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Humana seeks expansion sites

by Cary Virtue
Times Writer

Humana Inc., the second largest hospital chain in the country, is interested in seeing if there are other communities in Alaska where it may operate a new hospital, the company's chairman said Monday.

Anchorage residents also can expect health care competition to stiffen as Humana steps up efforts to woo patients away from Providence Hospital, partly by providing people with special care they can't find elsewhere.

"Our pattern is that once we have a foothold in a state we start looking around (for other acquisitions)," said Dave Jones, co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Humana, Inc. "We'd like to expand."

But any decision to expand into other Alaskan communities will depend on market studies, said Jones. He was in town to tour Humana Alaska Hospital and speak to the chamber of commerce noon luncheon Monday.

Meanwhile, Jones said the company is busy establishing itself in Anchorage. He was referring to its plans to build a \$21.5 million five-story addition at Humana Alaska Hospital by 1985. The expansion would add another 93 licensed beds, for a total of 292 licensed beds at the hospital.

Providence Hospital also will build a five-story, 186,000-square-foot hospital tower by 1986, boosting its total bed capacity from 250 licensed beds to 410 licensed beds.

Anchorage, Jones said, is

large enough to support two major private hospitals, but he said Humana's mission is to provide the best health care in town.

"We made a big commitment to Anchorage to put ourselves in a position of being a competitor to Providence," Jones said. "Our concept is to have the best hospital in town. (And) I think that in the long run we will become the hospital of choice."

Jones said he welcomes more competition in the health field, saying it would help reduce overall costs by forcing a hospital to "trim its own fat."

Humana, a chain with 93 hospitals, last year was able to provide health care services that averaged about 17 percent lower than its competitors, Jones said. He said he's trying to lower Humana's overall operating costs by another three percent this year.

National policies that attempt to shield the consumer by artificially keeping a lid on health care costs also should be repealed, Jones said. And, he said there should be more public debate on health care issues.

In other areas, Jones said he supported:

- Diagnostic related groupings, a new federal approach to establishing standard health care prices for more than 496 medical procedures based on a community's cost of living index. The new law starts going into effect this fall.

- Allowing hospitals to bid to provide all government-funded health care for a region. This experiment already is being tested



Alice Puster of The Times

Humana's Dave Jones pledges to woo patients away from the competition

in California.

- Public discussion about how private health care organizations can provide health care to those people who can't afford the care and who do not have medical insurance.

- Repealing the certificate of need process that forces hospitals to win state approval before expanding or purchasing expensive new equipment. The state legislature is reviewing a repeal bill currently.

POSITION PAPER

on

House Bill No. 477

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to repayment of state aid for hospital and health facility construction."

Financial assistance for hospital and health facility construction has until recently been available from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs under AS 29.90. Numerous hospitals and health facilities have received funding for construction under this program. The program has recently been amended to limit reimbursement to those facilities constructed prior to July 1, 1980.

This bill proposes a means for recovery of state funds for non-profit or community owned hospital or health facility construction in the event that the facility constructed becomes controlled by a for-profit institution within 20 years following receipt of the state funds. The Department of Health and Social Services supports this bill as consistent with the objectives of the department. However, the department questions the usefulness of the bill in that the statute has been revised to limit payment to facilities constructed prior to July 1, 1980. Facilities now receiving funding or those which have received funding in the past may have unspecified "grandfather" rights under the present statute that prevent recovery of funds already granted.

One example of the purpose of this bill is evidenced by the recent sale of the Alaska Hospital and Medical Center (AHMC) to Humana, Inc. AHMC was constructed to operate as a non-profit community hospital. The state provided approximately \$16,200,000 under AS 29.90 to offset approximately 25% of the total project cost for construction. Upon notice of the proposed sale of AHMC to Humana, Inc. (a for-profit corporation) the Department of Law researched the possibility of recovery of state funding. The Department of Law, in two separate opinions indicated that there did not exist a statutory basis for recovery of the funding upon sale of the constructed facility to a for-profit institution. (Ref. May 4, 1982 memorandum to Commissioner Lee McAnerney, file no. 366-629-82 and November 12, 1981 response letter to Senator Arliss Sturgulewski.)

Passage of H.B. 477 will provide a statutory basis for recovery of grants for hospital and health facility construction provided under AS 29.90; however, the recovery of funds may be limited to a time when and if the statute is revised to provide funds for new construction.

Position Paper
H.B. 477

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Recommended by: *Daniel J. Meddleton*
Daniel J. Meddleton, Director
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Date: *Feb. 7 1984*

Approved by: *Robert London Smith*
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner
Department of Health and
Social Services

Date: *2/10/84*

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST
Bill/Resolution No.: HB 477
Title: State Aid for Health
Facility Construction
Sponsor: Martin
Requestor: _____
Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL
Agency Affected: Health & Social Service
Program Category Affected: _____
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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Agency: Dept of Health & Social Services

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STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL ANALYSIS

Department Health and Social Services	Sponsor (Principal) Rep. Martin	Bill Number HB 477
Department Position Support -- This bill is consistent with the objectives of the Department of Health and Social Services and should be enacted.		
Division Director <i>Daniel M. Medvedev</i>	Date 1-17-84	Commissioner's Signature <i>Robert Gordon Smith</i>
		Date 2/10/84

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE		
Comments:		
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SUMMARY	
1. a) Related Bills (Similar or Conflicting)	1. b) Other Agencies Affected by Bill Community and Regional Affairs
2. a) Organizational Support for Bill	2. b) Organizational Opposition to Bill Alaska State Hospital Association and Alaska State Medical Association

3. Program Effects of Bill

This bill proposes a means for recovery of State funds for nonprofit or community owned hospital or health facility construction in the event that the hospital or health facility becomes a for-profit institution within 20 years of receipt of the State funds.

