforcement section and we got to at least some type of language in that which release to it airplane, trooper, police and other villages. How do we take care of it in state or court land when it get to the villages. Those are some of the things that are the reason why it's so hard to work with importation of alcohol.

Some of the reasons are lack of education in regards to alcoholism and drug abuse another one is family relations another thing is fear of suicide if turned in for drinking and drug users. Another reason is lack of communications with family and friends. Another one is lack of knowledge of the effect of the alcohol. Another one is lack of research in regards to the effect of the alcohol.

Talked in Eskimo.

Meet with Kotzebue City Council to discuss alcohol and solutions. Representatives from Selawik, Noorvik, and Kiana. If we the representatives from Selawik, Noorvik and Kiana meet with Kotzebue and discuss with alcohol problems and try to come up with some kind of solutions B-1 area. Request closing alcohol package store in Kotzebue. Another use easier use of search warrant more effective use. Another thing use of X-ray machine for air carriers prior to departure of carriers into villages. Rewrite option law with local input. Use blue ticket process or offender. Strengthen police department in community. Review air carriers licenses in regard offense carrying alcohol. Stronger court action relaible defusion on strengthen thing in each community as use of city ordinance to deal with violence minor consuming also established tribal court system. Tribal ordinances how as village through our tribal council can at least come up with some type of actions that we feel to deal with alcohol problems. Police communication between villages and regions.

Talked in Eskimo.

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Luke Sampson: Bring this up in maybe we can send one of our committee members to give you guys a hand over there so we can maybe contact NANA or Maniilaq and maybe contact them also Noorvik and Kiana. We'll try to give you guys a hand and get something over at Noatak. I know it's real hard to try to get something going like this and need a lot of help and also for Ambler meeting up in Kobuk or Ambler this also I'll bring this up at City Council meeting next week see if we can get maybe a plane load up in your guys meeting.

Roland Booth: We'll break up into committees and we'll have three set committees. We got catagories that we'll cover this evening. I don't know how late. Once we break up to committees I guess what we'll do first thing find out how late we'll try to work. What time we'll start tomorrow morning. But first thing we want to do is break up into committees. The first committee will be led by Robert and Luke and they will take Importation and Law Enforcement A&B Family, Social & Council those to take part in those two categories A&B will follow or be with Robert and Luke. I'll take up and whoever wants to work with me on C&D that's education and facilities and program. I'll work on that with whoever wants to help with that and E&F will be led by Jake and whoever wants to help him that. So we'll break up into committee. One of them will be right here and back room.

Talked in Eskimo.

Luke Sampson: Reason why it's bought in because somebody wants to bootleg, somebody wants to make money. That's why they bring it in. People go down there sometimes they don't drink and just sell it. That's the reason why to make money. Right!

Robert: Talked in Eskimo.

Luke: There was three reasons given why alcohol being imported. Because it's easy to get, because some people use it to make money out of it, Bootlegging purposes. To make profit. They buy bottle for $15 to make $80 on it. Also the third is pressure. Here more like showing off. To make them look good. Enforcement of local option law. What are the reasons. What can be done to enforce the local option law. What does it take to enforce the local option law. Here in Selawik it was suppose to be a dry town. They had voted local option law where no booze was suppose to come. What are ways that we have to enforce that.

Lack of support from community & city officials is one reason. City officials are not backing the law. That's the reason why it comes in. Even though we got that law. If it's not backed my the councils then it won't work.

That's the real good point you people will that we don't have local option law for rural area we don't have search warrant and we don't have police department that are trained in how to apprehend or stop this kind of problem. The good law for here in Selawik, Noorvik whatever the law is good but how do we enforce that law it's on the book but when it come down to option law not realistic. That realistic in that sense the option law they didn't give us search warrant officer at the airport with a snowmachine 24 hours a day that's really what we're talking about that we have that law but we don't have a way of really enforcing it. I think thats what causing the frustration. So option law is not realistic.

Luke: But in a way too to enforce it everybody got to work together. We got to work with ticket agents the airlines that's in Kotzebue to let us know when they think somebody is importing booze then we can be at the airport with a search warrant. It's always working against us even though we try. One thing that we can do is take the luggage and bring it to the department you know right now. It can wait there until we get a warrant that is signed by the magistrate and after it's signed then we can open or we can't touch it unless we got that authorized ticket from the magistrate. This is we're right now here in Selawik. we're are trying to a police. That why we got in that police chief from out of town before we didn't know how to do it we thought even before we were picking up the packages without search warrant. I think we were lucky nobody didn't go after us but now we're trying to train our people. What we need is help from everybody. We need help from families that know that their sons or daughters are going down we need help to let us know that know they are the ones that know warrant. We know children go down young kids go down and bring back the booze for the older people. This is what we know thats going on through here. It's hard for us sometimes to stop this but hopefully write it down to reasons solutions and maybe we'll stop this but hopefully write it down to reasons solutions and maybe we'll stop it.

Robert: Talked in Eskimo.

Robert Newlin: Discussed with individuals who are selling or bringing in alcohol what the results might be. Bring bootleggers before Elders councils, City councils, IRA council. Easier use of search warrant or more effective use of search warrant. Strengthen police department in community established tribal court system. Tribal ordinance, counciling or confrontation by governing bodies with suspective bootleggers.

Talked in Eskimo. A-3 Making Home Brew: One of our problems. The reason why we make home brew is we know it's cheaper and another thing is it's legal under present law and constitution. What I'm saying is you can make home brew. You make homebrew because you want to drink one of the reasons another thing is because the ingredients are available. If you know what type of ingredients you need to make a home brew is it's available all the time. Because we make it.

Talked in Eskimo.

A-4 Lack of Police Support: Lack of community enforcement. This relates to Law enforcement and importation of alcohol.

Talked in Eskimo.

Reason - For the lack of communications; lack of training of our police. Ripped of being hurt and another problem because we've notice that their have been false arrest one of the reasons why we don't support the police. Lack of understanding in reguards to citizen arrest.

Talked in Eskimo.

Selawik is from A-4.

1. Volunteer help from police.

2. Police exchange program means if we need to train our police we at least exchange program with somebody from Kotzebue would come up and someone here would go down. In kotzebue and be trained there if somebody from Kotzebue who the experience policeman come up here and train our people up here through the exchanged program. We need is someone some qualified trainee for police department in our villages need for constable meet responsibility for training and education of law. That's where we'd like our constable to take responsibility of fire training and education. Educate our law enforcement in our villagers. Reinstate our local control of correction center. Salary increase for police. Neighborhood watch if we as community members. We should at least have a watch whether our are being hurt by people.

Talked in Eskimo.

Resources- we have trooper, legislatures, city council, legal services, NANA, Maniilaq and family. Those would be resources.

Talked in Eskimo.
Luke: Family and social cultural.

B-1: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 and have listed under social and cultural.
1. As we have finished B-4 and that will be put in later on.

B-1: Negligent of children; family violence; fear of drunks; respect of Elders.

Reasons: Parents drinking at home; parents playing cards at home or other places; games played all night long till morning; parents going to Kotzebue to drink; Lack of community. These are the reasons those problems exist.

Solutions: Homes and social services programs they were neglegents; unity; community; home and shelter.

Resources: Maniilaq systems; which are from community churches; social services; NANA & School District.

B-2: Suicide and attempt; failure organized problems; Lack of communication between parents and child and pressure. These are the problems.

Reasons: Lack of self respect; self pity; individual failure to meet goals; excess of use of alcohol and drugs; lack of loving on children equally aren't ashamed that includes family members not just children alone; arguing problems; and depression. There are the reasons suicide and attempt happen.

Solutions: Communications between family members; lack of communication between family members; develop for each youth group activities and native sports.

Resources: NANA; Maniilaq Mental Health; Church, family, Elders council; suicide hotline; social service; health council; school district; state troopers; & VPSO.

B-3 Wrong role model or lack of one peer pressure individual social.

Reasons: Abuse of alcohol and drugs; change from subsistence life style and tradition.

Solutions: Problems. Forgiveness and lack of apologizing; responsibility or accepting responsibility.

Resources: ? for school District; Elders Council; families; Churches; NANA, Maniilaq; suicide hot line; social services; health councils.

B-4: Not done yet.

B-5: Too much pressure on children from parents to do what children should do.

Reasons: Frustration; children are given adult responsibility; communication; expectation too hard on children which is your expecting too much from children.

Solutions: Control of expectation; loving our children; exercise health control by parents; simulate children not pressure them.

Resources: State and regional agencies; Elders councils; social concern committee of the church; family; NANA; Maniilaq.

I know I've gone fast over those but these will be bought out by the task force and everybody will get a copy of each one.

At this time we'll get Reggie to come up and give out report on Education and Doris Anderson, Roland couldn't be here. Doris gave the report.

End of Side B. Tape # 4. March 22, 1985.

Doris Anderson: Talked in Eskimo.

Solution: Al- teen; alcohol education in school; using education drama in school; family and individual counceling; Tech Center; village elders for local place and local pastors.

Talked in Eskimo.

Resources: Court systems; probations officers; tech. center; Maniilaq Alcohol Program. Maniilaq Health education; School District; Maniilaq Group Home; IRA Councils; Village coordinator; village health practitioners.

Problems: Ignorance to resources available; change from subsistence life style; lack of education to substance life style.

Reasons: Ignorance to resource available; ashame to ask help because of your pride; change from subsistance to western life style; cash; food stamps and outside assistance and lazy. pride;

no interest; laziness; lack of equipment and priority to become alcohol.

Talked in Eskimo.

Resolution: Parents have to educate children; Elders sharing subsistence information; video tape traditional hunting; fishing method; trapping.

Talked in Eskimo.

Resources: Regional Elders Council; families; Maniilaq; Tech. Center; Seward Skill Center; Inupiat Ilitqusiat.

Talked in Eskimo.

Reasons: No funding; no priorities; no identified problem; local government and educate ourselves.

Solutions: Lack of social alcohol treatment center; Al-non local input; Regional Strategy; Local representativefrom villages. To bring all those problems when they have regional strategy; village alcohol coordinators; Maniilaq; Governors office;

Problems: Lack of youth corp and centers. Lack of recreation and jobs.

Reasons: Lack of interest' low priority by city local government; no transportation; lack of education; lack of non-coin operated recreation games.

Solutions: Recreation centers with swimming pool bowling alley and eskimo games.

Set up camp for and subsistance; community talent shows in native; request for use of spud camp for youth camp just for Selawik area; Sivuniigvik; community talent shows in native; NYC; encourage administrators to seek and apply grants.

Resources: School District; City Council; Village organization; Village Elders Council; Maniilaq Manpower.

Luke Sampson: Next we have Reggie Drugs and others and Juvenile.

Reggie Joule: On the drugs over here what we did was there was nothing there to work with except to start it off with over dose. We kind of broke it down. We make E-1.

E-1 Drug use in school: There was little bit not too many students use drugs in school but in other hand some of the kids start using it at ages even as young as 6 years old 7 years old. There was a lot of potential for the drug use in school to increase. Also another thing there and the problem side is that some of the students start missing school when they start using drugs. When they start missing school like that it's hard for them to get caught up again. This other on ignorance of some teachers on students who use drugs. Basically what their saying is teachers know whe students are high and they just let it go. Not always but it happens sometimes. When that happen the other kids that aren't on drugs they see that and becomes like it's okay to be high on something when your in school.

Reasons: Macho; cool; dependent; marijuana is easy to get; they make them feel good.

Solutions: Importation of drugs; drug rules and regulations in the school should be followed and enforced; more education on drug use and drug abuse what the drug is what it can do to you.

Resources: School Board; Principle; staff; parents and students. Everybody got to get involved.

Being conservative: Drug use in general. Why do some of the kids start using drugs. Sometimes because older people that they look up to you is drugged. Sometimes it's used at home. The kids see it at home and so they feel it is okay for them to do it if their parents can do it so why can't we.

Drug Dealers: Some of them come from out of town. The drug law of the state of Alaska are lenient their easy because on one hand when they say drugs it's kind of illegal thing to do they say you can keep it at home and so we felt that drug law were lenient. Another one of the problems that everybody came up with when your smoke or when you drinking you mix one with the other and that has a whole different effect on you than just using one with the other.

Reasons: To the drugs dealers they are to make money lienent drug laws well thats because the way the state laws are some of the kids felt they do this because their bored and theres no recreation.

Solutions: Peer counceling; tougher laws; up to the point where their enforced in the village; drug busters you know sometimes everybody will who might be selling drugs but somebody have to tell on them and nobody wants to do that. But if they gonna stop them somebody has to do it. That's the only way because you have to have evidence.

Teen center; recreation center and someplace where they can spend money on other things besides drugs and booze.

The peer counceling part is important because important because if you know that somebody doing something and you know it's wrong whether their selling or smoking or drinking whatever. That there selling or smoking or drinking whatever. That there was a group of people that would go talk to them hey, hey you should cut it out. That might make a lot of difference. We're not saying will not make any differences but it might. They might listen to their own people before we send the cop over and start taking drastic action.

Resources: IRA council, the people in the community, state troopers, the local policeman, City council, social concern committee the church, legislative to work on making the drug laws stronger and tougher.

Youth: Minors consuming. Being lazy, too much T.V., avoid the problem, not enough rest.

Problem: Lack of employment, cultural change, teenage pregnancy.

Reasons: Lack of disipline; get them to go to camp. When your at camp you can't be lazy you get cold you got to get wood. You get thirsty you got to get water, if your hungry you got to get food you can't be lazy and be able to take responsibility. Teach responsibility.

School: Lack of commitment from some teachers, sometimes some of the students will get behind, they felt that some of the students might be in special ed. doesn't go around because the way programs work and maybe special ed. could be utilized more.

Lack of employment: Volunteer work forces maybe during the course of the winter or after school or during the summer. Some of the students might be willing to volunteer to do work for

elders if the elders needed help around the home or during somethings for the community.

