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PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE DAY CARE CAMPAIGN (continued)

Day Care Campaign Meeting

Friday, March 6, 1981

and

Saturday, March 7, 1981

Registration 7:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Registration 8:00 a.m.
Meeting 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration fee (includes up-to-date campaign materials):

\$15.00 (If you have not paid any registrations or contributions previously)

\$10.00 (If you have made a contribution or paid a registration fee previously)

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Checks should be made payable to the National Campaign for Child Daycare. You may register at the door.

If you cannot attend but want to remain on the mailing list and have not made any contribution in the past, you may do so by sending a check or money order for \$3.00.

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DAY CARE DIRECTORS

MEETING MARCH 4TH

Directors of child care centers will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 1981, at Park Lake Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Highland and Colonial Drive in Orlando.

Phoebe Carpenter, 4C Administrator, will review program and funding plans for 1982. In 1980, 4C spent \$4,481,509.65 buying child care for families eligible for funding. Service was purchased from 110 child care centers for 5,500 children in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. In 1981, 4C expects to spend over \$4.7 million buying child care and will serve an estimated 5,800 children (very close to all of the families in need of service.)

A new program of certifying/licensing day care homes and training for day care home providers will be presented:

The National Day Care Campaign, Re-opening 4C Toy Library and other items will be discussed.

All 4C members and friends are invited.

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4C SERVICE REPORT

4C paid for child care for 2,967 children in January of 1981. The children were cared for at 99 different child care centers. 4C arranged 191 low cost physical examinations for children, immunizations, and vision and hearing screening.

Child care workers participated in 954 4C training classes. 4C social workers kept appointments with 805 parents in person and 2,597 others by phone.

4C BOARD

MEMBERS ORIENTATION

In December the membership of 4C for Central Florida (some 600 persons) elected 20 members to be the governing board for 1981. Now the new board is taking up the reigns, setting goals and checking out the operation conducted by its 33 employees.

And this is not so simple when the operation is being scrutinized by a number of state departments and governors offices; is written about in Saturday Review of Literature and Family Circle Magazine, as well as the "trades" Child Care Information Exchange and Day Care and Early Childhood Education, and The Day Care Book, a hard back publication of Stein and Day, authored by Grace Mitchell of Boston. 4C Operations Manual and other pertinent papers are circulated by the respected Education Research Information Clearinghouse in Urbana, Illinois, and are publicized to mayors and city managers all over the country by the Center for Improvement of the Quality of Life, a Washington based organization.

The new board members, all volunteers, will be expected to make decisions regarding this four and half million dollar operation in 1981, to maintain the cost effective service which has brought it such acclaim, and to display to the Reagan Administration the voucher/Purchase of Service system of delivery of child care which has, for ten years, been out of step with the funded child care advocates of the 70's, but now finds the conservative approach may become popular.

Saturday, February 7th, the 20 board members met at the Howard Johnson's on Lee Road for a three hour orientation to the various aspects of 4C: informa-

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ORIENTATION-Continued

tion and referral services to all parents of young children as they seek health services, child care or other information, and financial assistance to working parents who cannot afford child care otherwise and thus be able to continue in their work; technical assistance to the child care provider-community to help them attract customers, including the funded parents whom 4C assists; and the operation was presented by the six department directors of 4C, including verbal/media displays which should answer questions and raise others.

4C is supported by United Way in Orange and Seminole counties, by contract with County Commissions and City Governments in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and contracts with Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and Florida Department of Education.

The accounting system of 4C, which is a modified voucher plan for the funded parents, enables them to buy child care on the open market. This thwarts the notion of public child care centers or government control of the children, while delivering a cost effective assistance program. The process developed here is being copied in Texas, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia and is under study in other cities and states.

IMPORTANT DATESMARCH

- 4 4C Child Care Centers Directors and Owners meeting - Park Lake Presbyterian Church - 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- 6-7 National Campaign for Child Day Care For Working Families - Book Cadillac Hotel - Detroit, Mi. "Open" Meeting. Contact: John E. Kyle, Chairperson, 600 N. River - Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197; Home - 313/485-7768
- 18-21 SACUS Conference - Biloxi, Miss. Theme: Commitment to a World in the Making. Contact: SACUS, Box 5403, Brady Station, Little Rock, Arkansas 72215.
- 19-21 Conference - Caring for Infants & Toddlers - What Works What Doesn't - Summitt CCC, Sponsor, Info: Summitt CCC, 95 Morris Avenue, Summitt, N.J. 97901 201/273-7017.
- 29 -31 NACCM (formerly NACDE) Washington Forum(see page 7)

APRIL

- 5-11 Week of Young Child - Sponsored by NAEYC, 1834 Conn. Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009
- 8-10 Family Day Care Conference, Atlanta, Georgia - Conference for Providers, Trainers, Advocates, etc. Contact: Joe Perreault, Child Care Support Center, Save the Children, 1182 W. Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, Ga. 30309 - (404)885-1578

**Florida Center for Children & Youth Conference- Tallahassee

**Youth Week - Seminole County

**NOTICE TO THE DIRECTORS OF
TITLE XX CONTRACTORS**

**TRAINING FOR DAY
CARE HOME MOTHERS**

Please be advised that, effective immediately the 4C counselor will no longer ask parents enrolling in 4C Funding Programs to fill out the Parent Agreement Form and bring it with them to the center.

Parent Agreement Forms will continue to be available to center directors at 4C for limited time. You may request blank forms from your counselor. However, you should know that this form does not include all enrollment information required by Day Care Licensing.

We strongly recommend that you use the HRS ENROLLMENT CARDS supplied by your Licensing Representative to record enrollment information and ADD PREFERRED HOSPITAL in order to meet Title XX requirements.

The 4C Children's Health Services Department, Mrs. Pat Kaster, Director, will make available to you upon request a model format for Parental Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment. This format was designed to meet the requirements of most of the hospitals in the three county area and, if filled out properly by the parent, should allow emergency treatment to be received by the child. This could save life!

More than 10,000 infants and children of working mothers are cared for daily in independent day care homes in Central Florida. 4C has long published information to parents who purchase day care, with suggestions of what good child day care is like.

Now 4C and Orange County Adult Vocational Education are developing specialized training courses for day care home mothers. They will be very similar to those which have been available since 1972 for child care centers employees in children's art, music and language arts, discipline, fiscal managements skills, child health and emergency care, nutrition and other subjects. Day care home mothers who are licensed (or certified as meeting licensing standards), and participate in nutrition training courses may be reimbursed through 4C with USDA child care food money.

4C is also working to form networks of licensed day care homes, which assures substitutes when the day care mother is ill or help in case of emergency.

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WASHINGTON FORUM '81

The National Association of Child Care Management (NACCM), formerly NACDE (National Association of Child Development and Education) hosts a Legislative Forum in Washington, D.C. March 29-31. The organization considers this meeting a must for members since this FORUM will be one of the first Association meetings of the 97th Congress and will allow NACCM to make its views known early among the freshmen legislators and others. NACCM staff will schedule Hill meetings for members with their Senators and Congressmen.