4. Fiscal Impact: None Fiscal Note Attached

5. Amendments Proposed:

6. Comments:

The bill affects a program of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. C&RA should review the formula for recovery of funds to ascertain that all factors may be obtained.

STATE OF ALASKA

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March 8, 1984

POSITION PAPER

RE: HB 477
SPONSOR: Representative Martin

PROGRAM EFFECTS:

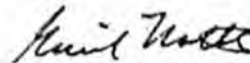
This bill establishes a method for the State to be reimbursed in the event that a nonprofit or municipal health facility or hospital which received State Revenue Sharing support is sold to a for-profit owner. Sale to a for-profit owner must occur within 20 years after State Revenue Sharing aid is provided for the State to receive reimbursement.

COMMENTS:

The question of public purpose in the expenditure of State aid for hospital construction is the central issue raised by this bill. State aid diminishes the amount of debt or liability held by a municipality or nonprofit in a hospital or health facility and this factor could be essential in the sale of this facility to a for-profit entity. The equity earned by the nonprofit or municipality as a result of State reimbursement for a hospital or health facility either accrues as a benefit to the nonprofit which, by sale of health facility, is reducing or totally divesting itself from health care responsibilities or translates as a benefit to the for-profit buyer by way of a reduced sale price or acquisition of an undervalued asset. Under either scenario, the State's interest is not served.

This department supports this bill because it protects the State's investment in nonprofit and municipal health care facilities and assures that State funds do indeed serve a public purpose.

APPROVED:


Emil Notti, Commissioner

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COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
BUILDING PROPOSAL

Priority Funding Request

South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

September 28, 1983

Ms. Jeanne K. Calkins
Board President
Community Mental Health Center
P. O. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Ms. Calkins:

I enjoyed discussing the Mental Health Center with you while I was in Homer this month. The citizens of Homer can be proud to have such support for this facility in their community.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

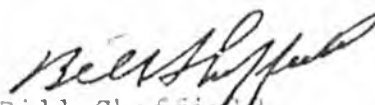

Bill Sheffield
Governor

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CITY OF HOMER

1984 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LEGISLATIVE REQUEST SUMMARY

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS COMPOSED OF THREE CATEGORIES; LOCAL PROJECTS, REGIONAL PROJECTS, AND STATE PROJECTS WHICH THE CITY OF HOMER SUPPORTS. THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS ARE PRIORITIZED.

LOCAL PROJECTS

COST

1. UPGRADE AND TRANSFER STATE ROADS TO CITY MAINTENANCE	
a. Pioneer Avenue	\$ 2,300,000
b. Bartlett Steet/Fairview/Hohe	\$ 1,230,000
c. Lower Main Street - South of Pioneer Avenue	\$ 700,000
2. PAVE UPPER MAIN STREET	\$ 320,000
3. PAVE KACHEMAK WAY	\$ 530,000
4. HOMER COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 2,500,000
5. UPGRADE UPPER LAKE STREET	\$ 1,200,000

REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. HILLSIDE PARK COMPLETION	\$ 100,000
2. PRATT MUSEUM	\$ 1,085,700
3. MENTAL HEALTH BUILDING	\$ 306,500
4. PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 1,100,000
5. HOMER SPIT CAMPGROUND	\$ 6,000,000

STATE PROJECTS WHICH THE CITY OF HOMER SUPPORTS

HOMER SPIT ROAD IMPROVEMENT

BRADLEY LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

EAST HILL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

KACHEMAK BAY DRIVE

STERLING HIGHWAY - HOMER/ANCHOR POINT

KACHEMAK BAY FERRY SHUTTLE

ADEC GRANT PROGRAM

TOTAL

\$17,372,200

3. MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

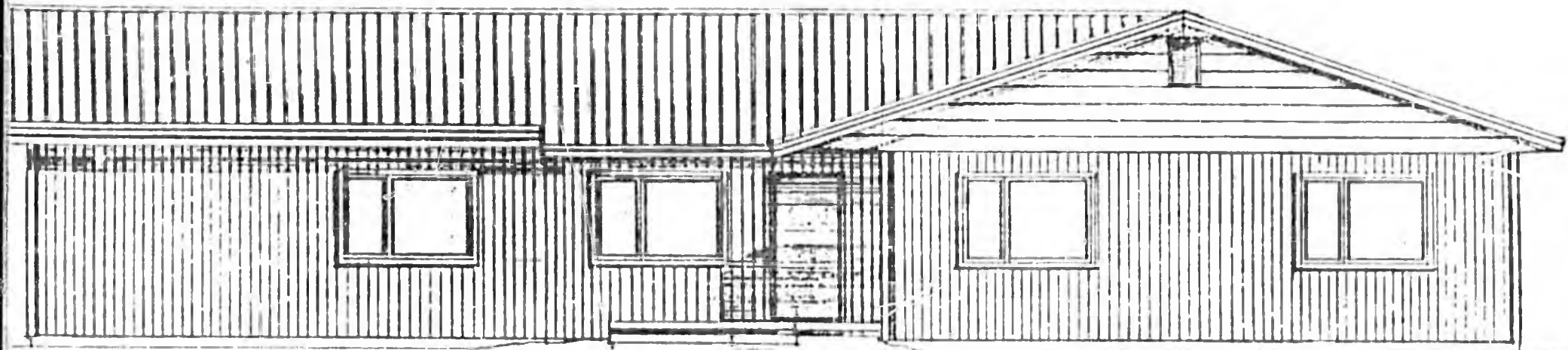
The City of Homer supports the Community Mental Health Center's efforts to expand its facilities and programs. The Mental Health Center has been operating for seven years offering a wide variety of counseling, education and referral services to the entire lower Peninsula area.