Solutions: Motivation, under teenage pregnancy came up was education for students. Sex education in high school so that people could understand what it was they were getting into.

Resources: IRA, Elders Council, home, school, clinics. But it was time that in these meetings we really address drunks and youth and what the group we had last night we really got to a really good start can work completing this up in the future. Thank you.

Marie Clark: Talked in eskimo.

Luke: I guess we got lot of those taken off from. Some of us has been trying these past few meetings complete what we have completed the last two days. It took long time five meetings to get all those done and we have been through some pain through some hardship some of us. We got to go through to help our young people. I'm glad myself to be involved in what was started. Because I know myself a person can go through especially a young person in relation with alcohol and drugs. When it hurts most of all the parnets the grandparents to see their children hurt. But even though this is not for teaching me and you we are trying to help our children. We are getting somewhere. We'll find help we won't stop so I thank each and everyone of you for coming especially the ones that have started the meeting. Robert and Jake and Selma Newlin who is not here in this meeting. She plays important part in starting this meeting and others that are not here some from Kiana that are not here I know some of the names I'm not gonna say the ones that have been involved all the time is here Mrs. Outwater. I'm glad she came again. I know it take a lot of dedication from people . Now is the beginning we finalize the draft we start from a committee from each village in representation from organization from non-profit and regional corporation itself.

I mentioned last night we've got at least 3 people, they will be involved in representing our community of Selawik. So where ever the committee is going to be meeting the city if Selawik will be providing the transportation. So I should turn this over to Robert. Maybe we can ask questions when we should have our next meeting. Then after Robert make his presentation maybe from some of the organizations. Organizers they can say what they want to.

Robert Newlin: At least there one option is that we go some place like Sivuniigvik where we'll be together at all times and come up refining all this document.

Talked in Eskimo.

If things turn out good this not the only place we'll stop. I think we do have to address in the later date. We've got lots of problems here. This alcohol and drug abuse will not solve everything we've got other areas where we're hurting in our villages we have somebody address from later date if we don't we probably have to do it again.

Like I said I'm gonna arrange the meeting to be held in Sivuuniigvik. April 11, 12, 13 start 1 p.m.

Luke: I thank you for coming to Selawik from the people of Selawik. I thank you for being involved in these meetings and helping us to try to work some of our problems out.

Truman Cleveland: Talked in Eskimo.

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Pat Sharrock: Good morning, everyone, and thank you for waiting for us. I apologize for us being late, but there wasn't anything I could do about it. McGrath had a lot of very heavy fog this morning and we had to wait for that to burn off. I guess it was just localized around McGrath. We didn't see anymore except for forest fires coming in. First, I'd like to thank Eddy and Peter and Andrew for sitting with us here. I hope they can contribute a lot to comments that I hope some of you will make. I know Mr. Hoffman wants to make some comments before we begin. First of all I would like to say why we're here. At the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's meeting in Anchorage last month we were presented with a petition from residents here in Sleetmute asking that the Board come to your community and discuss issues or problems or whatever you wish to contribute to the Board. In particular, I guess, I would have to say, in relation to the Mercury Inn liquor licenses in Red Devil, the Board certainly has it's authority and control over those licenses and if there are areas which the Board can assist you or give direction to the persons operating those liquor licenses in Red Devil, the Board will certainly do that. I guess, with that, Eddy informed me, just when I got here, that he would like to make some opening comments and I would like to have Peter and Andrew make some comments following Eddy, if they have anything that's appropriate. My name is Patrick Sharrock. I'm executive director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. This is Mr. Bill Roach whose the inforcement supervisor for the Board and we are both from Anchorage. We have another investigator with us, who is flying on up to Red Devil right now, to inspect the premises in Red Devil. It has been some time since we have been in this area, so its certainly appropriate that we go up there.

Eddy Hoffman: As tradition chief of the 56 villages, I was called to come up here because the people of Sleetmute didn't know how to go about to hold this meeting. That's why I'm here. Ever since the liquor store was opened in Red Devil, the death role was 18 for Crooked Creek, 15 for Stony River, 31 for Sleetmute, 17 for Red Devil, 2 for Lime Village, and 2 on the lower river. Now I would like to ask the Board here, how was the renewal of the license every year? How did you go about the renewal of the liquor store license every year? That's my first question.

Sharrock: Would you like me to answer that right now, Eddy. [Yes] I've been with the Board 8 years now and to my recollection, Eddy, the first time there was any commentary or comments to the Board about renewing the licenses in Red Devil was this year when the Alaska Village Council, AVCP, I think is the way I have to say it, passed a resolution to the Board asking that the Board seriously consider not renewing those licenses there. We made some inquiries as to now or how much the village of Red Devil participated in that conference, the AVCP conference, and we understood, at the time, that they weren't present because, and the reason I say this is because villages and traditional village councils have legal standing under the law to protest liquor license renewals and the Board reviewed the correspondence, I'd written to Gene about it also and advised him what the Board was looking to do and based on that the Board renewed the license. But this is the first year that I recall that there has been information come to the Board about concerns. I hope that answers your question.

Hoffman: My next question. Does the Alcohol Board have any money to check on the licensing every year for all the liquor stores? Has the Control Board any

money to check on licensing every year for everybody. All of the liquor store owners?

Sharrock: We have an annual budget which is funded annually by the legislature and in that budget we have what you would call travel money. It's certainly limited when you look at 4 or 5 people having to travel statewide to approximately 1600 liquor licenses that we have licensed in the state. Our policy has been to attempt to visit licensed premises at least once a year, but as I said at the outset, I think its been a long time since we've been over here. We've been in McGrath, Bill was in McGrath a couple of years ago, but we didn't go into Red Devil or even visit any of the villages around but we do have money for traveling around the state but it's limited.

Hoffman: But I hope you start doing that to all these new places that got liquor licenses. That should be the policy of the state to enforce that.

Sharrock: Well, you are absolutely right. That's one reason we're here. To try to hear your comments and interests and concerns and as I said if the Board can do anything to rectify a problem or advance ideas, the Board will certainly do that.

Nixie Mellick, Jr.: When was the last time you conducted a survey or investigation of the bar out there in Red Devil?

Sharrock: As I said earlier, I don't think there has ever been an investigation or a survey.

Mellick: We talking about something like 25 years or 20 years?

Sharrock: We were talking about it. I think there was a hearing in Red Devil maybe 7 or 8 years ago. It had to have been over 8 years because I've been director 8 years and we haven't had a hearing over here in Red Devil at all.

Mellick: I mean just for renewal purposes, like a health inspection or what ever you use there.

Sharrock: I would have to say, I don't think there has been, to be honest with you.

Hoffman: I have a question. The state has an opening and closure of the bars every day. What are the hours they open and close?

Sharrock: The hours of closure for licenses are between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. except for on election days where there is an election for statewide offices or local offices, I can't remember exactly, then the premises has to be closed during those hours when the polls are open. Cities, by ordinance, may change those hours of closure. I don't think Red Devil could because they aren't an incorporated municipality. But generally, statewide, hours for closure are from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m.

Hoffman: Another question. What are the requirements for selling alcohol to people that are intoxicated and how is it enforced? Has ABC on record ever calling, the bars? What is drinking, intoxicated persons, go to the bar and

the bar selling them more liquor?

Sharrock: Well, you ask a very good question, Eddy.

David Marshall: What was the second part of your question?

Hoffman: I'll read it to you again. What are the requirements of selling alconol to people that are intoxicated and how is it enforced? Has ABC, on record, ever calling?

Sharrock: The laws are that a person may not sell alcohol beverages to a drunken person. The definition of a drunken person in the statutes, basically, the way its been used is that a drunken person would have to be substantially impaired or give a showing that the person is uncontrollable, basically. There's also a provision in law though where a licensee may refuse to sell to a person if the licensee has reason to believe that person would harm himself or someone else.

Hoffman: Another question. The State Troopers and the magistrates of this area to look into recommendations or renewal or a non renewal of the license. Have they done that? That's what I'm asking you. Have they ever done it.

Sharrock: I would have to generally say no.

Hoffman: You have, I brought up 2 letters there for you from the district attorney and the magistrate from Bethel.

Sharrock: I think that's the first time we've gotten any correspondence like that. Let me go back and answer the second part of your other question. Has the Board ever called about licensees having served drunken persons? The Board has. I will have to say most people think that there isn't any enforcement of that and I will have to say that its a difficult area to enforce for everyone involved, I think. The courts have usually had a difficult time in having cases prosecuted and there haven't been that many cases brought before courts for prosecution for a licensee having sold to a drunken person. But, yes, we have and I know there have been several decisions around the state where licensees have been charged for that.

Hoffman: I have a question here for ABC. The bars should have the state statutes sent to them, you know, so they can, like a manual, see when the closing and opening nours. Which I don't think the ABC Board ever sends to a person.

Sharrock: Well, we do when the person first gets a license. We have changed our application forms to including those for renewal where a person, when they sign the renewal form every year, say that they certify that they have read the liquor statutes of the state. I brought some for you, too, by the way here, if you'd like to keep some. Can everyone hear down there? There's some seats up here.

Hoffman: About 1983, the people of Sleetmute sent me a petition signed by the people of Sleetmute for the ABC Board to close the liquor store at Red Devil by mail in 1983, which I never received to-date.

Sharrock: This was 1983? [1983.] Did you send it to the Board?

Hoffman: They sent it to me, for me to send to you guys, I never received it.

Sharrock: You mean you never received the petition?

Hoffman: I never received the petition to send. Either somebody tore it up someplace or it never got in the mail.

Sharrock: I never seen it either, that I recall. I have their files here. We can look through it to see what's there.

Hoffman: I'm just asking them people. When they first opened the liquor store in Red Devil in 1956, there were 4 people drowned at that time at the first opening of the liquor store. [1955.] 1956, well, one year. First opening of the liquor store in 1955. On July 28, 1985, 4 people were killed that came up with a plane from Bethel. Before they left Bethel, they had been drinking and they got to Red Devil and they bought wine and a few bottles of whiskey. And everyone of them got killed in that airplane crash. [Gail Vanderpool: Can I say something about that?] Just a minute, you'll have to after we get through here.

Sharrock: Yes, we heard about that.

Hoffman: And my last question. It is super hazardous to travel by boat from Sleetmute to Red Devil if a person's been drinking. [Sharrock: Is that a question?] That's what I'm telling you fellows. To write down in your little book there.

Sharrock: I think that certainly goes without saying.

Hoffman: I don't have any more questions till maybe later on. But I would like for you to ask the mayor and the city council or tradition council, they're right there sitting with me. You can ask them some questions.

Peter Zaukar: I got a call from YKHC yesterday afternoon concerning this meeting here and the person I talked to was Carl Berger and he said that he didn't have anybody from YK to represent them up here and since I am a member of the Board of Directors from YKHC and they tell me to speak on behalf of them what I've been with us here in the village. So, need a few here of yesterdays a call from YKHC, director of YKHC. Whenever we have meetings in Bethel, not only the community or the river of Kuskokwim, the alcohol always arrives from the coastal and lower Yukon villages. There is 53 villages represented by YK. They all have concern of the alcohol. And then the older people always say they are hurt by this alcohol. Not only the young ones but the older also. And then in one meeting they were saying there is no more natural death, which is even in the village here like this. We never see no natural death no more. What the death we see is by accident or violence. A conduct by alcohol. Since in 1950, when he first bought his alcohol to the Red Devil in 50's, that's way back. First he start off with beer and wine and they served over the counter. After 5, 6 months they get tired of these people laying around or being nursing them, they're drunks. So they have a new idea - let's get the package. So they get the package. They sell them and let them go out. So in that case in the future, if the Red Devil package store happened to be closed, is there any, and I mean we don't want to

see no other kind of license issued to the individual here in the village of Sleetmute. I think it be the same thing that's been happening back 30-40 years ago. First they sell it over to the counter, the beer and wine. Pretty soon they get tired of it and they come to the package store. So, in that case, I think, my personal feeling, and I'm speaking for the YK, their members are very orderly people from down coast. If you ever happen to go to Red Devil and I don't want to see no license issued to the beer and wine in the future. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

[Thank you David. I appreciate your coming in.]

Andrew Fredricks: Well, I have something to say after. I thought this was going to go to Juneau. After the others have said what they are going to say.

Hoffman: I have 2 resolutions here from the tradition council and one of the Sleetmute village city council for closure of the Red Devil bar and also have a petition here signed by the people of Sleetmute. And I also have one, they were supposed to be down, they may be down afterwhile. I have another resolution from Stony River here with me and I see the people from Crooked Creek are here with a package. I don't know what's in it, I never seen it yet. But here's 2 resolutions, total of 3 I got with me.

Sharrock: There are 2 here, I'll read the one from Sleetmute. The other one is from Stony River. Oh, this is the one that was given for the Board. I'll read the resolution, if you like.

This is resolution from Sleetmute Traditional Council, General Delivery, Sleetmute, Alaska. Resolution 85-2.

Whereas, the people of the village of Sleetmute have suffered for a long time from problems caused by the drinking of alcoholic beverages in the village

Whereas, the people of the village of Sleetmute in an attempt to stop drinking in the village, voted to ban the importation of alcoholic beverages in the village

Whereas, in spite of the ban on importation of alcohol, people still buy alcohol at the Red Devil package store and bring it into the village

Whereas, many people from our village have died while drinking alcohol supplied by the Red Devil package store

Whereas, many people of our village have been the victims of violent crimes committed by someone under the influence of alcoholic beverages purchased at the Red Devil package store

Therefore, be it resolved that the traditional council of Sleetmute, Alaska formally request the Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board to revoke and/or refuse to renew the liquor license for the Red Devil package store.

[Signed] Peter Zauker, Andrew Fredericks, Jeannie Zauker, Angie Andreanoff.

From the Sleetmute Village Council. Resolution 85-8

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[signed] Peter Zaukar, Andrew Fredericks.

Resolution from Stony River Traditional Council. July 27, 1985.