The headquarters hotel is the new Marriott-West End. Reservations should be made by March 6, 1981. For additional information contact: NACCM, 1800 M. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036, (202)452-8100.

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4C BOARD MEMBERS ORIENTATION

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NOTICE TO THE DIRECTORS OF TITLE XX CONTRACTORS

WHAT IS 4C? Community Coordinated Child Care for Central Florida is a private non-profit corporation, a United Way Agency which provides service and information to families of young children, and contracts with Fla. Dept. of H.B.S. to administer child care assistance in three counties.

Main Office: 4C HOUSE - 816 Broadway, Orlando, Florida 32803
PHONE: 425-0509 (Orange), 628-3020 (Seminole) or 847-8623 (Osceola)

4C Resource Center and Toy Library: 219 Pasadena Place, Orlando, Florida 32803
PHONE: 425-6711 (Orange & Osceola) or 628-3181 (Seminole)

Seminole Child Development Center: Seminole Community College
PHONE: 323-1450 Ext. 314

4C Newsletter - Monthly to 4C members 4C Teacher - Quarterly to child care workers

Community Coordinated Child Care For Central Florida, Inc.
816 Broadway, Orlando, Florida 32803

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NEWSLETTER

Day Care centers in Alaska are having great difficulties in maintaining the level of service and few can provide high quality care. Some factors

1. high staff turnover because of low salary scale
2. lack of training for administrators and staff
3. inflation
4. loss of CETA positions
5. loss of USDA money for lunches, snacks and nutritional training
6. cutback in medicare funds for health and dental screening.

The Dept. of Labor population projections for the 1980's estimates 9.9% (the 3rd highest group) of the population in the 0-4 age bracket. Coupled with 19% of the work force being single parents, this shows a ~~wide~~ large ^{pop.} base need for day care for pre-school age children.

Joanne Contini

Collecting listing of direct service for pre-school

nos. of children

hours

service

support service in communities available

fees / eligibility

individuals with expertise in early childhood

0-5 - nos. of children / by community



forming a state assoc. for young children

Talent Park.

9.9% population 0-4 age range

3rd highest age group

projected. DOL pop. growth 1980's

non-native children - medical screening / dental
same funds cut.

Citizen's participation Conference

DAY CARE

* GRANTS PER CHILD ENROLLED

1) REGULATIONS GOVERNING USAGE OF MONEY

- 60% - 80% - staff salaries
- NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- STAFF TRAINING
- % DEBT REDUCTION



STEP GRANT (QUALITY OF CARE)

TOPICS:

- STAFF TRAINING (WORKSHOPS?)
- PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT / PHILOSOPHY
- HOLISTIC APPROACH
- NUTRITIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH SCREENING.
- STAFF / CHILD RATIO
- SPACE AVAILABLE
- OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES / FIELD TRIPS.

are appropriate
fund raising

* SUBSIDY FOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

SUBJECTS:

- ADMINISTRATION / SOCIAL WORK
 1. PLANNING / BUDGET /
 2. GRANT PREPARATION
 3. INFOR. / REFERRAL INFO.
 4. GROUP DYNAMICS (PARENT GROUPS)
- STAFF
 1. EST. A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

CONTRACT THROUGH U. - TRAINING
INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS. STIMULATE
LOCK INTO HEAD START TRAINING?

2. GROUP DYNAMICS / ACTIVITIES.
3. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
4. GROSS & FINE MOTOR SKILLS
5. SOCIALIZATION / SELF CONCEPT
6. PLANNING.

MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO STAFF.
ACTIVITY IDEAS / IDEA FILE
FOUND OBJECT ACTIVITIES

DCAP SUBSIDY / FOR MODERATE INCOME

Support systems for family day-care.

Day Care

Impact

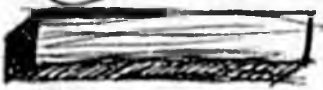
- 1) CETA employees
- 2) USDA funds

Grants

accountability
regulations - % fd. to who/what?

Talk to Sr. Elaine

C & RA



comprehensive program - holistic approach

- 1) family support / impact
- 2) health screening

early childhood ed.
administrative
social work

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Dick Luther DOE 2841 Pre-school -

Charlie Mae ^{Morris} Moore - Ed. Reg. Register 76
1 - licensing - Title H - Alaska A

pg. 61-65

Alice Verrelli - The Children's Community Center
Thinks educational requirements too harsh.

Establish Day Care Grant Program to provide \$100/monthly Child enrolled in Day Care to be administered through Community and Regional Affairs.

★ Regulations for distribution of funds

- 1.) 60% - 80%? staff salary raises
- 2.) 10% - staff training / inservice
- 3.) 20% - nutritional requirements cost.
- 4.) - debt retirement?
- 5.) - equipment purchasing

Establish Day Care Step Grants to encourage quality of care in centers and family homes.

Extra money to be appropriated per child enrolled by a point system considering the following topics:

- 1) staff training / inservice
- 2) parent involvement
 - a) policy making
 - b) school activities programs
- 3) Curriculum development / planning / Philosophy
- 4) holistic approach
- 5) nutritional development
 - a) based on menus - food variety, sugary snacks etc.

- 6) health screening
- 7) Staff/child ratio
- 8) space available per child
- 9) outdoor activities / field trips
- 10) age appropriate equipment / learning center activities
- 11) fund raising activities

Grant ^{establishing} intensive
 Subsidy for training workshops provided
 in regions. (Possible use of U. of A, HSS
 training or look into Head Start training)

1. Administrative / Social Work

- a) planning, budgeting
- b) grant preparation
- c) information/referral for family support services
- d) group dynamics.

2. Staff

- a) establishing a learning environment
- b) class group dynamics / activities
- c) language development
- d) gross & fine motor skills
- e) socialization / self concept
- f) planning
 - a) creating an idea file
 - b) developing learning centers

Dry Care Assistance Program

1. Raise income level guidelines to provide funds on a sliding scale for moderate income families
 2. Provide 50% administration cost of DCAP to municipalities through CTRA.
 3. If municipality has Program Manager, provide, 10% of salary
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CETA DAY CARE EMPLOYEES

PETERSBURG

1 nursery aide	5.25/hr	18,409
1 daycare aide	5.25/hr.	

ANDERSON

1 daycare aide	947./mo	
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Play & Learn (FBKS)

58,334

4 teacher trainee	4.46/hr.
3 Child care trainee	5.00/hr

Small World Child Care (Kodiak)

782,678

1 Ch. care aide	5.25
1 nutrition aide	5.25
1 Child Care asst.	5.50
2 clerke typists	7.86

Anchorage (Campfire)

3 Day Care

Bethel Day Care (2 centers)

12 Day Care Workers

Kodiak	- 1	K. Day Care
Katzeville	- 1	
Net Calcutta	- 5	
Angoon	2	
Juneau	2	Child Comm Center
Ketchikan	1	
Seymour	1	
Anch.	1	Sakanya

or attending school and is physically and mentally capable of caring for the children

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs

"Department" means the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

regulations to carry out the purpose of this section.

e) Grants under this section will be based on the average daily enrollment of the facility for the month prior to application.

f) Grants shall not exceed \$100 a month per child as determined by the department, and shall vary by geographic region and COLA.