The participation in these programs has risen at an increasing rate over the last several years. For example, in a report filed in February 1983, the Center had a caseload history of 800 cases. In November 1983, that load had increased to 960 cases. An increase of 20% in less than a year. In fact, over 50% of the existing caseload has been admitted in the last two years. This is a phenomenal growth rate that will continue as the Homer and outlying area populations continue to grow.

The Mental Health Center currently spends \$24,000 per year for their existing rented facilities. They estimated that the new proposed facility will be paid for in rent savings alone. This is a significant point because of the gradually declining State revenues and ability to fund these programs. The Center, like all non-profit organizations dependent on State aid, has felt the burden of decreasing budgets. This new building will allow the Center to make more effective use of the money available.

In addition to the Mental Health Center, the Cook Inlet Council on Alcoholism plans to use this new facility. This will reduce their operating costs for rent and allow more effective use of this agency's money too.

The Center has already, using existing State aid, City funds, and its own revenues, purchased property, conducted soils tests and designed the facility. They now request assistance to bring the project to fruition with construction.



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

FACILITY PROPOSAL

South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc.

The Community Mental Health Center serving Homer and the surrounding region is sponsored by the South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc. The Center has provided comprehensive outpatient community mental health services to the residents of Homer, Ninilchik, Anchor Point, Nikolaevsk, Kachemak City, Seldovia, Halibut Cove, Port Graham, and English Bay during the past seven years. Recently, the Community Mental Health Center has gained a remarkable increase in community acceptance as reflected by the increased use of services provided. As of November 3, 1983 the Community Mental Health Center has provided direct services to 955 individuals since it open its doors seven years ago. Of these 955 clients, 400 have begun receiving services during the past two years. In addition to these direct service recipients, numerous residents of Homer and the surrounding communities have benefited from community mental health services through participation in workshops and classes provided by professional staff of the Community Mental Health Center.