Whereas, the people of the village of Stony River have suffered for a long time for the problems caused by the drinking of alcoholic beverages in the village

Whereas, people from our village travel to Red Devil and buy liquor from the package store there and then return to our village to drink it

Whereas, many people from our village have died while drinking alcohol supplied by the Red Devil package store

Whereas, many people our our village have been victims of violent crimes committed by someone under the influence of alcoholic beverages purchased at the Red Devil package store

Whereas, most of the liquor consumed by the people of our village comes from the Red Devil package store

Therefore, be it resolved that the Traditional Council of Stony River, Alaska formally requests the Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board to revoke and/or refuse to renew the liquor license of the Red Devil package store.

[signed] President, vice-president, member, treasurer

Sharrock: Could you state your name, please.

David Marshall, Aniak (end tape 1, side 1)

Sharrock: David, did you fly here from Aniak for this meeting?

Marshall: Yes, sir.

My name is Nick Mellick, Jr. I live in Sleetmute. For one thing maybe we could introduce Andrew, he's the mayor of Sleetmute. Peter Sakar, he's the traditional chief of Sleetmute. Our meeting here concerns alcohol, either to revoke, to renew, or not to renew. The comments you made to the 2 leaders of Sleetmute after Eddy is done with his, whether it is in the best interest or not the best interest to revoke, to renew, or not renew. I would like to hear from our 2 leaders before we go on with the general questioning. [Sharrock: Are you asking them to make some comments about that?] If I am not mistaken, the Alcohol Beverage Control licenses bar owners in the best interest or not the best interest. [Sharrock: That's correct. Are you asking for more comment?] No, through you, Mr. Chairman.

Sharrock: To answer your question, in terms of the Board's viewing the best interests of the public, I think that is certainly being strongly stated to the Board by these 2 resolutions that I just read and I certainly think that speaks on behalf of Peter Zaukar and Andrew Fredericks.

Mellick: He was speaking for YKHC. I'd like to hear him speak as a traditional council of Sleetmute whether in the best interest or not in the best interest.

Hoffman: That's why we signed it, you know. That's what we signing there. So its in there, you know, what we want. That's why we signed it.

Moxie Mellick: Then, it's not in the best intesest.

Hoffman: We signed it in there to see what we can do.
Mellick: Then your comment is that it is not in the best interest to renew the liquor

Sharrock: I think, without using those words, I think, they are very strongly saying that, yes.

Mellick: I would just like to personally hear that from the village leaders

Zaukar: The tradition council, I strongly feel, the store at Red Devil has to be closed. I don't want no other license issued in the state, no matter what beer or wine. That's how Red Devil got started. I stated that before. That's my personal opinion. they chose me for there leader, I speak for my people what whether I get back in further or not.

Mellick: Whether its in the best interest or not best interest.

Andrew: That's interest of the village. That's means you know, you said you were living here. 50 years, we know lot of people been dead on account of our alcohol. Not only in the village of Sleetmute but in neighboring also.

Mellick: As the traditional council chief would it be in the best interest of the village to renew?

Zaukar: The village don't want it. We let them sign. But there some other matter

to keep the record straight. We never did sign from the village council or the traditional, this resolution, what they got over in the St. Mary's. Some guy from the village here was walking behind us. Like Andrew was saying this morning. He asked me did you ever send in. I said no. That's the first we hear and also the petition last spring. We didn't know until its signed halfway. Somebody's been stepping over the tradition also the village council.

Fredericks: I guess Gene's got the answer for us.

Gene: AVCP Resolution 84-10-13 was introduced by one of down river villages to the resolutuion committee a t the annual convention in St. Mary's last October 19th. It come up with recommendation "Do Pass". It was approved unanimously. It was not introduced by this village.

Sharrock: And that's the resolution we got from the bush.

Gene: That's the resolution you got. In fact, there wasn't a Traditional Council representative at that convention.

Sharrock: We did not receive a resolution from the village of Sleetmute. [No] I'm speaking for the Board now. The only resolution that we'd received was the one from AVCP. Eddy, did you have some last comments or were you all finished.

Eddy: I'm all finished. Here, I've got 2, keep this for your file.

Sharrock: OK, Gene, do you want to make a comment? Why don't you come right up. You had a question down here, though, at the end of - You want to wait till Gene's finished speaking?

Marshall: Mr. Chairman, may I ask Gene, do you know which village submitted the resolution?

Gene: I'm not sure, because I wasn't serving on the resolution committee. I believe it may have been the village of Akiachak.

Sharrock: I have a copy of the resolution here if you're interested in looking at it.

Gene: I've got a copy. If I'm not speaking loud enough, just stop me any time and indicate it. I'll be reading from a prepared statement. When I reference the Red Devil liquor store, basically, referencing the Mercury Inn, the licensed owner. The Association of Village Council Presidents upon direction of our member communities has requested the Alcohol Beverage Control Board of the State of Alaska to consider suspension and revocation of the license to sell alcohol issued to the liquor store at Red Devil. The issue of the Red Devil liquor store was a topic of discussion at the 1984 AVCP annual meeting held at St. Mary's in October, 1984, and attended by representatives of 41 village councils. The AVCP convention resolution 84-10-13 relating to cancellation of the Red Devil liquor license was adopted by unanimous action of the 1984 AVCP convention on October 19, 1984. I'm not certain of the author of the resolution, however, the convention resolution's committee chairman has advised that the resolution was introduced to the committee by a Middle Kuskokwim village with experienced loss of life within their community membership due to

an alcohol related boating tragedy on the upper river. I believe it is alleged to be the village of Akiachak. The resolution's committee considered the resolution on its merits and gave a do-pass recommendation to the convention which it adopted by a unanamous action. Nearly every community, if not all villages, within the AVCP and Chilista Region has experienced loss of life due to alcohol related accidents in boating, snow machine driving, three wheeler, and other motor vehicle accidents. Recently, 4 persons died in an aircraft accident after one or more members of that party were alleged to have purchased a quantity of alcoholic beverages from the liquor store at Red Devil. I'd like to explain that. I was advised by Captain Temple of the Alaska State Troopers, detachment commander for the troopers in this region, that alcohol was indeed purchased from Red Devil liquor store on this, in that during this accident and there was beer, empty beer cans in the aircraft, at the accident scene, were alleged to have come from Bethel, and there was wine and whiskey that was alleged to have come from the Red Devil package store. Although the offical cause of that accident remains yet to be established by the federal aviation officials, last year a member of my immediate family died in an alcohol related boating accident on the upper Kuskokwim River. Why I'm bound as president of the AVCP to seek implementation of all convention resolutions. I'm easily able to advocate implementation of this resolution. Although the Red Devil liquor store is not the only source of alcohol coming into the AVCP and Chilista Region, it is the only establishment licensed to sell liquor by the State of Alaska within the Region. Every community within the region which has held elections under the State's Alcohol Option Law, including Bethel, has voted to ban retail sale of alcohol and most voted to ban its importation. Red Devil, as you are aware, does not have a municipality organized under Alaska State Statutes. Even if it did, we caution the Board to consider that the sale of alcohol at the Red Devil liquor store is a matter of concern to villages in the vicinity of Red Devil and the communities up and down the Kuskokwim River as far down river as Bethel and even below Bethel. Suspension or revocation of that license is a matter of regional concern as evidences by the formal action taken by the AVCP convention. Suspension or revocation of the liquor license is sought, not only because of the loss of life in alcohol related tragedies, but because of growing community and regional awareness of the threat to family unity and stability, increasing evidence of suicides, the dangers of domestic violence, and alcohol induces violent crime, and the threat to the health of both individual and community well-being. We encourage support to consider that the liquor license at Red Devil is a significant factor in individual family, community, and regional hardship and to exercise his responsibility to suspend or revocate this license because it is contrary to the best interests of the public. I am aware of a number of tragedies, however, I defer to Public Safety, health, law and judicial officials, as to statistics and detailed information about the status quo because of public harm. I also encourage you to consider the testimony of individuals and village council members concerning family and community hardship caused by the current situation. On behalf of AVCP and our member communities, I encourage you to invoke your authority in the Alaska State Statute 04.11.370 to cause suspension and revocation of the license issued for the liquor store at Red Devil. Thank you.

Sharrock: Thank you, Gene. May we keep that. [Sure.]

Evelyn Thomas: People go to Red Devil of their own free will. The people who

run that bar do not encourage anyone to go out there. Sleetmute voded dry. It is Sleetmute's responsibility to see that their people stay dry.

Sharrock: I'm going to interrupt her a minute. Gene finished his comments. Do you have anything to follow-up with that, Gene? And secondly, I want to ask Mr. Hurlbert if being a former legislator from this area if you want to render any comments?

Bill Roach: Excuse me,sir. Is there anybody that hasn't signed the sign-in sheet that would like to speak?

Sharrock: People have indicated that they want to make some comments on our sign-in sheet. Do you have another one? [Roach: No. That's everybody that's signed it]. I don't see your name on it, Vern. Oh, here we go. What I'm going to do is go down that and those people who have indicated they want to say something, I certainly want to entertain them. We'll take people in that order. I would prefer when you speak, if you would come down here so we can pick you up on the microphone and sit where Gene was sitting. If you prefer to stay where you are you may do that though. So, Andrew, I'll have to have you help me with some names if I can't read them. The first person is -

Gibson: Mr. Sharrock. [Yes] It was unclear to me when the sheet came around. Where it said testimony, Yes or No. Whether you were supposed to indicate whether you had or had not. Maybe other people had the same problem. I neglected to sign or check yes, which indicated I wished to rather than I had. So maybe if that were made clear. I should like to amend my signiture. I thought it said had rather than do you wish to. [Oh, I see]. And that may have been also on other peoples mind.

Sharrock: Well, I'll just let people speak up to that. We'll certainly take comments and response to what other people might say when we're finished. Evelyn Thomas? When you speak, could you please identify your name and where you are from?

Thomas: Alright. My name is Evelyn Thomas. I'm the mayor of Crooked Creek. I'm president of the traditional council and I'm also the mayor of the incorporated city. The people of Crooked Creek have let it be known that they don't feel that its the bar's fault or any liquor store's fault that they drink. They have said that they have done it on their own. A lot of them said that and I don't believe that this is right because nobody tells you to drink. You go to that bar yourself. Not one person tells you to go there and have a drink. Its a business like any other. If you go there, you go there of your own free will. I very seldom, personally, go to Red Devil. And when you do something wrong, whether you're drunk or whether you're sober, that's you. That's nobody else. When you go to your neighbor and you have a fight with your neighbor, if you're drunk or you're sober, that's your fault. That's not that bottles fault. When you fall out of your boat, its because you did something stupid. Its your own fault. But so many times everybody says, oh, somebody else made me do this. Let's say, David Marshall made me go an get a bottle. How can he make me do that? You go and do it yourself. Sleetmute voted dry. Then Sleetmute should stay out of Red Devil. And it isn't only Red Devil. Let's talk about ESP. Let's talk about McGrath. We get people coming

from Bethel and during hunting season that hit Crooked Creek and they have got tons in the boat. They don't even stop in Red Devil. Out of all the bars you see running around back here. You can walk into McGrath and you'll see people up there that don't look like they're old enough to be in there. I know that Red Devil runs their liquor store better than any liquor store anywhere. They refuse a lot of people service. You can ask Wasley Waskey. It upsets him because he goes all the way to Red Devil and he gets refused service because he's drinking. He cannot go in there and buy booze. They won't sell it to him. They run it properly. I think this is wrong. It's the person that does it. It's not everybody. It's not the liquor that does it. It's that person. If that person has a problem with it then he should be man enough or she should be woman enough to say, I have a problem with it. I can't do it. But this is wrong. You are attacking it from the wrong end. And 56 villages. We were not at that meeting. We were not told that meeting was on until that day. And we don't have the money to charter all over the place for AVCP. AVCP does not help up river unless its for some ridiculous thing like this. If somebody does something wrong, it's their fault. It's not the fault of the liquor store. It's not the fault of the boat and motors that they are in. It is not the fault of anyone. It's that person. And I can't help but feel real strongly about that. If I do something wrong, I know I did something wrong, and I'm going to stand up there and say I did it wrong. I'm not going to come back and say, Lixy made me do it or Sue made me do it or Jenny made me do it.

Sharrock: Evelyn, you made a comment a minute ago that you said that the problem was being attacked from the wrong end. Could you explain that?

Thomas: An individual person has 3 wills. He says, I am going to go to Red Devil today and buy a bottle. The liquor store has not told him to come to Red Devil and buy a bottle.

Sharrock: So you're speaking to more of an individual approach than -

Thomas: Yes, an individual approach. When he goes to his neighbor after he has bought a bottle. It isn't that bottle. It isn't the Red Devil store that has told him to go there. It's that person.

Sharrock: Crooked Creek has not voted for any banning of importation or banning the sale. [No] But there is no liquor license in Crooked Creek. How far is Crooked Creek? [More than 32 miles] River miles or? [River miles]. You want to make any closing comment or?

Thomas: My mother hasn't had a drink in 22 years and she doesn't feel that this is right, either. My husband hasn't drunk in 25 years and he doesn't feel this is right, either.