Day Care Assistance

Sec. 44.47.250 Powers and duties a) The department shall

1) implement and administer a program to assist in providing day care for the children of low-income and moderate income families according to the requirements of AS 44.47.250 - 44.47.310;

Amend Sec. 44.47.260. Local participation. When a contract is made under AS 44.47.250(b)(2) between the department and a municipality, the department shall pay 10% of the DCAP amount paid monthly, and not less than \$500 a year, to the municipality for costs of administering the program.

Sec. 44.47.270 Conditions of receipt of benefits. Benefits may be paid for the care of children of a low income or moderate income family only if a parent or guardian, because of the day care, is forced to work, seek work or to attend

Finding & Purpose It is the finding of this legislature that available, quality day care is a vital service to Alaskan children and their working parents. Day Care centers are being affected by inflation and the impact of Federal budget cuts, particularly through loss of CETA positions and USDA nutritional funds. It is the purpose of this legislature to create a ^{Child} ~~Day~~ Care Grant Program to assist ^{the} centers and to assist in operational costs; ~~and~~ to expand ^{the} DCAP to include moderate income families and to provide administrative assistance ^{from municipalities for DCAP.}

Child Care Grant Program

There is established in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs a ~~Day~~ ^{Child} Care Grant Program to provide state assistance in the operation of Day Care facilities

a) application for the grants shall be made monthly on a form established by the Commissioner

b) any facility applying for grants must maintain licensure in accordance with the provisions of AS 47.35.010 - 47.35.080. Any facility which loses its licensure shall refund to the department any unexpended and unobligated money received as a grant under this section.

c) a child care facility receiving grants under this section must comply with the Dept.

No of licensed centers:
Day Care Centers -
Day Care Homes -

264-2249
2201

Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development
Div. of Business Loans - 2510

How many loans given? why?
Are non-profits allowed to take loans?

Janet Thompson - assist to day care cost program,
raised income limits, not well
advertised

more than doubled people in FDRs
in last year. Marginal acceptance by
cities of raising income.

1,352 DEAF children:
licensed homes
centers

Estimate of raising to median income:

10% of program dollars spent in community

Local administrators spend about 10%
of their time adm. DEAF.

Contract w/ non-profit agencies. In
unorganized borough they can contract w/
non-profit agencies.

Centers -

Homes -

DCAP Centers -

Homes -

Slots	DCAP	DCAP Children	Centers	Homes
2375	Anch	789	32/38(e)	126/128(e)
	Anderson	4	1/1(e)	0/0
	Boothel	25	2/2	0/0
	Cordova	11	1/1	0
	Delta	14	1/1	
	FBIC's	261	15/15	DCAP 37/70(e)
	Ft. Dredg	55	1/1	0
	Juneau	123	8/8	DCAP 13/32(e)
	Kenai	11	2/4(e)	0/1
	Ketch	48	3/3	11/18 lic.
	Kodiak	43	2/3	5/17 lic
	Kotzebue	7	1/1	0/0
	Nome	16	1/1 lic	0/0
	Petrom.	20	1/2 lic	0/3 lic
(Mt. Edge)	Sitka	29	3/4 lic	4/9 lic
Mat Su	Wrangell	20	3/3 lic	1/8 lic
	Wrangell	1		
	Haines	1		
	Valdez	1		
	Tuxek	1		
	Dillingy			

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: December 1981

TO: Senator Jalmar Kerttula, President of the Senate

FROM: Senator Charlie Parr, Chairman, Senate HESS Committee

RE: Senate HESS Committee Activities during Interim

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This report is a summary of the activities and findings of the interim work of the Senate HESS Committee.

Staff work began during July and August on Health Systems Agencies, Emergency Medical Services, availability of medical care providers, causes of morbidity and mortality, and preparation and distribution of questionnaires. Historically, public hearings during the summer have been poorly attended, so hearings were held between September and December.

At the September 12 hearing in Fairbanks, the major topic of testimony related to problems of the handicapped; on September 26 in Kenai-Soldotna, major concerns were the expansion plans of the two Peninsula hospitals; at the Nome hearing on November 7 testimony revolved around alcoholism, the major health problem; while Bethel residents on November 14 were mainly concerned with the effects of federal budget cuts on the rural health delivery system. Finally, the major thrust of the Anchorage testimony on December 15 was the uncertain future of health planning and the Health Systems Agencies. (Section 2)

The Committee viewed hospital facilities in Anchorage, Bethel, Nome, Soldotna and Palmer.

Prior to the public hearings, questionnaires concerning major health care issues were sent to each hospital and licensed health care provider. A different questionnaire was sent to 3,000 members of the general public, using names selected at random from the voter registration list. Because of inadequate return from consumers, the original 3,000 questionnaires were supplemented with an additional 2,000 sent in November. A report on the consumer questionnaire results will be forthcoming in January.

The 5,279 questionnaires sent to health care professionals revealed that malpractice insurance, defensive medicine and inappropriate emergency room use coupled with a lack of outpatient care were viewed as major causes of inflation in health care costs. Professionals favored efforts to limit Medicaid fraud and abuse, wellness promotion and

health screening and education.

A majority of respondents found unique conditions affecting their professions in Alaska. Most, except for nurses and pharmacists, feel that they are reasonably reimbursed for their work. Although 87% report having taken continuing education classes, and a majority feels continuing education should be mandatory, the unavailability of such education locally plus the expense of time off and travel are major issues. A majority of the respondents list mental health services, alcoholism treatment and nurses as local needs in the 32 communities they represent. (Questionnaire summary Section 2; Health Professionals Questionnaire Report Section 3)

Nationwide the health systems agencies (HSAs) are in the process of being defunded by the federal government. Alaska's three HSAs currently exist on a mixture of federal and state funds. If they are to survive the state must pick up full funding within the next two years. Although opinion has been very mixed on the value of the HSAs to Alaska as presently constituted, a somewhat new form and format for the Alaska HSAs is being proposed that might prove of value in regional health planning and promotion to the state. The legislature must decide if the restructured HSAs can be of sufficient value to the state to justify full state funding, and if so how the new agencies will interface with the Department of Health and Social Services. (Sections 4 and 5)

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has existed as a function of state government since the mid-seventies. EMS's stated mission is to reduce human suffering and economic loss to society resulting from premature death and disability due to accidents and sudden illness. To accomplish this goal Alaska EMS has helped establish regional councils to provide and plan for emergency medical services, and to train emergency medical technicians. Testimony to the Committee during the interim hearings was highly in favor of the state EMS program. However, problems in areas of standardizing training, upgrading and replacing equipment, and improving communications need and are receiving attention. (Section 6 and 7)


Investigation into mortality and morbidity reveals that Southeast Alaska more closely resembles the nation in causes of death, but that accidents surpass heart disease in the rest of the state. Rates for specific causes have declined since 1950, particularly for tuberculosis, diseases of early infancy, maternal and heart disease; while causes relating to lifestyle such as accidents, homicide, suicide and alcoholism fluctuate at levels higher than the national averages. (Section 8)

A nurse shortage is plaguing the country and many areas of Alaska, but the state as a whole has a higher ratio of nurse population than the U.S. average. Although many professions have been approximating the national ratios, we still have fewer physicians and optometrists. The number of pharmacists has actually dropped in the last ten years. (Section 8)

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Senator Kerttula
December 1981

A copy of this summary is being furnished to all members of the legislature. The complete report is available from the Senate HESS Committee on request.