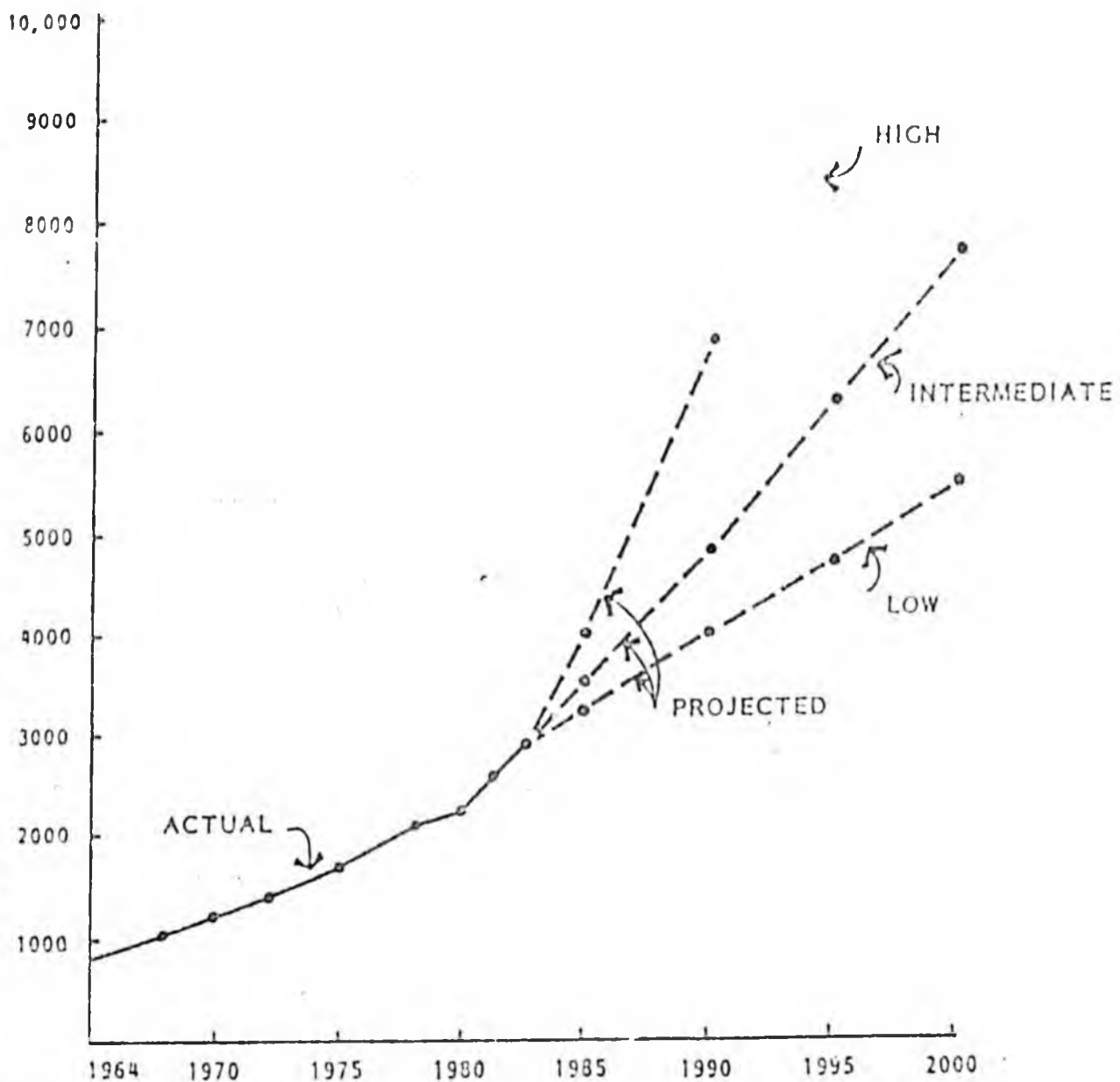
During the past two years, the Community Mental Health Center has expanded with regard to the programs which are offered to the residents of the area. This expansion is contributing to our goal of better meeting human service needs of the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula based upon needs assessments conducted by the South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc. In addition to a LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST functioning as a direct service provider and program administrator, the Community Mental Health Center has developed a VOCATIONAL COUNSELING PROGRAM (funded in part by the Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), an INFANT LEARNING PROGRAM (funded by the Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services), a FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM serving Port Graham and English Bay twice monthly (funded by the North Pacific Rim Native Corporation), and a CHILD ABUSE/CHILD NEGLECT PREVENTION PROGRAM (funded by the Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services). The Community Mental Health Center has upgraded its PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES through a contract for weekly consultation provided by a local psychiatrist, Hal Sexton, M.D. The Association is also proud to have established a collaborative training relationship with the University of Washington School of Medicine, Division of Community Psychiatry. Specifically, a POST-DOCTORAL PSYCHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP in rural community mental health was cooperatively arranged whereby the fellow would spend three months in Seattle at the University of Washington and nine months on location in the South Kenai Peninsula area. The first post-doctoral fellow, Mark Soelling, Ph.D., began this program this year and has proven to be an outstanding and stimulating addition to the professional staff. All of these services have been extremely well received as evidenced by our current caseload and the percentage of time spent by staff delivering direct clinical services (average of 70 to 75 percent direct service time). In addition to the grant support for the services offered through the Community Mental Health Center, a significant amount of program funding is derived from local contributions and fees for services. During the pas fiscal year, the Center successfully raised \$59,122.00 to fund the services

offered through the program. In addition, the City of Homer allocated \$35,000.00 during the past fiscal year toward a capital improvement fund for the Center in support of the Association's effort to secure appropriate office accommodations to meet the service delivery needs of the residents of the community.