Sharrock: Thank you very much. Are you speaking on behalf of Crooked Creek? [Yes] Dennis Thomas? [Right here]

Thomas: My name is Dennis Thomas and I'm from Crooked Creek. You just listened to my wife talk as the council president and I am here as an individual. I am against the closure of the bar. I do not believe that Bob or anybody down there goes out to the river and grabs somebody and makes him come in and have a drink. They're there because they want to be there. They come from Bethel,

they come from McGrath or whatever. That's of their own free will. And I do not believe that this kind of action should be set up to tell somebody that they can have a drink or they can't have a drink. That is up to themselves to decide what they are going to do with it. And as far as Sleetmute has a problem, they've got a local option law here. Why should this whole thing be brought up at all? Enforce it. Your own local law. The petitions coming around to close is, they got one in Crooked Creek, too. Who gave them the right to send that to us? We did not ask them to do so. AVCP and whoever happens to be down there, 57 villages, we never hear about them up our way when we really need something done. Then we're coming into this. Alcohol is a problem. But it's an individual problem that persons got to solve for themselves. It isn't going to be done like this. They're making progress in this way. They're going through alcoholic awareness. They have this thing at Bethel, a Phillips treatment plan, this kind of a thing. At Aniak, KNA has this counseling thing. It's helping. It's doing it slowly. But, closing the bars sure is hell isn't the answer. Maybe we ought to have more of these counseling things. More of it local. One in each village, if this is what we have to do. To educate a person that hey what an alcoholic is. A lot of people I know don't understand what an alcoholic is. The point I'm getting at, I don't drink because I choose not to. If I wanted a drink I could pick one up anytime I want to and everybody else should have the right to do so is what I'm saying. As long as they're 21 that is their choice. And the bar should not be held responsible for what happens to the people. They come in there and they're obviously intoxicated, they refuse them service. And a lot of times there will be a function going on in the village, they'll refuse them service. These people run a good bar up there. They follow the law and I think they try to keep it down a little bit. They run a good bar. Now, if you had somebody running that, that was in there strictly for making the money, then you'd really have some problems back here. That damn thing would be filled up all the time and those shelves would be loaded and anybody that come in there that was old enough to have the money could buy all they wanted. Then, you'd really see some fun. Now, you're attacking one bar out here in the middle of nowhere. Are you going to go after McGrath? Are you going to go after Anchorage? Are you going to go after all the other villages too? You know what those people around there are going to tell you? PHSSSSS!!! You know. That's their right to decide whether they want to drink or not. It's not up to anybody else to tell them whether they can or not. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Sharrock: Dennis, what's the population of Crooked Creek? [About 115, I suppose] 115. Thank you very much.

Andrew: I'd like to ask Dennis one question. Dennis, I was listening to you all the time. You talk about McGrath. That's out of AVCP.

Dennis: That isn't the point. That's not the point, Eddy.

Andrew: When you talking about the bar, AVCP. We

Dennis: You're missing the point. The point is you're after this one. Are you going to go after that one too. You can. Bullshit you can't. Any time you could go out there, any bar in the state that you want. Do the same thing you did to Crooked Creek. Sent a resolution to the residents of McGrath to see if you could pull. Let's see how far you'd get. You'd get nowhere.

Sharrock: Let me hear from some other people. Ann Vanderpool. Were you in Anchorage at the Board meeting Ann? [No] Go ahead.

Vanderpool: I would like to say, I would like to find out who passed that petition around here? Half the people didn't know. Only the people, homesteaders, that live about 30, 20 miles away voted for Red Devil to go dry. There's some crooked thing going around, around here. These poor people. They didn't even know they were signing. They didn't ask them to. I just heard they had another vote the other day. They tried to let homesteaders vote.

Sharrock: Ann, let me ask you something else. It gets into a whole area here. You operate the Red Devil package store? [Ann: My son works for me and my husband] Why don't you explain to me and other people here, what hours you have, how long you are open. [Ann: 8 to 9] Eight in the morning until 9 at night? [Ann: 9 to 9. And we run it right. You ask any of the boys that come around. I don't. When they're bitching, I tell them go. Go back to where you come from. I don't open the doors. You ask any of them. If these people, they voted this dry. We have right to sell anybody that goes down, right?] Well, as I point out, you certainly have the right to sell to anyone who wants to purchase. [Ann: Yes] However, you have a responsibility that you should not sell to someone who you believe might harm themselves or somebody else. [Ann: Of course, we don't] Well, that's what I'm trying to bring out from you to make comments about, about what your policies are and how you sell to the public. [Ann: But now, these people have to go to jail if they, they all buy booze. If they don't get it from Red Devil, they go to McGrath with a boat and plane] What area, I'm asking you questions now. What area do you feel that your store serves? [Ann: Sleetmute, Stony, Crooked, Aniak] I don't want to put you on a spot, Ann, but when you sell to someone from Sleetmute, what do you expect them to do with the alcohol that they purchase? [Ann: Well, I don't know what they do with it when they walk out from that door] What I mean is, do you expect them to bring it back to Sleetmute? [Ann: Some do, probably and some don't. They were keeping it dry for a while but then pretty soon they let people come in with booze. You ask Andrew and ask Nixie. I'm sure he's got lots of booze in his house and it's supposed to be dry village. And all that them homesteaders, they voted dry. We don't see them down there. None of them. (ask them if we voted) I heard you guys voted. (What election did the homesteaders vote in? When they had this Sleetmute going dry I didn't vote in no election.)] That election was conducted by the Division of Elections. I'm sure that they (end tape 2, side 1) All I can say is, the Board was presented with a petition from people from Sleetmute and we're certainly trying to respond to that. So I hope you appreciate.

Hoffman: I'd like to ask you a question, Ann. The State Statutes says right here, in black and white, the opening hours for any liquor store is from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. That's 9 o'clock -

Sharrock: No, those are the closing hours. From 5 a.m. until 8 a.m. So, she says that she's open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night. Sinca Crane.

Crane: My name is Sinka Crane and I live here all my life. What is a package store? Ever since 1955, I remember. I go down there every day, every other day. Every other day. Now, I've been drinking pretty heavy for the last 4 years. I go down to Vanderpool's half drunk. You think they'll give me

something? No. They tell me get to hell home. Sober up. You come back in about a week. Sure, that's their business, see, not mine. I try to put on, get some liquor, but they do it the right way. I see that. After I drink a bottle, bottle or 2, then I'll run down with my snow machine or hire a boat. You think they'd give me something? No. Not a chance. You know, if the guy drinks. If you want a drink, that's his own goddamn problem. Like mine. I don't go ask nobody give me a bottle. I'll buy a bottle from you. No. I don't do that. I try to get it myself. And don't you think when they run out of booze, I try to go up McGrath, get load of booze. Any place where there's liquor store, see. I'll tell you something. There would be more trouble if they close that package store down there. There'd be bootleggers, everything would come this way. Starting right today. Bootlegging, smoking marijuana, try to bring in cocaine couple years ago, in here. You see, they'll do that. There'll be more troubles in this area. So I drink when ever I want to. I'll buy it myself. Nobody tell me to buy it. Nobody push me to. I lived here a good many years, 55 years, 57 years going to be, this year. Look at this guy. He's going to smuggle this one in, I guess year ago. See, he's going to try out in here maybe to these young teenagers down here. You're going to see that cocaine, you read it out loud, see. He's going to bring that in too, maybe. In here to Sleetmute. See. Could be more bootleggers. They'll be importing more marijuana and all this cocaine in there. Can you see that? I've been drinking all my life. I go to jail. I come back and drink here. I go back to jail. I drink again. You can read it out loud. That's one way.

Sharrock: No, I'm not going to read it out loud. I want to hear from everybody, first. [Sinka: See, I don't want you to lose that. I'm going to keep] Do you have anything else to say? [Sinka: Because I like my drinking, like anybody else] Is there bootlegging in this area, now? [Sinka: I wouldn't tell you, because I'm not making money . I ain't going to snitch on nobody. No god darn way] OK. Vern. [Sinka: Oh yeah, one more thing. About a year ago, my son was killed. Do you think where he get the liquor? From McGrath. Somebody fly out with couple cases I guess. Bring liquor down here. He was shot twice. He couldn't shoot himself twice. No. He was shot twice. That's the rumor. He didn't get the liquor from Red Devil. Got it from McGrath.]

Vern Hurlburt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd like to testify in support of non reissuance or closure of the Red Devil liquor store. The reason I'd like to do that is because when I first come out in this part of the country, I drink heavily, and I still drink. First of all you're looking at a persons whose not a puritan, I drink. And I'll probably continue to drink. But there has to be a damper effect, if you will, if I may put it into that way. A person who wants booze immediately, shouldn't be able to have, especially in a satellite village area as this, this is not a terminal area. This is not a McGrath or a Dillingham or a Kotzebue. This is way out in the toolies and there is basically no law around this place. For anybody that don't think that I have a right to testify or even be concerned on this issue, let me just tell you first of all how close to home it is with me. My ex and I, who most people around know, was the greatest. During the 9 years that we was together, we had 3 children and my children's, all my in-laws, it virtually, nearly wiped out a whole family of Gregories here. First by suicides and just drinking theirselves to death with exposure. Let me just start it off. It's a pretty gross tale. The first person, that happened up the river here, that we're going to talk about, is Vern Gregory. He used to stay up at our homestead up here with me and helped me establish

that. It would come Christmas. People used to kind of go up there to kind of move away from this place because they almost felt obligated to drink when they got down there. So much booze floating around here that they would kind of pull out and go up there. Well, Vern would stay up there and help me and come Christmas time he wanted to come down here and we was reluctant, not to say that we had control say to you let him go or not, but I brought him down. And as everybody knows, got ravishing drunk with this big spree, blew himself away. Very heartbreaking. Very traumatic. Emotional trauma was beyond what you could believe. Now, I'd like people to say that that person was his own. He was his own person. Vern Gregory probably didn't even know that he was going to commit suicide. A good guy. A perfectly good guy as everybody knows. The next one was his brother Crista, up the river, aways. Blew hisself away. And my own daughter witnessed that. It was terrible. Just terrible. And then followed was Peter. Which was just about a year or so ago. Who went down and brought some booze up and as I understand it, fell out of the boat or something and got exposed. Hyperthermia or anyway, he didn't wake up in the morning. In the house, they found him in the house. No, he wasn't in a boat. But it's pretty self evident that he over indulged, that's what I understand. I didn't come down. But, there's no doubt in my mind. People want to doubt it, that's OK. Their other brother, before all this happened, committed suicide down in Bethel, but that wasn't Red Devil. That was in Bethel from the same thing. It was booze, nevertheless. So, it's been very close to me. It's just really heartbreaking now. There's another person that used to come up to my place all the time. We loved him to death. My wife, in particular, really thought a lot of him was Matthew. Matt used to help me, my place, and we done everything we could to keep from giving him cash because we knew where that cash was going to go. I'd give him snow machines, outboard motors, take him into town, do anything that I could to keep from compensating him with money. And the day that he died or the day before, he stayed with me. I helped this guy in business up there and he stayed right with me till my last guest got finished and he wanted to come down. He wanted to come down to Sleetmute. All this time, I've worked with my conscious on not doing anything about this liquor store cause the people that own that have always long been friends of mine, and I knew everybody would take this personal, but let me tell you, it's gotten personal with me. So, anyway Matty, I remember when I wrote that $100 check. I didn't want to give him too much because I was just thinking. Boy, I hate to do this. This amount to about 5 bottles. That's the way it'd look. You got to put your mind in that. And I give it to him and away he took off and everybody knows the rest. I found out about it in Anchorage because I was in Anchorage at the time and some of my fishing guests were still in Anchorage at the time that I called them and they was really upset. My wife wept like a baby, she was really close to him. So, that was just what it's come to my very personal, to me. And it's all because of this atmosphere that's created because of so much booze permeating the area. There's got to be a distance between the liquor store and this type of country around here. People don't have an 8 to 5 hours like they do in some of the more terminal points and in a lot of cases money is an excess commodity. They're going to eat and if there's a few bucks floating around it don't take but $15 and you've got a bottle in your hands. There's no travel, no expense, and so, I would whole heartedly support the non reissuance at least of this liquor store. Now, I know the people down there've been bad mouthing me with this, but, and I hate to see our friendship go down, but you know, if that's what they're going to do, that's the way it is. I have a conscience too and I have put this off for a long, long time. But this last

episode was just too much for me. That happened to the village here recently. You know, you just can't go on and on like this and that's the way I feel about this. Now, I'm not denying anybody the right to drink but I think there's got to be a distance between this area and booze.

Ann Vanderpool: You've got your booze but to hell with the rest of them

Sharrock: Vern, I have 2 questions, if I may. You mentioned all it would take would be $15 for someone to buy a bottle. Does that mean from someone locally or going up to Red Devil or? [Vern: Locally, I'm just ball parking that. I don't know. A bottle must be some where in the ball park. $15, $16, or something like that. But, it's virtually no expense to go down there, a boat trip. I mean immediately if you get the cash here, it means that you] (Ann: How do you know, Vern?) Please don't interrupt. You're out of order. Go ahead, Vern. [Vern: and that's the context that I was putting that in, so] OK. Sleetmute voted to ban the importation in July, 1982. Am I hearing people say, including yourself, that that election really hasn't worked, as far as importation is concerned or is it just, go ahead [Vern: It worked at first. In fact, I think the, you got to look at the ban of importation around the villages in a context that people tend to have an immediate feeling that they are abiding by the law. And when they voted for that, I think a lot of people really didn't know what, as far as, they thought that was it. No more booze. I mean, they thought] People automatically [Vern: Yeah, and so I seen a whole lot of difference for quite a little spell after that. As a, I used to fly charter and used to see how, I brought it in myself. I mean, other people would charter me and we'd bring it and unload airplanes loaded to the gunwales right on the ramp. What it reduced it down to, it cut all that off. Essentially, what it got down to was people sneak a bottle or 2 in along, you know, and now it has gotten some more deluded because there's no law at all. As long as there was a little law officer around here, that helped a little. But, it helped quite a bit. I see a lot of difference between the time before that the law was in and] Thank you very much, Vern. Jeannie Zaukar. Jenny.

My name is Jenny Zaukar. Here from Sleetmute, originally from Crooked Creed, but I would like to see the liquor store close. My opinion is to not renewal of that liquor license at Red Devil. Because there's been so much death accord relating alcohol. It seems like those 15 years that I've been living here, all I see was death of alcohol and no other natural deaths.

Sharrock: Thank you very much, Jenny. [Robert Gibson: I believe some witnesses, people who wish to speak, are being intimidated by action of authority] Annie, will you not interrupt any more, please. I'll have to ask you to step outside cause you are disrupting the meeting and I don't want to have people concerned about that. I'd like you to stay but I don't want you to interrupt anyone. Moxie?