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SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

INTERIM 1981

FINAL REPORT

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SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES
INTERIM COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARINGS - 1981

Fairbanks - September 12, 1981

Present: Senator Charlie Parr, Rep. Hugh Malone, Rep. Sally Smith,
Rep. Fred Brown, Ginger Baim for Sen. Vic Fischer, Jens
Zehbe for Rep. Mike Beirne.

Sixteen people testified.

The major subject of testimony was problems of the HANDICAPPED related to living situations, parking and plates, transportation and health insurance. It was suggested that an information and referral service and a state disability determination would be beneficial to this group. Other topics included: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - Communication needs were identified in major links on the haul road, and a training site with salary for instructors. Difficulty in receiving payments for services was discussed as well as a need for completion of EMT regulations. Tied in with training is a need for continuing education for other health professionals including village health aides. Rural concerns regarding federal budget cuts were mentioned in the areas of clinic leases and clinic phone expansions being halted. The standing of the CHA was subject for discussion, as they have no formal state recognition, and it was felt that salary and training and pharmaceutical regulations should be looked at, in view of their great responsibility.

Kenai-Soldotna - September 26, 1981

Present: Sen. Charlie Parr, Sen. Mike Colletta, Rep. Hugh Malone,
Rep. Sally Smith, Rep. Terry Martin, Jody Sutherland for
Rep. Mike Beirne.

Ten people testified.

The major subject of testimony related to the expansion plans of the two peninsula hospitals, Central Peninsula and South Central, and the financial requests to the legislature planned by the hospital boards.

Local needs mentioned in testimony were a detox center on the peninsula and staff trained in alcoholism and mental health outreach, education and prevention. Support for health planning was also a topic, stressing the need for local input to continue after the Health Systems Agencies are defunded.

The committee toured the new Central Peninsula Hospital facility.

Nome - November 7, 1981

Present: Sen. Charlie Parr, Sen. Mike Colletta, Ginger Baim for Sen. Vic Fischer, Jody Sutherland and Barbara Wilkins for Rep. Mike Beirne.

Seventeen people testified.

The major subject of testimony referred to ALCOHOLISM, which is the number one health problem in Nome, particularly with local option happening in the surrounding villages escalating the problem in the city. Needs were identified for a larger alcohol treatment facility and the development of support structures within the villages for alcohol and mental health, acknowledging the socio-cultural needs of rural Alaska. Other rural concerns related to operation and maintenance of water and sewage systems, loss of IHS funding for travel and services and licensure requirements for supervision of rural psychologists. Emergency Medical Services also have funding concerns related to training, ambulance operation, communications equipment maintenance, as well as difficulty in equipment retrieval.

The committee toured the Norton Sound Hospital prior to the hearing.

Bethel - November 14, 1981

Present: Sen. Charlie Parr, Sen. Mike Colletta, Jens Zehbe and Barbara Wilkins for Rep. Mike Beirne.

Eleven people testified.

The prime thrust of testimony in Bethel revolved around the effects of federal budget cuts to the Indian Health Service. The concerns were for reductions in hospital services to non-natives, loss of staff providing other medical services and travel funding. Also,

a reduction in salary and training funding for Community Health Aides at a time when requests for their services are expanding, particularly identified was the need to provide more preventive and educational services within the villages. Better coordination and staffing for mental health and alcohol services, as well as increased rural outreach were also suggested as local needs. Communication problems still persist with village phones, and will get worse with the lack of federal support in the phone expansion program compounded by loss of clinic leasing funds. The committee toured the Bethel PHS Hospital prior to the hearing.

Anchorage - December 15, 1981

Present: Sen. Charlie Parr, Rep. Mike Beirne, Rep. Terry Martin.

Eight people testified.

Concern for the future of health planning after the Health Systems Agencies are defunded was the major topic of testimony in Anchorage. Alaska Health Coalition, made up of the existing HSAs, presented their views of the future of health planning with community assistance, health promotion and regional perspectives prioritized. Draft legislation was presented to the committee and discussed. The three bills were concerning health education, Medicaid budget review and the licensing of chiropractors. Information was also presented about the achievements of the Southern Region Emergency Medical Services Council in FY 81 with federal funding. The committee also heard testimony against the passage of HB 41. On December 14, the committee viewed Providence Hospital, Alaska Psychiatric Institute and the Valley Hospital in Palmer.

SECTION 2

Health Professionals Questionnaire Summary

SUMMARY

Senate HESS Interim Committee
Health Questionnaires - Health Professionals

5,279 questionnaires were sent to health professionals licensed to practice in Alaska. The names were obtained from the Division of Occupational Licensing. 425 questionnaires were returned with the following information:

Changes in service, delivery and utilization of:

HOSPITALS

- *Less inappropriate Emergency Room use
- *More outpatient care/ambulatory surgery
- *Multiple health systems cause duplication of services

CLINICS

- *More prevention, screening and education
- *More availability of outpatient care
- *Reduced cost/sliding scale fees needed

LONG TERM CARE

- *More facilities closer to home
- *More Home Health care
- *Higher standards of personal care

Suggested activities for state to control health expenditures:

- *Limit Medicaid fraud and abuse
- *More prevention programs
- *Stay out of health care

	YES	NO
Should the state fund HSAs?	24%	40%
Have you had contact with your HSA?	39%	58%
Does your HSA fairly represent your profession?	2%	58%
Should health planning be restructured?	42%	1%
Are there unique professional conditions here?	64%	1%
Is there an increased need for para-professionals?	36%	34%
Do you receive an adequate wage/salary?		
Physician	67%	27%
Nurse	39%	57%
Physician Assistant	66%	33%
Pharmacist	46%	53%
Psychologist	69%	23%
Dentist	78%	21%
Dental Hygienist	100%	

Optometrist	83%	16%
Optician	50%	25%
Chiropractor	77%	
Administrator	25%	50%
	YES	NO
Have you had contact with your Board of Regulation?	69%	23%
Are they efficient?	46%	15%
Do you perform services as defined by law?	84%	01%
Have you taken continuing education courses?	87%	02%
Should continuing education be required?	65%	24%
Have you contacted the Div. of Occupational Licensing?	74%	17%
Are they efficient?	44%	25%

	Percent of positive response	
Is health care accessible?	89%	
Is transportation a problem?	28%	
Are Emergency Medical Services available?	92%	
Are they efficient?	88%	
Do you have an alternative birth center?	2%	
Is there a demand for one?	24%	
Is there a doctor doing home births?	13%	
Is there a lay midwife?	1.9%	
Is there a nurse midwife?	34%	
Should the state license lay midwives?	37%	44%-No
Have you had contact with Home Health?	50%	
Is there a demand for it?	34%	
Are mental health services available?	73%	
Are alcohol/drug abuse services available?	81%	
Is family planning available?	60%	
Is health ed in the school curriculum?	31%	
Are hospice services available?	36%	
Is there a demand for it?	36%	

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	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	379	11	
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	121	268	1
<u>Comments</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	392	3	1
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	377	8	
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birthing center?</u>	88	133	3
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	105	52	12
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	59	210	30
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	88		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	146		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	158	189	47
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	213	144	11
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	146	10	11
<u>Comments</u>	<u>Good program 183</u>	<u>Cost Effective 28</u>	
	<u>Needs more funds, staff 44</u>	<u>Needs RN 9</u>	<u>Expand program 22</u>
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	313	31	6
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	348	13	7
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	257	9	4
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	128	30	35
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	149	196	53
<u>Is there an interest in services for the terminally ill?</u>	154	31	31
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			

Respondents listed services and providers not available in their community. 425 professionals responded from 32 locations.