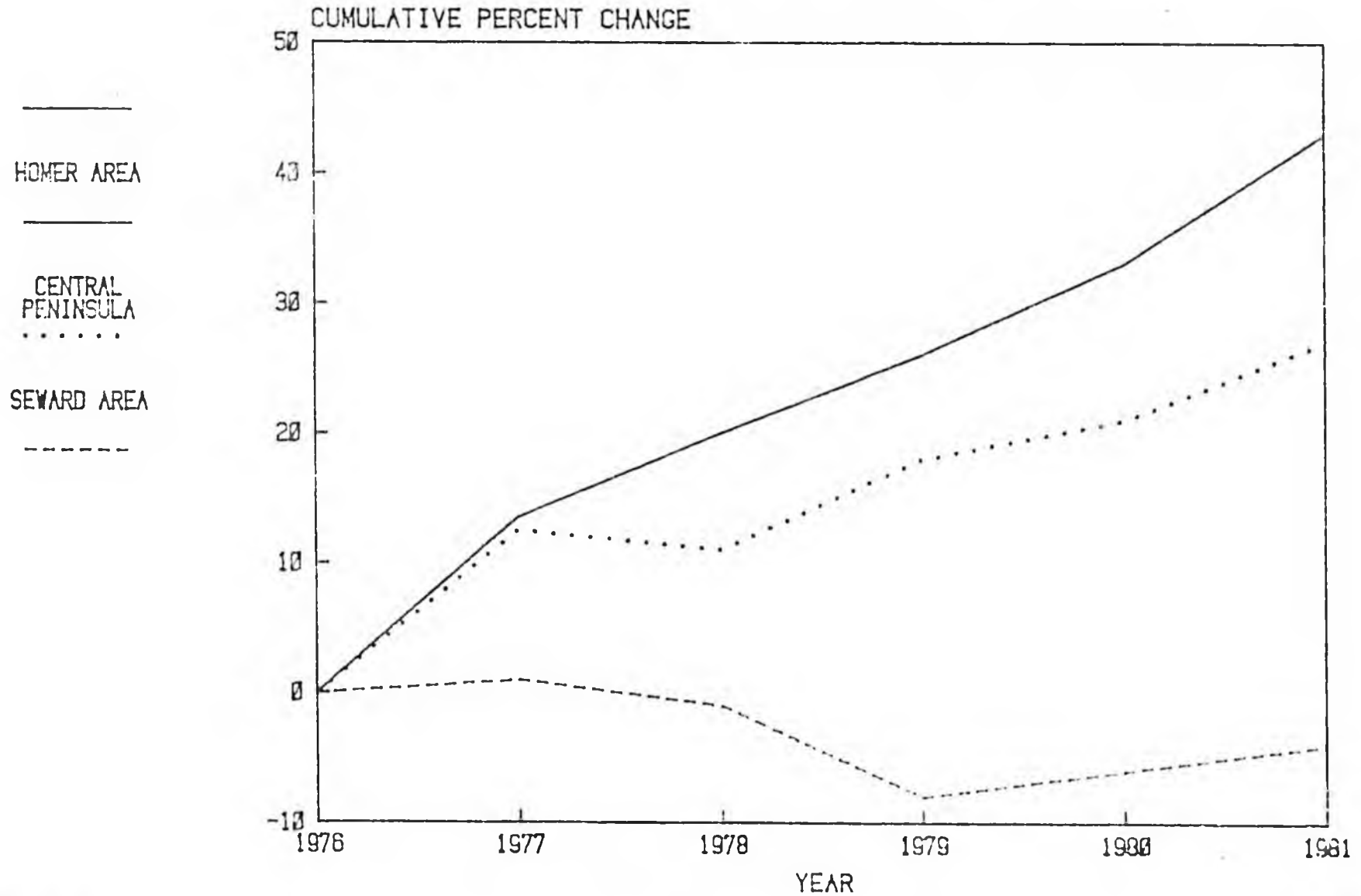
The expansion of services and the increased usage of services at the Community Mental Health Center serving Homer and the surrounding area is in response to existing human needs as well as the dramatic increase in population currently impacting the South Peninsula Region. In Homer alone, a recent Borough census indicated that the population has grown by at least 30 percent during the past 24 months with projections that this rate of increase may accelerate. The birth rate has nearly doubled at the South Peninsula Hospital during the past two years and the public schools are overflowing with students. In response, two new schools are being built in Homer not to mention the school expansion projects in other communities served by the Center. In addition, the South Peninsula Community Hospital is currently being expanded in order to double its bed capacity. According to a recent Homer News article, more than \$100 million worth of construction projects have been undertaken during 1983 in Homer alone. If work at the Bradley Lake hydroelectric dam begins in 1985 as projected by the Homer Electric Association, yet another dramatic influx of workers and associated support personnel will impact the region. In addition to the economic incentive to move to the Homer area, many individuals are choosing to relocate to Homer in order to benefit from the awesome beauty of the surroundings and the high quality of life offered by this pastoral community. Clearly, the South Kenai Peninsula is being severely impacted by a dramatic increase in population. Concomitant with this influx of people is an increasing demand for human services which the Community Mental Health Center is attempting to meet in a comprehensive and cost-effective manner such that the services are available to one and all independent of ability to pay or other individual differences.

The following 13 pages include graphic and pictorial representations of the current boom being experienced in Homer and the surrounding area. Clearly, the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula live in a boom town atmosphere.

HOMER AREA POPULATION GROWTH ACTUAL AND PROJECTED



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AREAS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