I'm Moxie Alexie from Sleetmute. I live here all my life in Sleetmute. I'd like to comment a little bit on what Dennis Thomas and Evelyn were saying about having a choice. I would drinking for about 20 years. For past 3 years I've quit. But it's hard. I'm an alcoholic. Always be an alcoholic. I didn't have that choice. I had, I did everything. I sold stuff and I'd stolen. It was hard. I'm still fighting it every day to stay out of it, that booze. So, when we say we have a choice, some people don't have that choice. When you are an alcoholic you do anything to get booze. Another thing I'd like so say,

I'm for closing the liquor store in Red Devil. About the, I'd like to come around to importation, that local option we had for voting this community dry. With Red Devil liquor store being that close, there is no way, absolutely no way, you can control it. You could have 10, 20 state troopers here. They'll still sneak it in. No matter how many troopers you have here, looking over, watching the people come in by boats, snow machines, and planes, there's no way you can stop them from bringing, sneaking booze in here. Right now we have, I was, in and out of jail myself, I have felony conviction because of my alcohol abuse. Right now we have 4 people sitting in jail and these are all alcohol related. Four people from this village right now are in jail all because of alcohol related incidents. Last year, in '84, we had about 5 people that died, unnecessary deaths, all because all alcohol related. About people from Sleetmute going into Red Devil to buy booze, they know where they are going to drink the booze. They buy the booze there in Red Devil and those people know down there that they're going to come to Sleetmute, breaking the law of importation. They're not going to camp between here and Red Devil and drink up their booze and when their finished come up here to Sleetmute. They know they're going to bring it right into the village. And about going to McGrath to get booze. How many people here can afford to go up there? A charter plane go up to McGrath to get booze. There's very few. Nixie, when he had a charter service at one time. How many people can afford to charter up there and still have money left over to buy booze? There's very few people that do it. I'd like to make some other things straight. Is that I hope the Vanderpool people don't take this personally. It's not them that we're trying to hurt in any way. They're one of the finest people you can find anywhere. They are good people. But with all our people that are boozing here, not only here in Sleetmute, Stony River, and Crooked Creek. All over, you know, something has to be done about this liquor store in Red Devil and I'm for closing it. That's all I have.

Sharrock: Thank you very much, Moxie. David Marshall. [Marshall: Mr. Chairman, I have a few charts here that I'd like to pin up, so to save time maybe you'd like to call the next witness until I got these things pinned up.] All right, fine, thank you. Nick Mellick.

Mellick: I guess the first thing I'd like you to know there is, I was the owner of Red Devil Mercury Inn, the Red Devil package store at one time, here, some years back. When I first got associated with alcohol, which was the bar at that time there, it was such a great idea. It was within the year that I was sick to my stomach. But I hung around for 4 years. In 4 years time, I just couldn't take it any more. You know, a human being can only stomach so much irregardless of what the law say, and I think I can truthfully say, during that period there, I was always within the framework of the law. But you're so far out of it because there's really nothing out here. Stress is what got me in the end there and I had to give up and I sold out to my partner who was a professional mercenary. He, in turn, lasted only about 3 years after I had it. That was all he could take. [Sharrock: You mean because of selling the alcohol or] Well, a person has a soul. Like I told you there, you can live within the framework of the law there, but within yourself you don't have a framework. But you have to live with your people. [Sharrock: When did you own the store?] It must have been about 20 years ago. [Sharrock: Guess I could look here. Go ahead] You know you talk about individual rights. We've had people come up here and testify. We all have rights, including those that aren't born, and under 18 years of age. Who does the thinking for those people. They have rights just like you and I. But we

don't talk about their rights. Look what happened to them. You're here to work the time. You should have come here. Say on New Year's Eve when it's 40 below. Go in the houses. I, myself, don't like to visit anymore. I was born and raised here. For almost 55 years. And I'm ashamed to go cause I can't take it. No men shouldn't see stuff like that. That's nobody. Now who the heck talks for them? Where the hell are their rights? We are testifying up here. I'll not talk about names, it's just beyond the alcohol and from my understanding it's the alcohol, is it in the best interest or not in the best interest. And everyone testify up here should come out with that there. Is it in the best interest or not the best interest? Then state your reasons why. For me, it's not in the best interest. Of Sleetmute and the surrounding villages. I've brought up a list here. You've got a statue now in D.C., the wall of Viet Nam veterans. Well, we've got one here too. I've listed 85 names. (end tape 2, side 2) Most of our natural leaders, through accidents, all alcohol related are now gone. And you have no more natural leaders in the village of Sleetmute. And this is all due to alcohol. And I had a part in that, years back. You know, I'm ashamed to admit it. Moxie comes up here and it's a sad time when he has go among your own people to say you're a thief, you're a robber, you're an alcoholic. And damn, that's not easy thing to say. But it comes a time there where he's forced to do this and this meeting has forced people to do that. And it's absolutely unnatural thing to do in any society in the world. And that's all I've got to say.

Sharrock: Thank you very much, Nick. Want me to wait one more time, David? [I'm done]

My name is David Marshall and I live in Aniak. [Are you representing yourself?] Correct. I did a couple of studies the last few years on the crime in the villages of the local area. What I'd like to do, with your permission, is tell you what the studies show and then what I conclude from these results. But before I do that let me say that, in all this, I intend no criticism of Bob and Ann Vanderpool. I myself drink and it's my habit in the fall time to come to Stony to catch a moose and on the way back down, I'll stop in at Red Devil and sit with Ann and they're very friendly and hospitable and I buy a bottle and the last time I did that I remember Bob said, "be careful now" and never in all the years I'd been in there have they urged me to drink and always he's been very fatherly and told me to be careful. So, my comments are not in any way a criticism of Bob or Ann or the way they run their operation. My comments have to do exclusively with the consequences of this store in this area which I consider to be a time bomb. First time I did this study was 1979. And what I did was compare the rate of various kinds of crimes locally for the rate of the same types of crimes in the United States. And I did the same study again in 1981-82. And what these numbers show is that crimes against persons are very much higher in the local area then in the country as a whole. For example, murder and manslaughter in the first year which I did the study was 10 times as high locally as it was in the United States. Assaults involving weapons were 8 times as high locally as in the United States. Violation of liquor laws was 4 times as high. Assault was 4 times as high. And the same pattern is repeated in the second time when I did the study in '81-82. Sex offences locally were 9 times as high as in the United States. Non aggrevated assaults, the common kind, beating, using of knives, general acts of violence again were 9 times as high locally as in the United States. So, these numbers indicate to me violence and assault and crime is epidemic in the whole area. Now what does

this have to do with Red Devil? The question is, "are these events related to alcohol" and so, I looked at that question too. Now here, for the first year for which I did the study, '79, we see that 87% of the crimes were alcohol related. And in 1981, '82, when I did second study, 74% of the crime was alcohol related. That seems to be fairly conclusive that something is going on here that has to do with booze. The question is where does it come from? Mostly, it comes from Red Devil. Now, what I did then was say alright, let's see what the rates of the crime is as distinct from the numbers of crimes in the village. If you divide how many crimes happened by the number of people in the village that have the rate of crime by type incident for each village. Now, that does away with the influence for the population size on it. So, we're able to compare village. If one village has a lower crime rate then another, it may or may not mean anything. It may mean it simply has more people than the other. But if you divide the number of incidents by the number of people then we come up with a rate so we can compare villages. and so I asked myself the question, "If we plot the rate of crimes by village, against the distance from Red Devil, does any patterns show up? Now here is Red Devil, at mile 0, and here is the Kalstags at mile 141-150. This red line shows the rate by village of the villages as spaced in terms of their distance from Red Devil. Now if proximity to alcohol easy access to booze from Red Devil is an important explanatory variable in terms of what causes the rates of crime in the villages to go up. Then you would expect the line to slope like this and it doesn't but only because in Red Devil itself, there are hardly any crimes. In the first year for which I did the study there was 1 crime. In the second year for which I did the study there were no incidents, leaving aside Red Devil, which is another matter it's fairly clear to me, the pattern is the closer you are to Red Devil, the greater the crime is going to be. Sleetmute and Stony have incidents at the rates of 5.4 and 5.3 in '79. Crooked Creek has an astonishingly high rate of 13 incidents per 100 people. Get down to Ch... which is 100 miles from here we have rate of 1.6 per 100 people. Aniak shoots up, but there again, it's much easier to get booze in Aniak then it is in Kalstag, because a great deal of booze is flown into Aniak by plane from Anchorage. So, these are the 2 major sources of booze. For the upriver villages, it's Red Devil and for the downriver villages, it's Aniak, except not as much traffic of people going to Aniak for booze from the neighboring villages as here. One of the things that one notices is the percentage of these crimes accounted for by adult male natives is very high. For example, in 1979, 58% of the crimes were accounted for by adult male natives except for Sleetmute where 0% of incidents were accounted for by adult male natives. 4 of the 6 incidents were adult non native. A 1 man crime wave. And 2 of the incidents were juveniles. And again, in 1981-2, the percentage of crime in all these villages was accounted for by adult male navives was 70% except in Sleetmute where only half of them were accounted for by adult male natives. In Sleetmute, 2 of the incidents were accounted for by adult non native and 9 of the incidents were accounted for by junenile. Now, what that suggests to me, but I'm no psychologist, is that the disintegration of the village of Sleetmute has gone further then in any other village and it shows up particularly in the juveniles, the high proportion of the total crime is accounted for by crimes committed by juneniles. My feeling is that the license in itself is a license to kill, this area at its maximum and I hope the Board can do something about it. If there are any questions on these numbers, I'd be happy to answer those. I'll type this stuff up when I get time and mail it off to you so you can enter it for the record.

Sharrock: I would like to and I was going to ask you if you wanted to leave those with us or if you wanted to summarize it some other way. [Marshall: It'll take a little but I'll type it up] I have one question, 2 questions, David. This information sounds like you may have taken it from the criminal justice system, the annual reporting stuff that they do. Did you digest that and put it in this form or where did you arrive at your, I'm just looking for the source of the numbers? [Marshall: You want to know where they come from?] Yeah. [Well, for the first year, they come from the files of the constable we have in Aniak. That's for the year '79. They were then supplemented in interviews I had with local magistrates and troopers in Bethel and the court system there. Now, for the second year, '81-82, the source of these numbers is police files in the Department of Corrections in Juneau. Again, supplemented by discussions with magistrates, judges, judicial system, particularly in Bethel.] OK, thank you. Excuse me, what's on your last sheet? [Marshall: Oh, in case anybody wanted to write anything in support of this See, what I've done is and villages are really hurting. I think these numbers show this. Much worse here than in the U.S. Most of the crime is related to booze. The easier it is to get booze, the higher the crime rate. The only local liquor store is in Red Devil. When it gets close to Red Devil, you have the highest crime rate and therefore I concluded the Red Devil liquor store is the major source of social Disintegration. It's a time bomb and it has to stop.]

Roach: Mr. Marshall, I have one question, if I may. On your graph, I see another set of dotted lines running up from Red Devil, they're colored blue, I believe. [The red line is for the first year and the blue line was for the second year, '81-82. Here we show Sleetmute, far and away the highest crime rate of any village, 20 per 100 people as compared with the next highest crime rate which was 7 per 100 people in Stony River. So the 2 villages closest to Red Devil in the latest year for which I did the study on, how much the highest and the next highest is Crooked Creek and then the next highest is increasing distances away from Red Devil.] Thank you.

Sharrock: When would you want to send us your information? [Marshall: Do you have a deadline?] Not necessarily. [Next week?] That would be fine.

Mellick: David, these are reported cases? [Marshall: Correct. Only from reported cases. [Mellick: and that may be an underestimate. Is that what you're saying? Marshall: I agree. It may be that there's half as many again as the numbers I got. Lots of stuff never gets to the troopers.

Sharrock: Thank you very much, David. [Paul Longpree] Go ahead Paul.