SERVICE NEEDED	Number of Communities
Mental Health	20
Alcohol treatment	17
Nurse	17
Physician	10
OB-GYN	10
Prevention program	7
Sheltered care	6
Family Planning	5
Home Health	5
Long term care	5

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PROFESSION	SENT OUT	%	RETURNED
Physician	623	18%	116
Nurse	3,446	.05%	189
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	33	24%	8
Physician Assistant	116	10%	12
Pharmacist	173	.09%	15
Psychologist	66	19%	13
Dentist	290	.08%	23
Dental Hygienist	181	.03%	6
Optometrist	27	22%	6
Optician	42	.09%	4
Chiropractor	44	20%	9
Administrator	29	13%	4
Anonymous/Occupation unknown			20
TOTAL	5,279	.08%	425

	Physician	Nurse	ANP	PA	Pharmacist	Psychologist	Dentist	Dental Hygienist	Optometrist	Optician	Chiropractor	Administrator	Unknown
Inflation	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
New Medical Technology	2	4	2	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3
Hospital Services	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	2	2	4
Population Increases	4	6	7	6	7	8	8	5	7	1	2		4
Increase in Health Manpower	6	7	6	8	6	6	6	5	4	7	6		6
Retrospective method Of Insurance paymt.	5	4	5	3	5	3	5	4	6	8	3	1	5
Government Programs Medicare/Medicaid	3	3	3	5	4	3	4	3	2	9	3	1	2
New Services	4	5	5	6	4	6	4	8	7	6	5		5

HEALTH CARE COSTS

What is your estimate of the major cause of health care cost inflation

HEALTH CARE COSTS

OTHER FACTORS

TIMES REPORTED

1. Malpractice Insurance, cost of defensive medicine	48
2. Government regulation and paperwork	26
3. Physician fees	20
4. Increased patient awareness and demands	16
5. Lack of prevention, lifestyle	15
6. Inappropriate use of health providers and facilities	10
7. Increases in hospital employees salaries	10
8. Greed	8
9. Full coverage Insurance	6
10. Hospital waste	6
11. Alcohol	4
12. Travel costs for health care	4
13. Prescription drug costs	4
14. Duplication of services and equipment	3
15. Increasing elderly population	3
16. Excessive hospital administration	3
17. Insurance abuse	2
18. Lack Of Competition	2
19. Lack of quality control	2
20. Political power of the AMA	2

2. Do you see any need for changes in the service, delivery or utilization of:

HOSPITALS

1. Less inappropriate Emergency room use	24
2. More outpatient care/ambulatory surgery	24
3. Multiple health systems(native, non-native, military) duplicate services	16
4. Shorten patient stay in hospital	13
5. Inappropriate use of facilities by providers	10
6. Government regulation and paperwork	10
7. Duplication of services/equipment	8
8. Need quality control	7
9. Need more competent personnel	6

HOSPITALS CON'T

10. More personal care	5
11. Better management	5
12. Insurance require copayments	5
13. Nurse shortage	5
14. More patient education/prevention	4
15. Foster competition in health care	4
16. Reduce services of small hospitals	3
17. Better coordination between facilities	3

CLINICS

1. More prevention, screening, education	34
2. More outpatient care available	17
3. Reduced cost/sliding scale fees	16
4. More facilities needed locally	13
5. Better utilization, instead of E.R.	10
6. Longer hours	8
7. Better third party coverage	6
8. Less government regulation and paperwork	4
9. Copayments required for all insurance	3
10. Public health clinics are understaffed	3
11. More mental health services needed	3

LONG TERM CARE

1. More facilities, closer to home	100
2. More home health care	56
3. Higher standards of personal care	15
4. Hospice services	15
5. Better access to Med!care	13
6. Too expensive, need cost effective alternatives	12
7. Rehabilitation facility needed	10
8. Fewer government regulations	8
9. Need residential facilities, adult day care	7
10. Reimbursement for day care, respite care, home health	4
11. Patients inappropriately kept in acute care facility: costly, need "swing beds"	3

3. Do you have any comments on HOUSE BILL 41(State Comprehensive Health Plan)?

Opposed	85
Favor	22

Comments:

1. State should stay out of further involvement in health	24
2. Too costly	24
3. Should include all phases at inception	7
4. Include patient education, wellness promotion, prevention	3
5. Screen recipients carefully	3
6. Guarantee native inclusion	2

4. From your professional viewpoint, can you envision any activities the state can pursue to control health expenditures?

COMMENTS

TIMES REPORTED

1. Limit Medicaid fraud and abuse	71
2. More prevention programs	64
3. State not get involved	36
4. Fewer government regulations/paperwork	30
5. School health education	26
6. State coordinate services with Indian Health Services	15
7. Publish rates/set ceilings for hospitals and doctors	14
8. Create "wellness" incentives	12
9. Provide more residential facilities, sheltered living	10
10. Limit Malpractice Suits	10
11. Control duplication of services	9
12. More efficient management of Department of Health and Social Services	8
13. Upgrade care in Level I and Level II communities	8
14. Support education of more mid-level practitioners	7
15. More home health services	7
16. More support for Public Health Nurses	6

HEALTH PLANNING

1. The Federal government plans to discontinue funding health planning agencies(HSAs) by 1983, do you think the state should continue funding our three HSAs?

Yes	103
No	171
No response	95
Unknown	54

2. Have you had any personal contact with your HSA?

Yes	169
No	247
No response	16

In what capacity?

Observer	50
Member	32
Advisor	30
Through C.O.N.	18
Provider	11
Testifies	4
Task Force	3
Hospital Committee	3

3. Do you think your HSA does a fair representation of your profession?

Yes	90
No	146
No response	105
Unknown	82

4. Can you see any needs for restructuring state health planning?

Yes	181
No	39
No response	177
Unknown	26

What issues need more attention?