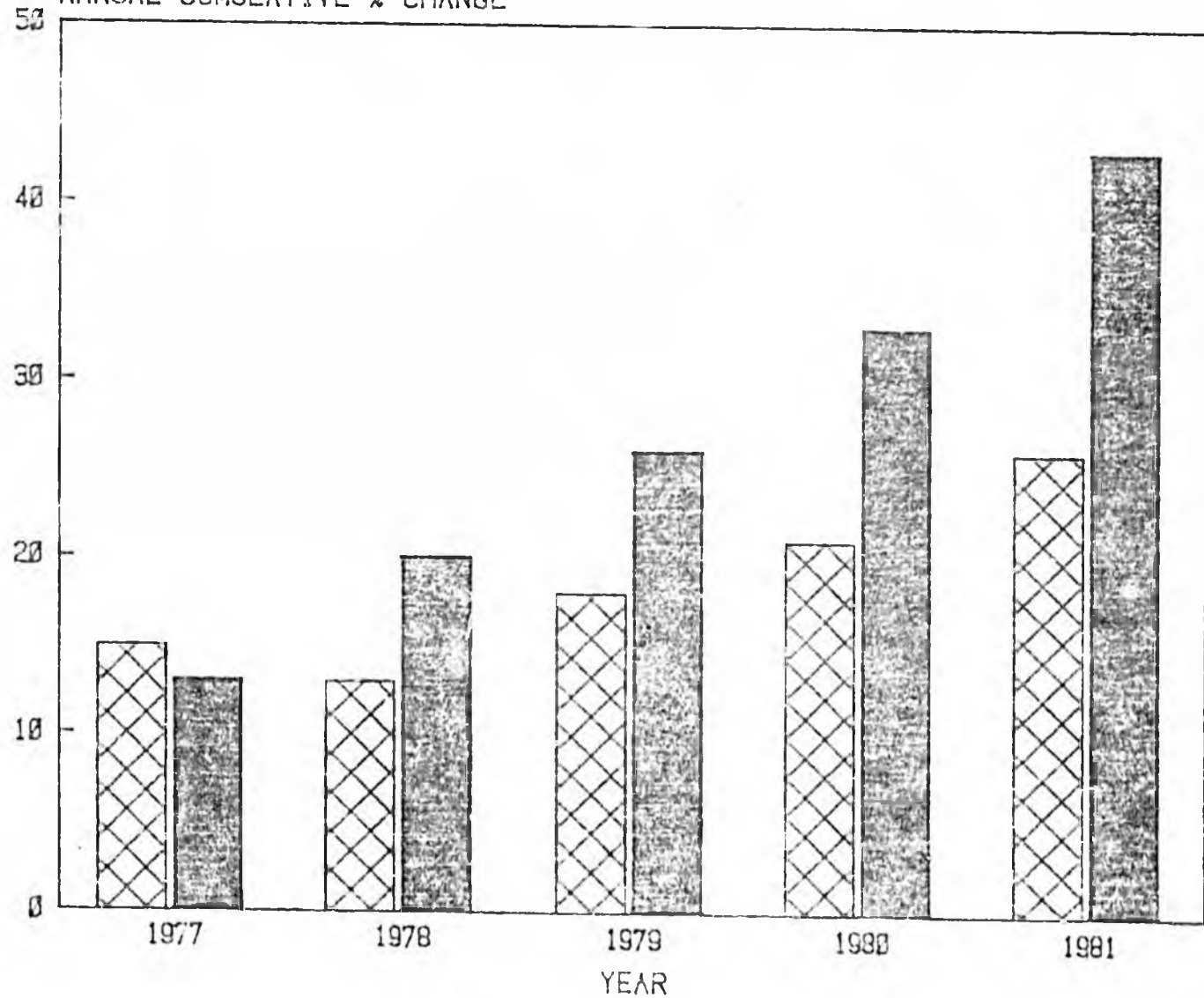
HOMER AREA VS. REST OF KPB

ANNUAL CUMULATIVE % CHANGE

KENAI PEN
BOROUGH

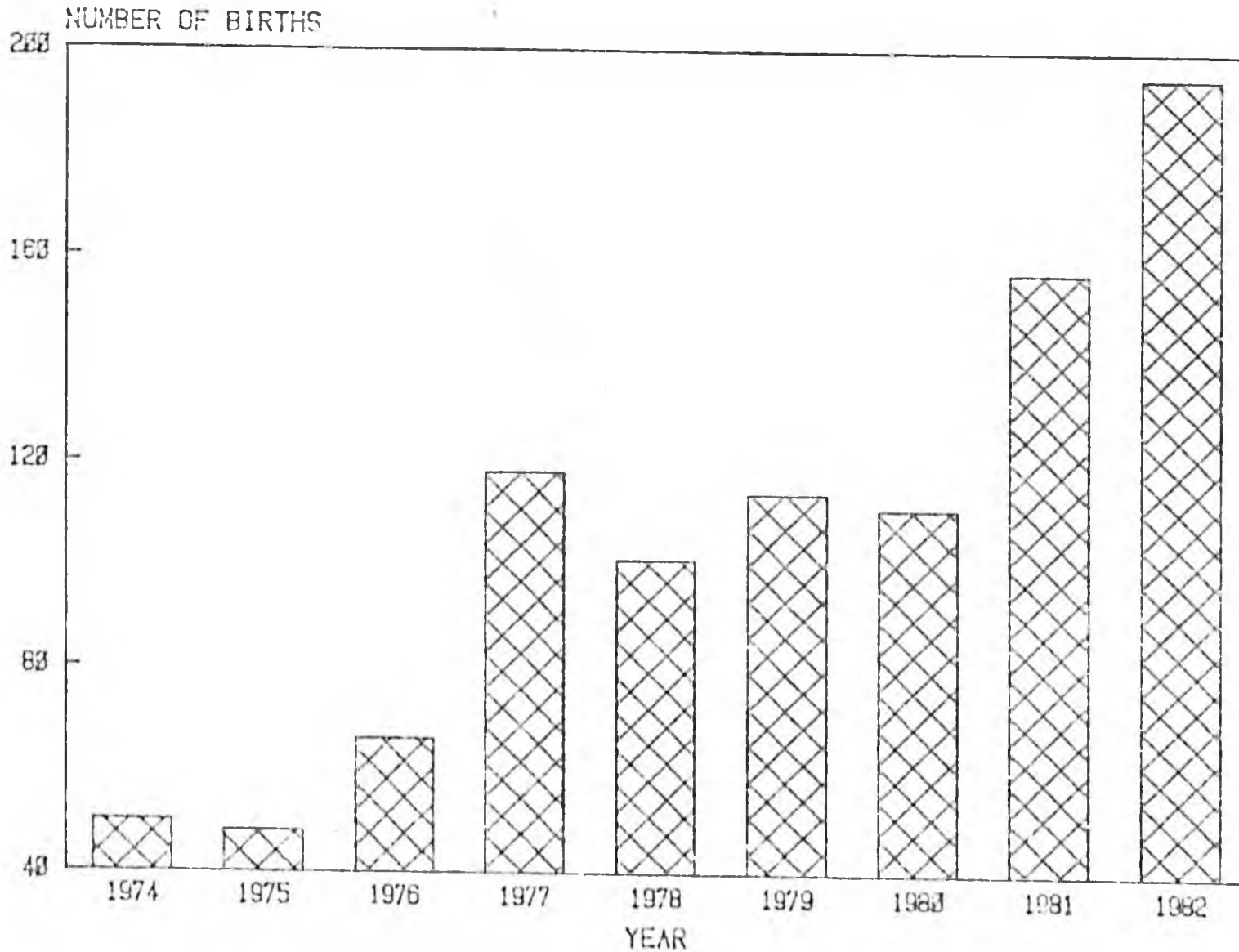


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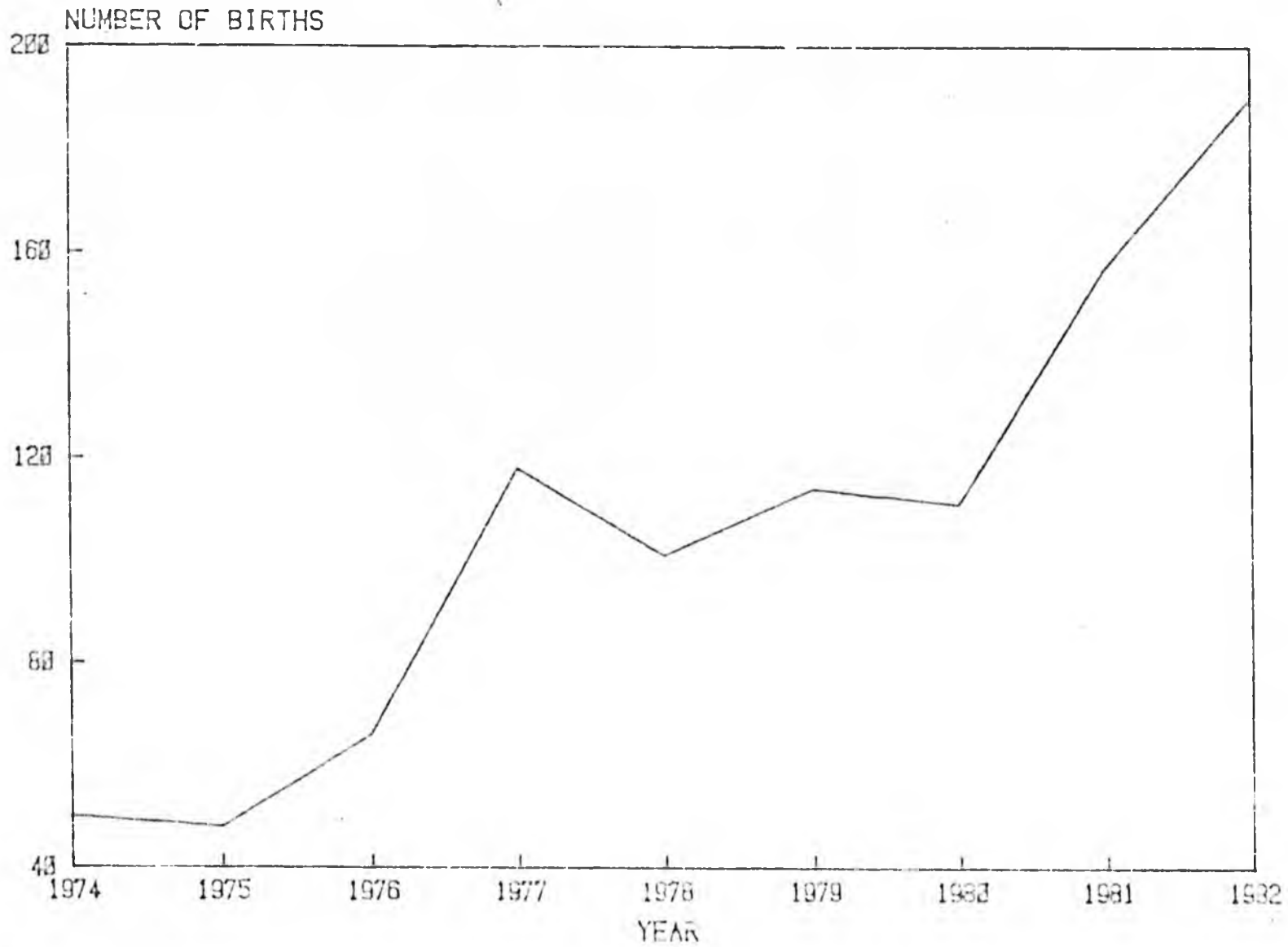