First of all, I'd like to state my name which is Paul J. Longpree. My home is 27 mile, Holitna River. That's just a bit south of Sleetmute. The principle, the only community that I have intercourse with really is the village of Sleetmute. I am a border in this precinct and over a period of 13 years, I have developed a friendship, a close friendship and close tie with most of the villagers, most of the people that live in Sleetmute, the village. I vote here, I get my mail here, and I occasionally use the only village phone. At one time or another, I have visited, with my wife and my family, I visited everybody within the village. I know everybody. I know their backgrounds. I know their future aspirations. I have seen Sleetmute grow. I am also a homesteader and as a homesteader, I want to speak for myself as I want to certify here that I

am not actively plotting against Ann and Bob Vanderpool as to having the liquor store closed although I am for having the liquor store closed and I hope they don't take it personally. I've always been received well at the Vanderpool's. They have opened their doors to me on numerous occasions, given me a cup of coffee and a piece of cookie to go with it. We have had some really good conversations over there. But, as an adult, as a homesteader, as a citizen of this area, I recognize that this area has one big problem. And it's also identified as the same problem that most of the United States has. Problem No. #1 for United States is alcohol. Problem No. #1 for Alaska is alcohol. Problem No. #1 for Sleetmute is alcohol. And I'll take that one step further and say it's not only alcohol but alcohol abuse and that is where I want to narrow it down. I ask myself a question about alcohol and alcohol abuse, "Is alcohol in this area to the best interests of the village of Sleetmute? Is it in the best interest or is it not in the best interest of this community?" And I emphatically state that it is not, and I repeat it, it is not in the best interest of Sleetmute to have liquor sold at such a close proximity as the Red Devil liquor store. I have seen friends drunk. I don't like them drunk. They show me a side of life that is almost entirely foreign of the native peoples of this area. I have seen these same people sober and we talk as men should talk. We share as men should share. I have seen many deaths in this area that are alconol related. I'm sure they're all documented. Everybody has alluded to it at one time or another with the previous testimonies here. And I am sure that every single person in this room here has someone in their family or a very, very close friend who has been detrimently affected by alcohol abuse. Either in a form of drowning by accident where alcohol was related and shooting accidents where alcohol was related and suicides where alcohol was related. Alcohol seems to be the prevalent thing that comes out with anything ever happens over here in conversations. So and so got raped last night because so and so was drunk. So and so got shot last night because so and so was drunk. So and so fell out of the boat last night because he was drunk and on and on and on and on, year after year after year after year. My heart is heavy with sorrow for these people over here in Sleetmute. My heart is heavy in sorrow, I repeat it. I am sick at heart of seeing these people die off because they cannot control their ownselves when they are drinking too much. And as this David Marshall has pointed out in his studies there, the closer you are to the source, the worse it is. I'm here to verify that. It is bad. The kids in that school yard don't play traditional games around here. But, once I was walking by the school yard and I saw them playing drunk and I said, "My God, that struck home. That is just a reflection of their own environment." There they are, they have parents that go out and get drunk and that's all they see, day after day. They see their uncles, they see their friends, everybody participating in this adult game of getting drunk and there are the kids playing drunk in the school yard. They drive the point home. My position is this: Close the Red Devil liquor store, package store down. It is of no community service. It undermines the decisions reached out here by the village elders that's been already spoken. They are against alcohol in this village. They can't control it. There ain't no law out here. The law always comes in after the violation is committed. Somebody gets axed or somebody gets knifed, the incident is all over. They send up the trooper, they cart off the victim, and then try to apprehend the criminal. The criminal knows the airplane, circles around, and pretty soon that person is hiding in the woods some place. The troopers keep coming up and coming up trying to apprehend somebody. They never get him. Only by accident do they get somebody. There's no law over here and when you start distributing

liquor in the amount it is distributed in this area and you have no law, that license should not be there. You got a city situation, you got a McGrath situation, Aniak, Anchorage, Fairbanks. You've got law and order in those areas. At least you have the government inforces the controlling. Everything is controlled. Hunky-dory. But out here, you don't have that kind of control. And you're dealing with people that have drank for so long, they are either chronic drunks or outright alcoholics. And I think people in that condition are not able to make their own decisions in regards to booze. It's just like the person was addicted to smoking cigaretts or addicted to taking marijuana or any other substance. You can't help yourself. You've just got to have it. And I think people like that are really sick and should be treated. But they shouldn't be tempted with the presence of alcohol. And in closing, I'd like to state that I have a wife and I have a child that I'm raising and I just fear sometimes to come down here in the village with my wife and my family because of all the conditions that exist over here when people are drinking. It's a danger. You don't know when somebody's going to come crashing out of a house with a shotgun. You don't know when somebody's going to barreling down the trail with a snow machine. There's just too many dangers to expose my family to it. That's all.

Sharrock: Where's your homestead again, Paul? [It's 27 mile, Holitna River.] Thank you for your very candid comments. Margaret Longpree. Where's the baby [Paul: I hope he's sitting on the porch eating his, a piece of pilot bread.]

My name is Cary Longpree, my middle name is Cary, I go by that and I came here 13 years ago to homestead on the Holitna River. Of course, that's mile 27. Although I leave periodically to go to work or go to school, I regard this area as my home. This is where we want to raise our 4 year old son. I have many friends here. I can't think of one enemy I have here. For me, I feel like it's time to stop being polite and not saying anything about the alcohol problem here. I just feel obsessed with the necessity of making you see the severity of the problem here and of convincing you that you have to, you don't have to, that I wish you would exercise what ever authority you have to try to help control it and I've spent the last several days, last week all worked up thinking about what, what can I say to you to convince you of this, to illustrate the problems we have here. And I think, should I tell you about Matsy and Steve? Good friends of mine who died because they were drinking. How much I miss them? How much this whole village misses them? Should I tell you about the kids here who start to drink before they're born? They play drunk as pre-schoolers? About my own kid who plays drunk? About how these kids have to begin to deal with hangovers by the time they get to elementary school? Should I talk about all the alcohol related crimes? I could tell lots of, about lots of horrible things that I've seen happen, if you want details of any incident or whatever? But to me, the most alarming thing is what's happened to the way we see things here. It's just like coming down the river in the boat today. I noticed the first signs of yellow leaves here and there and pretty soon they're all going to be yellow. We're all going to get used to seeing them yellow. Pretty soon, we're going to have snow all over the ground. We're all going to get used to that. Right now, if it snowed and we had a big snow, it'd be abnormal. It'd be something really different. What is abnormal now. Well, I guess, what I'm trying to say is, it's so easy to get used to the drinking problem here. What's viewed in some places as abnormal, is normal here. It's normal, when we get off of the boat and check with the kids. The kids always

know who's drinking. You want to go visit somebody today? You want to check out if they're drinking first because you don't generally have a good visit when people are drinking. Is that a normal way to do things? Is it normal to have people killing each other? Is it normal to have people beating each other? It just isn't normal. We all think it's normal. We all get used to it. I get used to it. I feel sick with myself for not talking to Matsy or talking to different people. You just- I don't know. It's something strange. I understand that at one time that wasn't normal around here. At one time, I understand, people didn't drink all the time. It used to be abnormal, that hardly anyone ever got drunk. Now I see that there's almost no one here that doesn't drink to excess. Now, when someone decides to quit drinking they're an oddity. They're strange. They're different. A person who decides not to drink anymore at all. I know there's a lot of pressure put on them to return to the new norm of drinking all the time. The norm of alcohol abuse. For the children here, this isn't a new norm. This is the only norm that they know, that they've ever been brought up with. They're born to it. They can't remember days when people didn't drink to much. For them there are no such days. They're learning a new culture - an alcohol culture. There have been attempts to turn this situation around. This village voted itself dry a few years ago. This village called on AVCP for help in some respect last summer. This village successfully petitioned for you to come here. I think it's evident that there's a strong desire to do something about the alcohol abuse problem here. (end tape 3, side 1) People say, well then, if Sleetmute wants to be dry, they should be dry. They should quit drinking. They should quit bringing alcohol in here. I think sometimes people tend to forget maybe because it's legal that alcohol is a drug and a very strong drug. And that an abuser can't quit drinking as easily as they might decide not to have dessert at night after their dinner or some other thing. Alcohol is in a special category. I think we need to make it easier to quit drinking by making liquor harder to get. We have a little taste of what it could be like here. Once in a while, the liquor store runs out of booze. Sometimes the liquor store, they close operations during Slavic or special holidays, during elections. This is a different place around here. It gives you just a little bit of a taste of what it could be like and I also don't fault Vanderpool's with the way they run their store. I actually don't have information, I don't know anything about how they run their store. I know, personally, I like them. Bob and Ann have always treated us well. I have nothing against them at all. As far as any statements Ann made about homesteaders, as a homesteader, I want to make some comments. I don't believe we were allowed to vote in any election to ban alcohol here. If I could have voted, I would have voted to go dry but I hadn't, legally, I couldn't vote. I know that since this village has voted to go dry, I, at least, have not brought in any alcohol. I'm a very light alcohol user. I'm not a teetotaller but I, we make home brew, which is legal, legal to do. And we drink it extremely moderately. I've never brought anything in here since that time. Not a bottle of Kahlua, not anything. I feel, on principle, that I feel legally, I have to follow that law and on principle, I do. I think it'd be legal if we decided to have a party up at our homestead on the Holitna, I think it'd be legal to serve our homemade homebrew, invite the whole village and serve all our homebrew. I think that's a legal thing to do. I think it's legal to sell, there's no question, it's legal to sell booze down in Red Devil. They have a liquor license. It's legal. But I don't think that means it's moral. And I hope that you'll, by whatever powers that you have in the matter, I hope you can help bridge that gap between what's legal and what's moral for this people in this area. That's all I have to say.

Sharrock: Thank you very much. Peter, , what's the population of Sleetmute? (I have no idea) 110? (It was last year It's right around 90 something.) Bill Wagner?

My name is Bill Wagnon. Today, I'm here as a designee of Kuspuck School District. [Say again, Bill] Kuspuck School District [Prospect?] Kuspuck School District. The school district in which you're all now. I'm a designee of the district today. But I would like to emphasize, this is non representative of the issues and the question have, but the district would like to issue an official statement. We, as educators, are aware of fetal alcohol syndrome and the problems and dangers associated with it. Mr. McHenry is in Fairbanks and sends his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting today. Thank you very much.

Sharrock: Thank you. Susan Soule? Did I pronounce that correct? [Yes]

My name is Susan Soule and I live in Aniak. From May of 1979 until the end of May in 1985, I worked for the Kuskokwim Native Association as director of their counseling program which included mental health, alcohol treatment, alcohol education. Traveled a lot to many of the villages of KNA. Had a staff that traveled. Got to know a lot of people. Got to hear, certainly first hand, how alcohol has affected people's lives. What you have here today, I think, are people asking for your help. And they're asking you for your help to fight a disease. And as Moxie said, it's a disease that when people have it, they lose their free wills. It's extremely difficult to choose not to drink when alcohol is available, when you have the disease. As David's numbers indicated, and the testimony about deaths, it's more than a disease. It's an epidemic. Four men from Sleetmute drowned last summer. That's 10% of the male population between 18 and 60 in this village. Moxie said 4 men are in prison now. That is another 10% of the male population of this village. That's a serious disease. That's a staggering epidemic. Moxie talked about what's happening to children. At the present time, there are 21 children between the 3 villages of Sleetmute, Crooked Creek, and Stony River who are either in the custody of DFYS or receiving protective services from DFYS as a result of their parent's alcohol use. That's 18% of the population of kids between 0 and 16 in those 3 villages. That's an epidemic. Children still living at home, with parents who are drinking, are having a rough time. It's a hard way to grow up. Fetal alcohol syndrome is hurting kids before they're born. Research says the sons of alcoholic fathers are 4 times more likely to become alcoholics themselves. It's the disease that not only hurts individuals and families but ruins the future of a whole people. It's a culture destroyer. Values, traditions, life styles - it's getting lost. It's not being transmitted. The future leaders of the villages are dead or in prison. Because these are people who were they not intoxicated would not hurt a fly. Would not have done anything to anybody. We're not talking about harden criminals when we look at these statistics. We're talking about some of the gentlist people I've known anywhere in the world. Alcohol's quite a disease. It makes people act crazy. It makes them do things they would not otherwise do. Natives in Alaska were hit by another disease. Tuberculosis. Similar to alcohol, they were both introduced by people from outside, by white people from outside to a people who had no prior experience with the infection. Not having been exposed to TB, not having been exposed to alcohol, there's no natural resistance. That's why it hits people so hard here. That's why so many people died of TB. Well, medicine and public health people know this and there's a standard 3 part approach to fighting an epidemic. First of all you treat the

sick and the State of Alaska has given increasing amounts of money for alcohol treatment. It doesn't always work. Sometimes it works. The State is trying. The people that work in the field are trying. Part 2: You try to protect the healthy and the State has funded alcohol education and prevention programs. I know during the years I worked, myself and my staff would go into the schools and work extensively with kids. Part 3 of the 3 part approach of fighting an epidemic is try to eliminate the source of infection. And that's exactly what the people of Stony River and Sleetmute are asking you to do. Eliminate the local source of infection. There's no question, I think, that most of the alcohol that's drunk in these 3 villages comes from Red Devil. Certainly, not all, but most of it. People say to me when Red Devil is out of booze the village is good. You can walk around. You can visit people. I believe, people have told me to the best of their knowledge that the deaths, the alcohol related deaths last summer, all the alcohol came from Red Devil. That's the source of the infection for these villages. And all the other efforts, treatment, prevention, Sleetmute's efforts to vote dry in the face of no law enforcement, are really admirable. It can't work. It doesn't work anywhere in the State where there isn't strong law enforcement. It's only logical to take that 3rd step in fighting an epidemic which is doing what you can to eliminate the source of the disease. I want to end by telling a story that actually happened in Sleetmute and I think it goes back to 1980 and I was working in the school, the elementary school with a bunch of 3rd and 4th graders and we were talking about alcohol and about kid's feelings when they saw a boat or snow machine come into the village with booze. And that was before Sleetmute had voted dry. So it had been then. Be lots of booze coming that way. And I asked the kids to draw pictures that expressed their feelings. Most of them drew pictures that expressed sadness. There'd be little stick figures of kids with down turned faces on the river bank looking at boats with bottles in them. Some of the kids expressed anger and there'd be little kids throwing rocks at bottles. Little kids shooting arrows or guns at bottles. One picture was of Santa Claus flying over the village with raindeer and houses with smoke coming out of the chimney and written across the top of the picture in big letters the kid wrote, "This picture is not about alcohol, it's about happy." (Applause)

Sharrock: Gail Vanderpool? Is Gail here? Ann, is Gail here? [Yes, she's outside.] We're going to continue here. Bob Gibson has some comments. Bob?