1.	Prevention, wellness promotion	61
2.	Rural health accessibility, mobile clinics	35
3.	School Health Education	19
4.	Cross-cultural planning, prevention of service duplication	16
5.	More local planning control	14
6.	Alcoholism	10
7.	Competition in private sector	9
8.	EMS council, communication, transfer agreements	8
9.	Reduce political nature of HSA	8
10.	More local mental health services	7
11.	Services for the elderly	6
12.	More professional planners, fewer government planners	6
13.	More advertising, consumer information	6
14.	Reduce CON paperwork	5
15.	Include rural hospitals in planning	5

5. Is the catchment area of your HSA meaningful?

Yes	66
No	50
No response	254
Unknown	53

If no, how would you envision its redefinition?

1.	Abolish HSAs	32
2.	Separate Anchorage	16
3.	One HSA only	9
4.	Create Rural HSA	2

PROFESSIONAL

6. Are there conditions effecting your profession that you think are unique to Alaska?

Yes	272
No	66
No response	73
Unknown	14

COMMENTS

TIMES REPORTED

1. Continuing Education not local, travel, expense. time off	56
2. Isolation/rural	51
3. Travel for health care	50
4. Lifestyle-violence, accidents, alcoholism, transience	31
5. Rural professionals more responsibility, distance from supervisor	23
6. Travel to give care, itinerant	19
7. Weather	14
8. Difficult to continue patient follow-up	12
9. Socio-cultural differences, dual system-native/non-native	11
10. Overhead/cost of living	11
11. Isolated, lack of professional stimulation	8

8. Do you see an increased need for Para-professionals?

Yes	154
No	145
No response	26
Unknown	9

COMMENTS

TIMES REPORTED

1. Mid-level practitioners needed for rural	58
2. Too many health care providers at present	26
3. Need to sponsor training for ANP and family practice RN	20
4. EMS/EMT special training	11
5. Routine Primary care.	11
6. Prevention/Education	9
7. Efficient, cost effective, immediate care	8
8. Poorly trained, dangerous	8

PARA PROFESSIONALS CON'T

COMMENT	TIMES REPORTED
9. Provide specialized training for CHA	9
10. Only under M.D. supervision	6
11. Charge reasonable fees	6
12. Train for Home Health and Mental Health	5

5. Do you feel that you receive a wage/salary commensurate with your professional education and preparation?

	Yes	No	No Response
Physician	78/67%	32/27%	6/.5%
Nurse	74/39%	109/57%	6/.3%
Physician Assistant	8/66%	4/33%	
Pharmacist	7/46%	8/53%	
Psychologist	9/69%	3/23%	1/.7%
Dentist	18/78%	5/21%	
Dental Hygienist	6/100%		
Optometrist	5/83%	1/16%	
Optician	2/50%	1/25%	1/25%
Chiropractor	7/77%		2/22%
Administrator	1/25%	2/50%	1/25%
Occupation Unknown	7/35%	10/50%	1/25%

All physicians were sent a copy of HB 327, concerning the licensing of Naturopathic Practitioners, and the questionnaire asked for comments. Those received were:

4	Favor
57	Opposed
5	Unknown
12	No comment

<u>Remarks:</u>	<u>Number of respondents</u>
Quackery	25
Poorly trained, inadequate for duties in bill	18
Licensing would mislead public, danger to citizens	15
May delay needed treatment	9
No surgery, x-ray	9
No obstetrics	9
No prescription capabilities	8
Fraudulent, life threatening	8
State cannot legislate hospital privileges	7
State should investigate practitioners for education/ preparation; followup on fraud and incompetence	4
Responsibilities too broad	4
Waste of state money	2

All Physicians were asked if they had any contact with the rural health delivery system, and for comments

45	Yes
25	No
44	No response
2	Unknown

<u>Comments</u>	<u>Number of respondents</u>
System in good balance, appropriate, constantly upgraded	18
Health Aides work well, need more financial support, skill upgrading	10
Need alcohol abuse education	7
Need EMS communications upgrading	5
Need more health promotion, prevention	5
Expensive	5

Need more Mental Health Services (violence, lifestyle)	4
Travel greatest problem	4
Unsophisticated, minimal care	3
PHS should not compete with private practice	3
Need survival techniques	3
Need more school health education	3
Abolish / ANHS/IHS	2
No payment mechanism for M.D. fees	2
Need rehabilitative medicine, specialists	2

Other comments:

The state needs to promote older, more experienced physicians looking for a change in lifestyle to work in rural alaska.

Federal and state regulations are incompatible for rural health and hospitals.

Travel and lodging payments to physicians would encourage more to have rural clinics, as fees do not meet expenses.

State needs to assist Native Corporations as they assume health care responsibilities, and local control.

Need strict penalties for alcohol related crime.

EMT skill, improved communication and transportation have greatly upgraded care in the Fairbanks area

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession? Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes	72	Yes	44
No	28	No	21
No response	6	No response	20
Unknown	1	Unknown	11

COMMENTS:

Ineffective in investigating incompetency 22
 Police Medicare/Medicaid abuse 2
 Regulate only for fraud 6
 Too political 4
 Too slow in issuing P.A. regulations 2
 Not enough communication 1
 It doesn't seem to function at all 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes	84
No	1
No response	19
Unknown	

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

None 25
 Peer review 2
 Less regulations 12
 Change continuing ed requirements 5
 Limit chiropractors/Naturopaths 3
 License lay midwives 1
 Better definitions in regulations 1

Physician

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 97
No
No response 19
Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 69
No 37
No response 3
Unknown 2

COMMENTS:

Difficult to regulate, no guarantee of learning 10
Expensive for rural practitioners 1
Need CME quality control 3
Mandatory increases hospital costs

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 79
No 28
No response 9
Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 43
No 19
No Response 50
Unknown 4

COMMENTS:

Slow 18
underfunded 5
Provide inaccurate information 4
Fair under the circumstances 4

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession? Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes	130	Yes	95
No	61	No	19
No response	8	No response	44
Unknown		Unknown	10

COMMENTS:

- AMA members do not understand nursing and specialty groups 9
- Too little communication 12
- Too political 3
- Should investigate incompetence 2
- All nurses should have copies of the nurse practice act 1
- Decisions take too long

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes	178
No	5
No response	18
Unknown	

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

- Licensing unrealistic for Alaska, needs to be modified 6
- Representation on Board 12
- Nurses should promulgate ANP regulations 2
- Reciprocal licensing agreements 5
- Firmer job descriptions 5
- Require CME 4
- State LPN requirements same as National 2
- Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement for nursing services 2

Nurse

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 172
No 11 (3 unemployed)
No response 6
Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 129
No 43
No response 14
Unknown 3

COMMENTS:

Need local CE, difficult financially, distance time off 31
Mandated is no insurance of learning 5
free courses for low paid personnel 7
Count in service training as CE 2
Do not require CE 2

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 145
No 35
No response 8
Unknown 1

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 98
No 44
No Response 31
Unknown 16

COMMENTS:

5-6 months to get license 5
received confusing information 2
Slow 22

Profession Physician Assistant

Number of respondents 12

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes 9

No 3

No response

Unknown

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes 4

No 3

No response 5

Unknown

COMMENTS:

P.A. regulations made without real understanding of the profession. 2
Board too political 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes 10