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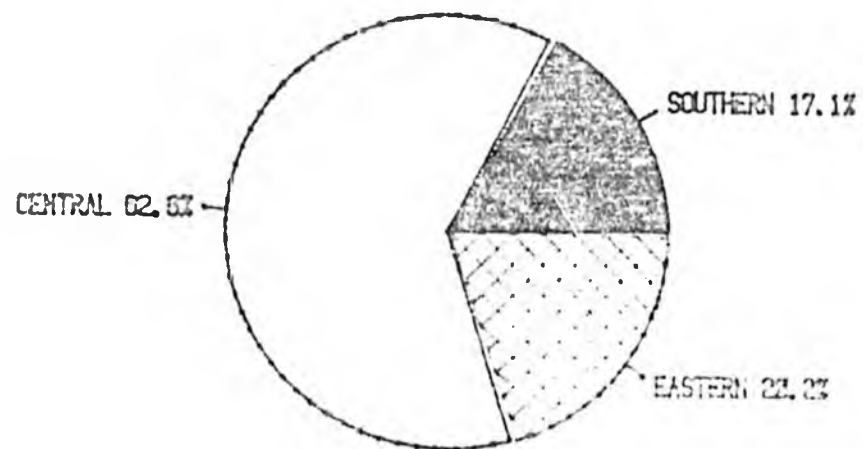
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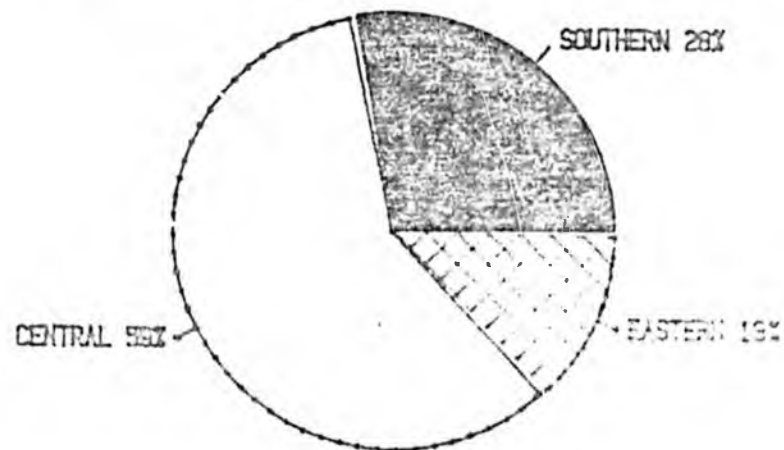