My name is Bob Gibson. I live in Aniak. I represent no agency, I'm speaking for myself. I first visited Sleetmute in the winter of 1956-57. Jimmy Hoffman, whom many of you will remember, dropped by where I was living and said, "Hey, ride up in the mail plane to McGrath with me. You'll enjoy the trip." We landed at Sleetmute and the temperature was about 25 below. And the person who met us at the mail plane said, "Something bad has happened in Sleetmute." And Jimmy said, "what's that?" "A 16 year old girl froze to death last night. They were partying." Well, I traveled up and down the river off and on since then. This is some of the most beautiful country in the world and some of the finest people that I know and that's why I've chosen to live on the river. I don't see Bob Vanderpool here now, but I've known him a long time and I know he wouldn't do anything bad or illegal. And I have been to the store at Red Devil and I purchased alcohol there. And I have no information that they're in any way violating the law. But, some other friends of mine have said that nobody forces anybody to take a drink. Nobody who is an adult should have his rights to choose restricted. This is beautiful. The alcoholic can say I'll choose to

take a drink. But it's damn hard for an alcoholic to say I choose not to drink and make it stick. And what we've got here are the finest people in the world that have been trapped. As Susan says, it's the disease that got them. And it's a disease brought in from the outside. If it were just adults, the individual person who drinks and has a hangover or drowns himself, that would be bad enough. But what about the people who have nothing to say to about it? What about his kids? What about the unborn children that are drunk in the womb before their fully formed? Those are the people that need the protection. Not the person who says, "I can choosed," and does. I kind of threw away my liberal card because sometimes freedom of choice is a losery. When we have a structured society where things are expected of us, an 8 to 5 job, it's a lot easier to avoid the trap of community alcoholism. I would probably not have come up here except for somebody called Paul Andreanof from the village of Sleetmute. I met him a few years ago as a student. Paul drinks. Nice guy. Competent. He was friendly and smiling whenever I came up here and he, couple times he drank a lot of black coffee, to sober up when he knew I was coming. I don't know how come Paul's dead, but I understand alcohol was involved. So my feeling is that there should be no condemnation of the people of Red Devil. They are not doing anything illegal but people who spread tuberculosis weren't doing anything illegal either. So, I believe it, in the best interest of this community, and I don't speak of just the community of Sleetmute, but I speak to the larger community of which I am a part, which extends from the coast, and I've seen my friends from the coast up here, on booze buying, all the way out of the region, I think it's in the best interest that this license not be renewed. I think it should also be a part of the record that I don't think this is going to solve all tne problems. But at least, it's going to get a little bit of distance between ready availability and non availability and having it there. The other programs will have to go forward. I think Sleetmutes calling for help. I see people I didn't think would ever lay it on the line how they felt, doing that today. And it makes me feel that this is a proper step that this community, however possibly, even mistakenly, is trying to cope what they recognize as a problem. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Sharrock: Thank you very much, Bob. Johnny Johns? Did you want to make a comment? Will Nick have to interpret for Johnny? Nick, would you want to interpret? [Yes]

My name is Johnny Johns. I am 81 years old and lived all my life in Crooked Creek. I knew ever since I know. It tore up my brother's kid, it tore up my son, it tore up my neice b;y the drink. I used to drink myself too sometime not all the time but once in a while. But I try but it's no good. I quit long ago. Over 20 years now I never drink.

The people in the surrounding area concerns him very deeply and with sorrow, for himself it is now meaningless cause he's at near his end. But his greatest concern is for the young people and what is happening to the young people. He re-emphasize again, his greatest concern of those related and unrelated and what has happened to them and he said we're one people under God and we all deserve the best. He said on this earth alcohol with religion is unnatural because it causes all kind of problem. Two brothers, 2 boys and 2 nieces and 1 nephew. Those are his personal loses. From alcohol. He expresses the fact that you people are of letters and educated. You should know better. He is uneducated and he needs help in these matters because they are foreign to him.

He said all these things are happening and our ears are open. We hear but yet we do not understand and we cannot do nothing about it. (end tape 3, side 2) It has been many, many years that he has been sad. Sadness for those that are related to him and unrelated that have gone because of alcohol related. As far as it concerns alcohol, he has many, many things to say but it would never come to an end so this is all he has to say.

Sharrock: Thank you, Johnny. Thank you, Nick. Annie Waskey? Would you like to make any comments?

(Translated by Nick Mellick) She's sorry to say she's here because this problem here and she's going to go ahead and comment on what she has to say. Ask question people. Say that alcohol has been condemned by religion. Ask natives the way we talk is absolutely meaningless. Nobody understands. [What does she mean by that?] Well, you're stepping on them. [Oh, I see.] They're being stepped on. She said, the young people are just like the whites now. They've lost their culture and their language. She tried to tell her children that alcohol is bad but they no longer hear or listen to her. It's seems to be like that all over the world. It's seems like when everything is coming to an end nobody listens anymore. We shouldn't be consuming alcohol in tnis manner because we are Christians in this world. Alcohol is no good, has never been any good, as far as time goes back. And this is common knowledge. Our kids no longer listen. The same is true of us older also. We no longer listen either. It's only with love that we get together and not to argue and fight. That's all she has to say.

Sharrock: Where is Annie from? [She's from Crooked Creek.] Crooked Creek, also. [You've lived there, how long? (for a long time)] Please express our thanks to her. Well, everyone who has spoken who has indicated on our sheet that wanted to speak. Eddy has said he has a couple more questions he would like to direct but before Eddy begins our conclusion, I guess, is there anyone else here, who may not have wanted to indicate that they wanted to speak or if you'd like to speak in your native language, fine. Nick said that he would certainly interpret for you. We're certainly here to take the time so don't feel bad about taking up our time. That's why we're here.

I'd like to make a few comments. My name is Glenn Fredricks, I'm president of the Kuskokwim Corporation consisting of 11 villages from Aniak, Kalskag, on up to Stony River. A native corporation. We in the corporation have been very concerned about alcohol. Any consumption of alcohol. We are looking for the younger kids to be in our shoes in 4 or 5 years. The leadership will have to change. If we continue to use alcohol, we won't get very far. I believe I have some questions that I'd like answered, is that the State of Alaska made a law, of local control, and I don't think the State of Alaska is upholding that law. They should give these villages, in my mind, the tools, meaning money and help and state government to control, if they were to go dry. Working with the village councils, maybe they do that but I think it's the direlect of the state government itself. They pass this law and gave it on to the village councils to administer. Have they been taught what these laws are? No. They have not, probably. Our VPSO's and so forth. They are hired and fired. Just like that. How can then these people control that option, the state law? To me that is direlect of the state government. I think somebody in our organizations should ask the Attorney General for an opinion. Who is obligated to administer

that law that they passed in Juneau? And how to do it with the monies that the state government has? And I think those are critical questions and hopefully we could answer these by the Attorney General. Because it is not right, in my mind, to give this awesome responsibility, the law itself, to the village council to administer. And I think that there should be some answers and questions from our own people. Again, I'll reiterate that we in the corporation are very concerned of our young people and alcohol consumption in all the State of Alaska. And I don't know how you control it, whether you close down Red Devil, McGrath, Dillingham, what have you. But that alcohol is going to come here and I think the key question in this is how to help the local council to, if it's a law then let's abide by that law. We're all breaking it as I see it now because lot of villages in this area are dry, yet they import. Now, I don't think there's never anything done and I think that's breaking state law and who is doing that? In my mind, it's the state government. And I think that should be cleared up. Thank you.

Sharrock: Thank you. Anyone else? Eddy?

Eddy: I guess, I'll be the last. I was speaking to a few people last night. They said, if they close this liquor store down at Red Devil, you cannot buy any groceries from our store. This is not right to say that. They cannot say the words they said to the people here at Sleetmute if they want that bar closed down there and boy if I ever hear about it, I will take it up to the Board again if I have take it to the Attorney General. Nobody, nobody has the right to say that. That's against the law to be talking that way. That's all I got to say.

[Mr. Sharrock, may I ask a guestion? (Surely, David) to be sure I understood what Eddy said. Are you saying that people told you that or you heard somebody-]

Eddy: The people told me that.

[Mr. Sharrock. (Yes, Nick) I have that piece of paper read that
(Which one one that?) The one he gave

~~Mallock~~: I got a piece of paper here that at the time David came up with these graphs here. At the time I was ordering for the bar at Mercury Inn down there. One fall, and I'm talking about excessive drinking, one fall I ordered 1 cargo of beer. One cargo encompasses 7,000 cases of one brand, which was Schlitz. It was delivered to Red Devil in September and all the alcohol was gone in March. I served approximately 300 people. Opening hours were from 4 p.m. to midnight. Closed Mondays. I reviewed those figures there and come to the conclusion how much alcohol was consumed and this was just one brand.

[woman]: I have a question about

Sharrock: I hope I remember all your questions. No. #1. Licensed are renewed annually. The licensees are required to file with the Board a renewal application and villages and incorporated cities with village councils or city councils may, under what word used in the law, is protest an application. [
] Where it is, yes. And if a license is protested, the Board may not grant that renewal unless the Board, under the law, finds the protest

to be arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. So, there are special standing, there is special standing given to villags and cities. That is not to say, though, that villages surrounding an area can also make comment by objecting to the renewal, but they don't have the legal standing of a protest, if we can differentiate what I'm or get what I'm trying to say here by differentiation. But licenses are renewed annually. [Can a license initially granted, how is that determined? Is population taken into account. How is that determined initially. Well, this license was initially issued, I understand, before statehoo There has always been some form of population limitation, except there was a period in Alaska when there was no liquor law at all but then, it was repealed and they it was reinstituted. Predominantly, licenses are issued based on population. There has been a new law enacted this year in the legislature which doubled the population requirement for licensing in areas. [Now, would that be for issuing new licenses or retroactive?] It wouldn't be retroactive. At least the law didn't provide for that. [Sir, what would be a good reason for a license to be issued to an area who had never had a license before, let's say, as was Red Devil in 1955? What was the reason given then to bring in a liquor license?] All I can say is what I've heard. At the time the license was originally applied for, maybe Nick can help with some history here, applied for, I guess there was a lot of mining in the area at the time and I think that's what stimulated the apparent necessity for some kind of a license and that's what I've heard. [Well, sir, let me point out to you also that mining is no longer going on here in Red Devil. The license was issued for that particular purpose and it no longer exists. How come the license has never been withdrawn? That's my question for the record.] I wish I could answer your question, for the record. In terms of being something factual or but I can't to the degree that there has been any foundation or what ever you might ever it for the license to be revoked. Once a license is issued, I'll have to say under the law, it has be some circumstances that either in the public interest or are, can be identified, for a license to be revoked. I'm not saying I agree with that or don't disagree with it [OK, my question was, another question followed. Is a license to sell liquor, the type that Red Devil has, is that transferable to another individual or to a different location?] Yes. [The license is sellable. In other words, a guy can take his license and sell it John Doe in Crooked Creek or John Doe that lives in Anchorage, for instance. Is that correct?] No. Most licenses are transferable to other persons. Most licenses are transferable to any locations. However, usually it's, to make it easy to explain, licenses can transfer with the proximity, let's put it that was. You couldn't transfer a license to Crooked Creek for example. Crooked Creek, under provisions of law, is a dry community right now. For that community to have a license in it, they would have to have an election saying that they wanted the sale of alcoholic beverages. It couldn't be transferred to Sleetmute because Sleetmute hss banned the sale. It couldn't be transferred to Anchorage because under law that is a zone special entity defined by the boundry. [OK, my next question is, in the event that the licence was revoked or not renewed, as a possibility, this is real, that would leave this area without a liquor license, is that correct?] No. There is another liquor license in Red Devil which is a restaurant license for the sale of beer and wine in a restaurant. [OK, we're not concerned here with that?] I haven't heard any comments about it. Well, there is a license there. Gail Vanderpool [We're talking about 2 separate licenses, 2 different licenses] Well, I've only heard comments in terms of the package store. [Beg your pardon, Mr. Sharrock. Correct the record. Listened to testimony very early on. I quote

almost the exact words, "not only not want the liquor store, package store license, but in fact, they don't want any beer or wine sold either" referring to the original opening so I think that's very clear in the record. I think all through the records, they talk about alcohol not wanting beer or wine or any type of license. But when you use the cause for revoking of license. This morning I gave Eddy 2 pages of people's death directly related to alcohol. Now what would be the cause of revoking a license, 10 deaths, 20 deaths or 85 deaths? Should consideration be given to a condition like this? You have the names of 85 people. There maybe more. That's what we come up with. Directly related to alcohol.]

[Sir, in regard to this second licenses, I had my hand up, I was recognized][He was responding to Mr. 's question. Would you repeat] I thought he was just giving me a statement. Did he ask- [No, he asked how many deaths] I can't answer that. [You got it right there] [in consideration for renewal or revoke the license] I wish I could answer you question. [What prevents you from answering this question?][Well, not so much that what about the guy that's sitting on your right? You say he does investigating. Now, it's only through him personally that you investigate?. You got the state troopers up here. You've got local. Why aren't they utilized or comments asked for?] From those people. We have talked to the troopers. [Not only from the village people also from the troopers, the magistrates.] Yes. We have asked the magistrate and the trooper and I don't know who else you talked to in Bethel about the license in Red Devil and we have comments and those comments were presented to the Board this last meeting and those comments are one of the reasons wey we're here because those persons also expressed comments to us and I have a letter here that was given to me from the District Attorney in Bethel also commenting about alcohol, related to Red Devil. [Tnen, if that's the case, we're talking about renewal.] I didn't hear you, Nick. [Why did you not come earlier years if you had heard these comments and what not these various departments or what not in previous years?] What I'm trying to say is or what I said at the onset, Nick, this is the first year or first time that, at least in the 8 years that I have been director of the Board have heard any comment at all, really, in terms of something coming before the Board about concerns at Red Devil. I guess, I would have to say, I was in a hearing similar to this 8 years ago in McGrath and I think someone mentioned the name Red Devil or Takatna, one of the 2. [What you are kind of saying here is what the deputy magistrate reports or the state trooper reports is really meanless, unless you count directly from that community or from people within the community so it could come up here and testify and for a lot of them feel like they make a fool out of themselves.] No, I didn't mean to say that or have you understand [I didn't say you're doing that, but why haven't you come earlier?] That's only been recently. That's just been in the last couple of months. [I'm sorry, I thought you were talking about going back to previous years.] No. No. That's just been within just the last couple of months and that was initiated by other comments we had gotten about incidents in this area and a request to hold a hearing or come here and have a meeting with you people to try to get a better understanding and even if hearing from the magistrate or the troopers or so forth, it's certainly obligatory on our part to come and talk to you people. But, I'm just say, that was part of the stimulation for coming here and [You know, we talked about rights, individual rights and what not. Your responsibility. We had both parents drown here directly related to alcohol. Who bears the responsibility? That area there. As far as renewal is

concerned. And you do not have the right to take another parent or both parents or relative away because it's directly related to alcohol. I lost one brother, one son, alcohol related and that scar will always be there.] I think I've always said it's a collective responsibility. [I don't want nobody else to go through whatever I went throughbecause alcohl related.] This gentleman behind you had a question [I, just a minute. I got a plane to catch. I wanted to thank you letting me be here at this meeting today.] I appreciate your coming. [Our plane is leaving, leaving about 5 minutes] Thank you Eddy. Yes.