No

No response .2

Unknown

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

None 3

More flexibility for rural care 1

P.A. on Board 5

PA

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 12
No
No response
Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 11
No 1
No response
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Have recertification exams. 1

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 9
No 3
No response
Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 7
No 2
No Response 3
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Very slow 2

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession? Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes	22	Yes	13
No	1	No	9
No response		No response	1
Unknown		Unknown	

COMMENTS:

Too political 1
 Need to concentrate on more enforcement 6
 Philosophy outdated 1
 Fewer lay members on Board 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes	23
No	
No response	
Unknown	

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

- New regulations for dental assistants 2
 Recertification exams 1
 Anesthesia regulations 2
 Fewer regulations 2
 Reciprocal licensing with other states 1

Dentist

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 23

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 10

No 13

No response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Should remain voluntary

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 19

No 4

No response

Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 12

No 7

No Response 3

Unknown 1

COMMENTS:

Profession Dental Hygienist

Number of respondents 6

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes 5
No
No response 1
Unknown

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes 2
No 2
No response 2
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Too political 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes 6
No
No response
Unknown

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

Reciprocal licensing agreements with other states 1
Anesthesia administered by dentist only 1
Representation on Board 1

Dent. Hyg.

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 5

No 1

No response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Need locally available Continuing ed. 1

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 4

No 2

No Response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Supply confusing information 1

Profession Pharmacist

Number of respondents 15

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes
No
No response
Unknown

15

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes
No
No response
Unknown

11

4

COMMENTS:

Rotate Board membership
Too political 2
No communication with members 3
Board should handle licensing 1

2. Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes
No
No response
Unknown

15

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

More enforcement of incompetence
Not enough regulations 2
Investigate Rx abuse 2

Pharm.,

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 15

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 13

No 2

No response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Need local C.E. available

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 15

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 4

No 11

No Response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Lose important records 6

slow 1

Renewal cost too expensive 2

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession? Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes	10	Yes	6
No	1	No	1
No response	2	No response	4
Unknown		Unknown	2

COMMENTS:

- Poor staff support
- Had to go to court to get license
- Use National exam
- Be more responsive to members

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes	12
No	
No response	1
Unknown	

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

- Simplify law, too difficult to get license 7
- Enforce violations 2

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 13
No
No response
Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 10
No 3
No response
Unknown

COMMENTS:

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 11
No
No response 2
Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 6
No 5
No Response 2
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Lost application 1

Profession Optometrist

Number of respondents 6

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes 5

No

No response 1

Unknown

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes 5

No

No response 1

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Board elected

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

Change regulations for drug use

Optom.

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 6

No

No response

Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes

No 6

No Response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Poor staff support, inefficient 3

Profession Optician

Number of respondents 4

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes 3
No 1
No response
Unknown

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes 2
No 1
No response 1
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Board should be elected, not appointed 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes 3
No
No response 1
Unknown

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

Contact lens regulations

Optician

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 3

No

No response 1

Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 3

No

No response 1

Unknown

COMMENTS:

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 3

No

No response 1

Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 1

No 1

No Response 2

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Profession Chiropractor

Number of respondents 9

Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession?

Yes 9

No

No response

Unknown

Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes 8

No 1

No response

Unknown

COMMENTS:

Less governmental influence 1

Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes 9

No

No response

Unknown

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

Regulations too strict 1

Certification for Chiropractors using physical therapy 1

Need access to hospital

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes	9
No	
No response	
Unknown	

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes	9
No	
No response	
Unknown	

COMMENTS:

Need local C.E. 1

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes	7
No	1
No response	1
Unknown	

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes	2
No	5
No Response	1
Unknown	1

COMMENTS:

Slow 1

Ineffective

1. Have you had any contact with the Board that regulates your profession? Does the Board function efficiently?

Yes	12	Yes	7
No	4	No	4
No response	4	No response	10
Unknown		Unknown	

COMMENTS:

- Too much paperwork 1
- Too little communication 1

2. Do you perform services in your occupation as defined by law and regulation?

Yes	13
No	
No response	7
Unknown	

What changes would you want to see in the regulation of your profession?

Unknown

3. Have you participated in professional continuing education?

Yes 17
No
No response 3
Unknown

Do you feel that continuing education should be required by all health care professionals?

Yes 13
No 2
No response 5
Unknown

COMMENTS:

4. Have you had contact with the Division of Occupational Licensing?

Yes 15
No 1
No response 4
Unknown

Do you feel they function efficiently?

Yes 8
No 5
No Response 7
Unknown

COMMENTS:

Inefficient 5
Lost important papers 3

Community Anchorage

Number of respondents 183

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	159	4	
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	24	164	
Comments <u>old, handicapped and poor 7</u>			
			<u>poor public transportation 2</u>
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	182	1	
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	182	1	
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u>	157	7	19
<u>ing center?</u>			
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	18	8	5
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	28	56	76
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	27		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	93		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	70	80	18
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	83	73	10
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	50	3	6
Comments <u>good program 78</u>			
	<u>need more funds/staff 36</u>		<u>need RN 4</u>
	<u>cost effective 21</u>	<u>preserve dignity at home 17</u>	<u>local control 2</u>
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	151	3	3
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	165	1	2
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	92		8
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	119	3	35
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	56	64	43
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u>			
<u>terminally ill?</u>	69	2	9
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Nurse 16	high quality mental health 6	sheltered care 11	
OB-GYN 13	specialists 17	transition care 7	
Surgeons 16	prevention/adult screening 18	therapists 4	
Long term care 4	child protection 4		

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	66		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	15	43	
<u>Comments distance/rural 14 expense 3 weather 4</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	62		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	61	3	3
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>	24	19	11
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	19	5	9
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	10	32	19
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	17		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	16		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	26	21	7
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	33	24	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	21		
<u>Comments --good program 28 contract locally 1</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	44	4	1
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	47	2	3
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	33	1	2
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	14		9
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	3	15	9
<u>Is there any interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	10	1	2
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			

Nurse 10
specialists 12
ancillary services 4
long term care

mental health follow up/sheltered living 15
rehabilitation facility 5
alcohol halfway house 8
radiation therapy 2

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	28	1	
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	10	16	1
<u>Comments expense 3 rural non-natives served in Juneau</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	29		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	24		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u>	13	18	2
<u>ing center?</u>			
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	14	3	2
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	2	25	2
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	4		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	10		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	26	21	7
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	23	7	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	12		
<u>Comments good program 21 cost effective 6 better staff pay 7</u>			
<u>expand to rural 2 need foster care 1</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	25	2	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	29		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	26		1
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	18	10	2
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	18	12	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u>			
<u>terminally ill?</u>	23	2	5
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
General Practitioners 7	Mental Health 8	adult screening 6	
OB-GYN 15	halfway house 3	expand WIC 2	
nurse 4	child protection 3	Prevention 8	
specialists 10	Accident prevention 3		

