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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 agencies, 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 everybody's concerns where everybody 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 agencies that are where with us maybe some of their agencies 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 everybody 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 community 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 occasion 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 communtiyys 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 combinations 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 everyone 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 influence 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 additionally 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 Substance 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 wouldn't 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 wouldn't have the retarded and it's hard to see children starting off that are drunk or but they call them drunk but they are mentally 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 approach 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 communicable disease is another aspect of public health nursing and I feel alot of gonorrhea and syphilis and other sexually 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 tolerate 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 didn't 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 agencies, what kind of resources are available so we can and develop the kind of curriculum that hopefully will provide the kind of prevention program that we need, because we need to start and that's 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, well first of all I received 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 Substance Abuse in alcohol and drugs together and the same thing that you have a very difficult time, one is might be classed as a social problem because it's not illegal and with it is you get a lot of protection that's the alcohol problem the other the drug problem is a criminal offense, you seem to have it in your possession which puts someone in Mike's jurisdiction here automatically almost, it's 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 begin with, protection of the abusers is much as it hurts that when their

perected 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 rehilitation 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 congagation 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 then 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 because of they may be on my control but their are somethings

that I must distinctively deal with, temptation for instance I dont quote with temptation 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 Illegal 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 legally 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 opportunity to be of service to the community. I would like to also advise this as a group to have counselors available to whoever 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 banning illegal 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 a lot of time and effort to pursue 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 ineffective, like the education program, city of Barrow, and I would be more than willing to make proper concessions against the alcohol abuse. . Would like to let you know that you have a 100 percent support to this matter, thank you very much.

ELISE PATKOTAK: I think I came here tonight over a lot of anger and sadness and as a citizen of community more than a Social worker. I've seen so many people get hurt by drinking and drug abuse for thirteen years now, like George said we've been to a lot of funerals, we've lost a lot of good friends. There's 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 isn't 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

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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

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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

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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.

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DIANE ORBELS-IM GLAD THAT WE ARE HERE. I THINK WE NEED TO DEFINE SOBRIETY. 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 ABUSER 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 ENVIRONMENT 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 EDUCATION BUT WE ALSO 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 INDIVIDUAL 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

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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 SCOOOL 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 QUESTIONNAIRE 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

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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.

Tape three

Lena Baker left earlier and left a little 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 protection from their families. She stated Adult protective services see a lot 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, especially 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 didn't have agencies that dealt with either of those, but tonight we probably have eight to ten agencies that deal with alcohol and drug abuse. If we have support with these agencies 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, that's thru education, involvement, support and agencies, 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 forty and the others were natural deaths but that's more than 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 tolerate. We need to start teaching the young at a early age, and a positive image.

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 official I feel strongly about and it should be considered a priority in terms of dealing 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 wouldn'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 counseling 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 categories Education, Treatment, and Law Enforcement, and suggested 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.

Tape three (3)

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 possible.

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.

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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 consensus 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 commitment to follow the recommendations 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 commitment 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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-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 Ongtowsruk, 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 option 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 enough 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 Yes, but they're doing the training for the troopers, and the

HOLLENBECK Carole Baekey, yes. for the VPSO's.

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 order 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 out 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 these 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, we 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 have 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 doesn't 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 municipal aid and such because there is no economic base in the villages. These people 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 handcuffs on; getting a lot of pressure.

HICKEY But he's taking it?

JACKSON Not for very long, 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 usually 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, but 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 think 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, particularly 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 lot 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 and 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 occurrence. 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 if 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 than 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 invoc-ation by Roland Booth.

Chuck Johnston go thru the agenda, introduce the represen-tatives 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 Coun-cil, 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 sol-uation 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 ever-ything done as much as we can, but will have a full day ses-sion 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, af-ter each of the organizations have had a chance to put input

we will identify them, than we would like to move the public comments to there because then 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, solutions, the problems and they can look thru those, add on solutions 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 themselves, they figure that 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, in-fact 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 worrying 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 identify, 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 solutions on you, but you want the people to give us comments, people to give us a little bit direction on what kind of solution 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 solutions 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 solutions 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 something, 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 caught 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 else, 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 caught 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, premiare 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 attempted, 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 survive 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, suppose 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 attendance, we see poor attendance, 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 to go on cause 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 suicide so with you too, I have to bear this evening and tomorrow hopefully to 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 occur, 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 introduced 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 bleachers 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 froze to death or drown, or commit suicide, 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 criticize them, especially those of us who are church workers or christians, we should try to help these officers, whether it is here, or Noorvik, Kiana, or Kotzebue, (Romans 13:dl 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 then 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 then 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 christian 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 mightier than all of us, he is on outside too, and certainly should not be descourage, 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 long 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 becuae 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 survive, 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 know 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 else 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 deluttet, 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 priority, 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 voiw, 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 affect 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 dividint 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 attendance 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 ignore 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 reference 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 Superintendent 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 negative conditions that effects the lives of our children, there is 3 factors stand out on my mind that need to be the most sufficient 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 determined thru out the basic needs when are common 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 existence, 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 commitment to the children and well being is gone during times of drunkenness 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 drunkenness, children about 2 years old is abuse, the most personnel and precious is control over your body without control why look into the future. What happen to the commitment parents made to their children. 3 needs, respect to be needed and need for a meaningful existence. 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 encourage 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 existence- 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 encourage 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 too 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 a lot 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 MARIJUANA
- B 4. PARENTS NEGLECTING THEIR CHILDREN
- B 5. FAMILY VIOLENCE/FEAR
- A 6. MAKING HOMEBREW
- B 7. SUICIDE AND ATTEMPT
- A 8. LOCAL AA CENTER
- G 9. JUVENILE CONSUMING
- A 10. POLICE ASSISTANCE
- A 11. ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL OPTION LAW
- A 12. COMMUNITY ENFORCEMENT
- A 13. OPERATION IN DWI - TRAFFIC HAZARDS
- 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 COUNSELLING
- D 25. LACK OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND CENTERS
- 26. IGNORANCE TO RESOURCES 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 . . . speak of what is happening. it is the hardest part in helping family members to . . . fact that they have a problem, start at family level, get 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 begining, 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 pamphlet 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, enforcement 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 everybody 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 too 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.