[ ]: I'd like clarification, a legal definition of community interest. I thought I heard you say community interest [Vern, don't leave. You're going to be next.] is defined by the community in which the license is held, is that correct? [Not necessarily. No. I was trying to differentiate and the answer her question is, that a community in which a license resides gives that community some special standing under the law for that community to "protest" renewal and I use that word with quotes around it because that's the word that's used in the law. If that community protests the renewal of a license or a new license or whatever, the law tells the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board that they cannot issue that license or renew that license unless they find the reasons for the protest to be arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. And those are the words used in the law, too. But, as I tried to also say, that is not disenfranchise residents and other communities in the area from also making objections. But they may not protest, using that word again.] Protest meaning that that's grounds for immediate refusal? [It's grounds for a special legal standing under the law, that even if a license were to be protested, even if I were to go back to the Board and give them a report and say, those people don't want a license within a thousand miles of there, the Board could say, OK, we'll agree with that, we will deny those licenses or deny renewal, you must realize that those persons that hold those licenses also have the right of appealing that decision and for as long as they appeal, that licensed premesise may remain open unless it's closed by order of the court. So, I'm not saying, things are long or short.] How about renew? [Same thing] You would have to renew that when it's under appeal? [Well, no. If the Board denied renewal, for example,] You're going through a appeal process, you would still have to renew them. [The premises could remain open, yes.] Otherwords, you have to renew it. (end tape 4, side1) [If he appeals, the license is still now renewed, but during his appeal, the premises may remain open.] Otherwords, you would still renew until such times as the appeal process goes through. [You could it in those words, yes. Vern's next, you've already had a chance. Vern?]

Vern: Yes, what I was going to say was I think, basically, what you're telling the people here is really educational because I found that no one, personally, knows the mechanics that's probably the reason your 8 year tenure in your office has never heard from this area and their alcohol problem because, I mean vaguely they might know there's an ABC Board out there somewhere but they don't know the trail to it and I think mayby ought to periodically send out circulars, maybe to just hang on the wall in some of these buildings like the health clinic because I know that no one knows the trail how this is done. And you can see by our questions here that we still don't know the mechanics of it. I just throw that out for comment.

Sharrock: Thanks Vern. Yes.

Soule: I hear a big crack and the crack is the location of the license. The victim of this is a city, this is a village and this is the boundry one really another gift from another culture to the people who live here. And the fact that the people of Sleetmute and Crooked Creek and Stony have no legal standing to protest is a good example of that because Sleetmute, Stony, Red Devil and Crrked Creek in a more meaning ful sense form one community. People are very much interrelated. Travel back and forth, cousins here, couisins thre, grandmother here, it;s really once comunity. Red Devil, arbitrarily, a separate village has abut 45 people in it. Crooked Creek has about 115, Sleetmute has about 120, about 85 in Stony River. The tail is wagging the dog. In this larger and more meaningful community.

Sharrock: No. I understand what you are saying. What the law intended, though, from my understanding, was to give villages and traditional village councils some legal standing under the law. [Traditional village councils is an interesting phrase. Traditional councils were introduced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They don't date back 100, 200, 300 years.] I understand your point. But, please, don't get my comments wrong. I'm trying to differentiate what the law allows a village or a city, but it certainly isn't disallowing other villages saying what I'm hearing today. You don't a license and we're describing what that is. [I guess, being somewhat aware of traditionally orientec. presedent is a dangerous thing in all of the districts, and I'm suggesting that because of the nature of this village and their interrelatedness and isolated as a community from other placed it wouldn't necessarily be setting a dangerous precedent by responding to Sleetmute and Stony River. The one not comparable to a lot of other places.] I don't know as it would be precedent, it wouldn't be, I think, because the license in this particular area is probably the only license in a large area of Alaska that is isolated and is singly identifiable in an area where there are villages or this kind of thing. I can't think of a one anywhere in Alaska, not even in Southeastern, not even in the North Slope Borough, not even in this western area. So it's precedent setting in that degree, I guess you might say, but not because of it's own set of circumstances. If that makes sense? [It gives the Board room.] Yes, that's tr I see it [Let me ask you for clarification please.] You can ask, I don't know if I'll be able to clarify it. [How many licenses are there in Red Devil?] Two. [Can you name those?] The package store license and under the law what's titled the restaurant or eating place license. [The restaurant in the bar has been closed a number of years.] Well, there's still a restaurant there. It's not operating right now, from what I understand. [No lunch is served in the restaurant. You can only serve beer and wine. Not No one sold or served the general public for a number of years.] Well, if those are the facts of the case, then, that's in violation of the law. If that's the way it's operated. [The license invalid if not utilized in a manner described] That's correct. [Is there a statute of limitations on that?] The license has to be operated 30 days each year by law. [The bar has been closed for a number of years] Are they serving dinner to the general public? [No, not for a number of years] As I admitted to you at the outset, it certainly been a number of years since there's been any representative of the Board in this area at all. We've been to McGrath as I've said but we haven't [I just wanted that in the record] Yes?

[ ]: Number of years they never serve no beer and wine. That's the reason why they don't have no restaurant. Can you see that, they only have

the package store in there. That's why they don't serve no, you know, hamburger or something like that. That goes with the beer and wine. You see? Can't you see that? A number of years now they don't serve no beer in there. They don't serve no wine in there. It's only that package store. Can't you get that through your head, some time? They have never served me beer and wine down there for a number of years because we don't buy no beer or wine in there. I know that, I been around. I been in Red Devil many a number of time a year.

[ ]: The public testimony that you've heard today, you've heard from a good number of individuals who admitted they had erred. The community said they had made mistakes and I would also like to add to the record that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board also has erred in being to lax and not following the letter of the law. So it seems like the blame lies in all these places.

Sharrock: As I was saying to you, when you finished your earlier comments, I think the whole things a collective kind of a responsibility and for observation, and however you want to put it, it's certainly not something that each of us can take as an isolated thing, I mean alcohol in general. It's certainly a contraversial thing throughout this state and the nation and for me to make a decision about something, half of you might disagree and half of might agree and here we are coming to a point of no return and my approach has always been to take the situations and listen to what people say on a case by case basis because we're charged with the operation of licenses in the state. If I were charged or the Board were charged with the requirement to come up with an answer to solve alcoholism and alcohol abuse, I wouldn't want to be in that position. But that's what we're faced with, collectively, you know. There's problems in every town in this state. [We're all in the same barrel] Sure we are. [But the end product is, and I've stated this many times, is it in the best interest] That's correct. [or not the best interest. Basically, that's what it boils down to.] That's what it boils down to. As far as licenses are concerned. From my prospective. Can we end on that note? Bob, go ahead.

Gibson: You've been out here, taking a lot of testimony, you listen very well, got it all on tape. The mechanism will now be to go back, have this stuff transcribed and present it to the Board which consist of how many members and when will it meet? [The Board consists of 5 members. We have a meeting next week on the 13th and 14th in Fairbanks. 'Whether or not I will be able to reduce this and copy or number one, reduce everything in the form of some report that I can present to the Board along with the resolutions and the statements that have been presented, I don't know. My hope would be to bring the matter back before the Board next week. We got it before the last month or in June and that's why we're here today. The Board said, "Pat, go out to Sleetmute and talk to those people and find out what's really being said." So I would hope to get the information back to them next week.]

Gibson: Then they will make a decision, Yea or Nea, on renewal, removal, or whatever? [Not necessarily. Renewal of a license really isn't before us, right now. Legally, it's not, because applications are due, renewal applications are due to be filed with the Board no later than December 31st. So really, renewal isn't there. However, there may be other elements, administrative, procedural kinds of things that bring the matter forward earlier than that, I don't know. But, I hope to get the matter in some form back to the Board next week.

Gibson: So no effective decision will really be made, which would do anything, put people's mind at rest, for some little time yet? Is that correct?

Sharrock: Well, I don't know what decision would put people's minds at rest but I'm not saying that the Board may not entertain something in the form of a decision or proposed decision which might shed light one way or the other. Whether or not that'd put people's mind at rest, I don't know.

[ ]: Let me speak differently not minds to rest, but give closure to the situation.

Sharrock: To be honest with you, as I tried to point out before, from a legal system operating point of view in appeal kind of things, you're looking at quite a ways down the pike. You know, for that kind of an outcome. I'm not trying to duck your question or duck the issues, I've just been, I know the system works and it takes a while.

Gibson: What kind of salability, transfer of the assests which are represented by the license are limited in that say, you come down there and decided well, it wasn't worth the hassel, we could realize a good bit by selling this license to Club 15 so they could open. They couldn't do that, could they? [Sure, they could. Nick did.] OK, then they do not have to suffer tremendous financial loss if they wish to transfer that license. [Well, more than likely, that license really only has a value to be operated where it is.] Oh, I think Club 15 would be more than happy to get [Where's Club 15?] Club 15 in Anchorage. [No, the license can't transfer to Anchorage. It can't transfer to Crooked Creek and it can't transfer to Sleetmute and it can't transfer to Stony River.] Witnout the Board's consent. [Well, basically, with your consent, too.]
[ ]: I have one more clarification. See if we're on the same line. This meeting now concerns revoking or non renewing? [That's right.] Then this is what we're talking about. I want that clarified. You said they're talking dispense and revoke, you were saying renewal comes by the end of the year and will not be considered new. At the Board meeting coming I want that clarified either revoke or non renewal first of next year. [I understand.] What is the term to expire in the license? [December 31st. She's next.]

[ ]: I'm wondering if there's any set of criteria objective guidelines that the Board goes by to define public interest?

Sharrock: Boy, you're sure having a good question. I wish I could answer that. The law does not define public interest. The Board has not defined public interest and courts have really not defined public interest. Tt's usually directed toward the situation at hand and how the public feels about a particular thing or situation as to what the public interest is. I know Bill, I don't know if he can add to that or detract from it or whatever, but it's a very nebulus area. The phrase public interest.

[ ]: My definition of public interest is through a jury, the input that you get and therefore you consider in the best interest or not the best interest [You started out with that, at the beginning of our meeting. No, I knew what you were saying right off.]

Roach: Think if I can very briefly just add one little thing as far as

public interest is concerned. In my experience, public interest has always gone to things that were occurring as a result of the operational license that were causing harm in the community. And I think that's probably what the Board looked at. A lot of times, where a license was denied or revoked as a result of something that was contrary to the public interest. [You said occurring then you also said have occurred.] That's correct.

Sharrock: And this only came to fruition about 3 months ago when a supreme court decision came down upholding the Board's decision about an application for a license in Fairbanks and it was a package store. The Board denied it. It was a brand new application and the applicant appealed. Three steps from the administrative hearing level to the superior court to the supreme court and the supreme court finally rendered their decision upholding the Board's decision which sheds a whole new light on the Board's ability to go forward with looking at liquor licensing. Quite significant. [first time in year I was requesting circulars explain alcohol procedures revoking . Couple of villages told me they were going to get this second hand, third hand and you know how things go when they come that direction.] No, it's a difficult process, communicating, especially this kind of a law. Complex to a great degree and contraversial, I guess I would add. Did you remember your question? [I'm curious to know what the regulations are about as far as who the] Generally, yes. The law states that no licensee may sell to a drunken person or to a person under the age of 21 years old. There was an amendment to the law about 5 years ago. By Nels Anderson from a rural area expressly putting in the law the provision that a licensee could refuse to sell service to a person who that licensee felt could harm himself or another person. To what degree licensees have exercised that around the state, I cannot tell you. We just don't have a record of that kind of a thing. [Could I ask I'm trying to figure out if general public, if I go to the registrar and if I went down there sign a petition] You're asking me to draw a legal decision or draw a legal conclusion. I can't do that. [public] No, it's not public, I don't think, other than, you only thing an attorney'd probably end up saying to you, well, or anybody else, there's a constitutional question involved there. But I don't want to get into that or detract with that kind of thinking. [

what is the proper Board member or what recognize] Usually, in writing, directly to me. We get letters from people all over the state concerning licenses in various communities or problems or whatever or pick up the phone and call. [Then there wouldn't be a written record?] Then there wouldn't be a written record? No. [Can you leave the names of people on the Board and their addresses?] I don't think I have the Board's names and addresses with me. Let me write down your name and address and I will send that to you and I give you my card and Bill can give you his too. [Mine has the correct address on it. Pat's is 4 addresses previous] How did you get new cards printed and I haven't? [Has the Board ever revoked a license on public interest?] Sure, but I can't think of one right off hand. Sea View. That's the first one that came to mind. It was a bar in Hope, Alaska, just outside of Anchorage. There's been the

Shangri-La in Ketchikan [What did public interest mean there? Like] Well, just because of the facts that were involved. In some of those cases, there were drug activities related to the operation of the business. There were improper persons operating the business. Some of those things come into the stream in what you'd say public interest. Just generally overall perceiving the way the place was run and is bad for the public interest, period. [No deaths though, no deaths as far as you know. That wasn't an important factor.] No deaths? (that didn't exist in those situations) That wasn't part of it. I'm trying to think of quick examples, David, but I can't right off the top of my head. Every time I get asked that, my mind goes blank and I can't think of specific situations. There's been many times cities have protested applications for renewal or even applications and those, without fail, have been denied. Not renewed. I guess that's the best I can do for you. Well, let me thank you very much for being so patient and diligent. For sitting here on those hard benches for so long. The sun is shining outside for I guess from what I hear, it has been for the last couple of weeks, but I really appreciate your candidness and honesty and I hope I can convey what you've told us in the same fashion or as well as you have back to the Board. So, with that, thank you very much for your curtesy and your time and hopefully, we'll come back again one of these days. [Is the Board meeting public?] Oh, yes. All the Board meeting are in public.