Community Palmer-Wasilla

Number of respondents 20

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	17	3	
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	12	8	
Comments <u>weather 3 distance, expense 5</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	18	1	1
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	19		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u>			
<u>ing center?</u>	1	15	1
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	12	3	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	3	12	8
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	6		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	6		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	5	9	1
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	10	6	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	9		
Comments <u>good program 9 expansion needed 5</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	12	4	1
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	15	2	1
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	17		1
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	9	1	7
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	2	14	1
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u>			
<u>terminally ill?</u>	6	4	3
1. <u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Mental health counseling, residential 6		residential detox 2	
Nurse/mid-level 3		health ed. (Palmer) 2	
OB-GYN 2		Dental/optical 3	
Family planning (minimal, infrequent)			

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	20	2	
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	15	5	
Comments <u>expensive 2</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	22		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	22		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth- ing center?</u>		22	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	19	3	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	6	16	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	12		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	9		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	9	12	1
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	15	6	1
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	12	1	3
Comments <u>good program 11 Need RN 4 More funding/staff 2</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	21	1	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	20	2	
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	20	1	1
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	14	3	5
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	2	20	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the terminally ill?</u>	13	9	
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Nurse 4	Family planning(Homer)	sheltered living 5	
OB-GYN 3	Surgery 4	optical	
Mental Health 3	inpatient mental health 4	diagnostic	
Specialities 16	Detox 9		

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	10		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	4	6	
Comments <u>weather 1</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	10		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	10		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u>	6	4	
<u>ing center?</u>			
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>		3	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	5	5	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	3		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	2	7	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	8	1	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	3		1
Comments <u>good program 8 needs expansion 6</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	8	1	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	10		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	9	1	
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	6		4
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	5	4	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u>			
<u>terminally ill?</u>	6		1

What services and providers are needed in your area?

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| Nurse 3 | OB-GYN 2 |
| therapy 2 | Mental health outpatient and follow-up 4 |
| specialists 4 | Psychiatrist 2 |
| Home Health 2 | Prevention/adult screening 7 |

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	3		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	3		
Comments <u>weather 2</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	3		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	3		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		3	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	2	1	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		2	1
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	2		1
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>		3	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>		2	1
Comments _____			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	3		
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	3		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	1		1
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	3		
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	3		
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	1	2	
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Surgery 2			
specialists 2			
alcohol crisis intervention			
prevention			
school health ed. inadequate 1			

Community Ward Cove

Number of respondents 2

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	2		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	2		
Comments <u>Expensive 1</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	2		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	2		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		2	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>		1	1
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		2	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	2		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	1	1	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	1	1	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	1		
Comments <u>good program 1 needs better funding 1</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	2		
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	2		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	2		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	1	1	
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		2	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	2		
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Dentist			
Physician			

Community Haines

Number of respondents 3

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	3		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	3		
Comments <u>air travel expense 1 weather 1</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	3		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	3		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		3	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>		2	1
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>	1	2	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	1		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	1	2	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	1	2	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	2		
Comments <u>good program 1</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>		3	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u> 3(A.A.)			
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	2	1	
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	2	1	
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		3	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>		2	1
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
family planning		specialist 3	
mental health 2		counseling	
Home Health 1		alcohol halfway house	

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	9		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	4	3	
<u>Comments weather 4 travel expense 2</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	9		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	8		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birthing center?</u>	2	7	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	4	1	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		9	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	1	8	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	7	2	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	6		
<u>Comments good program 5 Need Visiting Nurse 1 Need expansion 3</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	7	1	1
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	8		1
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	9		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	8		1
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		9	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the terminally ill?</u>	2	1	

What services and providers are needed in your area?

RN 3
M.D. 2
OG-GYN 1
ANP 1

EMS equipment
Specialists 6
Psychiatrist
Detox

halfway house
Home Health
adequate school ed.
alcohol follow-up

Community Ketchikan

Number of respondents 6

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	6		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	3	3	
<u>Comments</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	6		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	5		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		6	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>		4	2
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		6	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	5		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	3		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	1	5	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	4	1	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	4		
<u>Comments</u> good program 3 needs expansion 3			
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7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	6		
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	5	1	
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	6		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	3	3	
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		6	1
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	3	1	

What services and providers are needed in your area?

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| Physician 2 | Psychiatrist |
| Nurse 1 | Detox 4 |
| prevention/diagnostic | Acute Mental Health |
| specialists 3 | EMT training |

Community Wrangell

Number of respondents 4

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	4		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	1	2	
<u>Comments</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	4		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	3	1	
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		4	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>		4	
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		4	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	1	3	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	4		
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	3		
<u>Comments</u> <u>good program, cost effective, need funding</u> 2			
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7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	3	1	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	4		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	4		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	2	1	1
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		4	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	3		
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Physician 2	Specialists 2		
Mental health 1	Larger alcohol facility		
Long term care			
Diagnostic			
Detox			

Community Pelican

Number of respondents 1

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	1		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>		1	
<u>Comments</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	1		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	1		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>		1	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	1		
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		1	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>			
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	1		
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	1		
<u>Comments</u> <u>Hard to find staff, need better pay</u>			
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7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>		1	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	1		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	1		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	1		
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		1	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>			
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Physician			
X-ray			
Detox			

Community Sitka

Number of respondents 9

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	9		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	4	5	
Comments <u>distance. weather 2</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	9		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	6		
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u> <u>ing center?</u>	9		
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	3	1	1
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		9	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>			
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	2		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>	5	3	
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	6	3	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	3	2	
Comments <u>good program 6 need expansion 1</u>			
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7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	9		
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	8		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	8		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	7	1	1
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>	4	5	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u> <u>terminally ill?</u>	4	2	1
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Nurse 2			tertiary care 3
Pediatrician 3			
OB-GYN 2			
Mental health facility, counseling 4			

Community Bethel

Number of respondents 4

	Yes	No	Unknown
1. <u>Is health care accessible in your area?</u>	4		
2. <u>Is transportation to facilities a problem?</u>	4		
Comments <u>weather 2 lost PHS funding 1</u>			
3. <u>Are Emergency Medical Services available?</u>	4		
<u>Do they function efficiently?</u>	3	1	
4. <u>Does your area have an alternative birth-</u>			
<u>ing center?</u>		4	
<u>Is there a demand for one?</u>	3		1
5. <u>Does any doctor in your area do home births?</u>		4	
6. <u>Is there a lay midwife in your area?</u>	1		
<u>Is there a nurse midwife in your area?</u>	2		
<u>Should the state license lay midwives?</u>		3	1
6. <u>Have you had contact with Home Health?</u>	2	2	
<u>Is there a demand for this service?</u>	4		
Comments <u>good program 3 needs better funding 2</u>			
7. <u>Does your area have mental health services?</u>	3	1	
8. <u>Does your area have alcohol/drug abuse services?</u>	4		
9. <u>Is Family Planning available?</u>	4		
10. <u>Is health education in your school curriculum?</u>	2		2
11. <u>Does your area have hospice services?</u>		3	
<u>Is there an interest in services for the</u>	1		3
<u>terminally ill?</u>			
<u>What services and providers are needed in your area?</u>			
Physicians 2			
Nurse 1			
Specialists 4			
CMHC 1			
counseling 4			
Psychiatrist 3			
sheltered living 3			
inhalation therapy 1			