KPB REGISTERED VOTERS

PERCENT BY AREA 1973

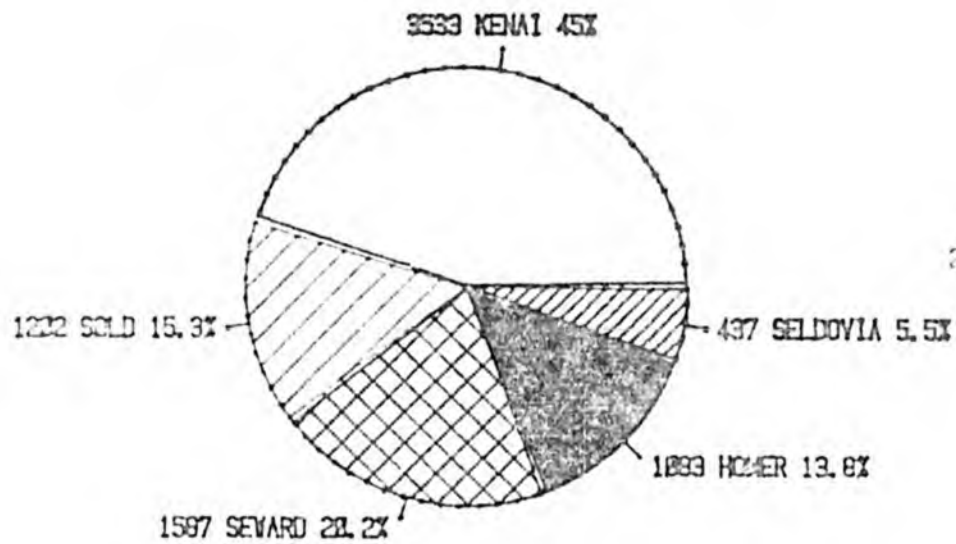


PERCENT BY AREA 1981

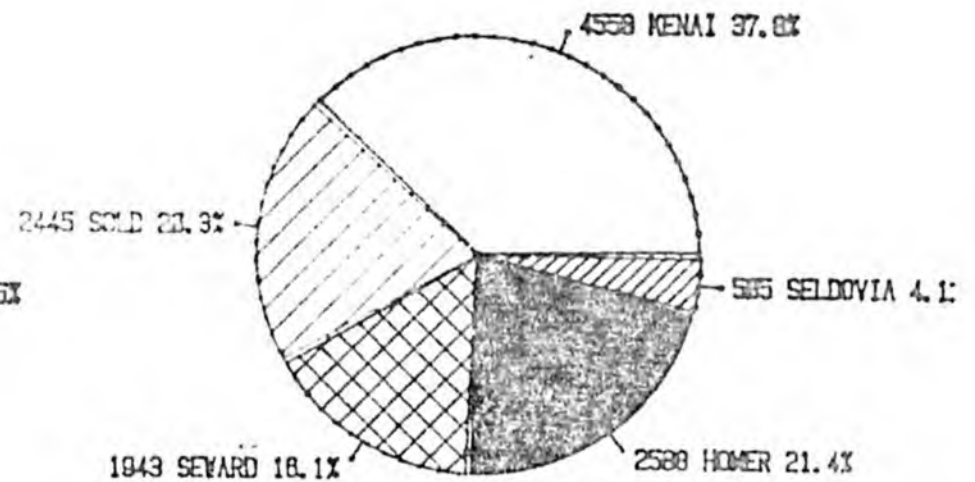


RELATIVE GROWTH OF KPB CITIES

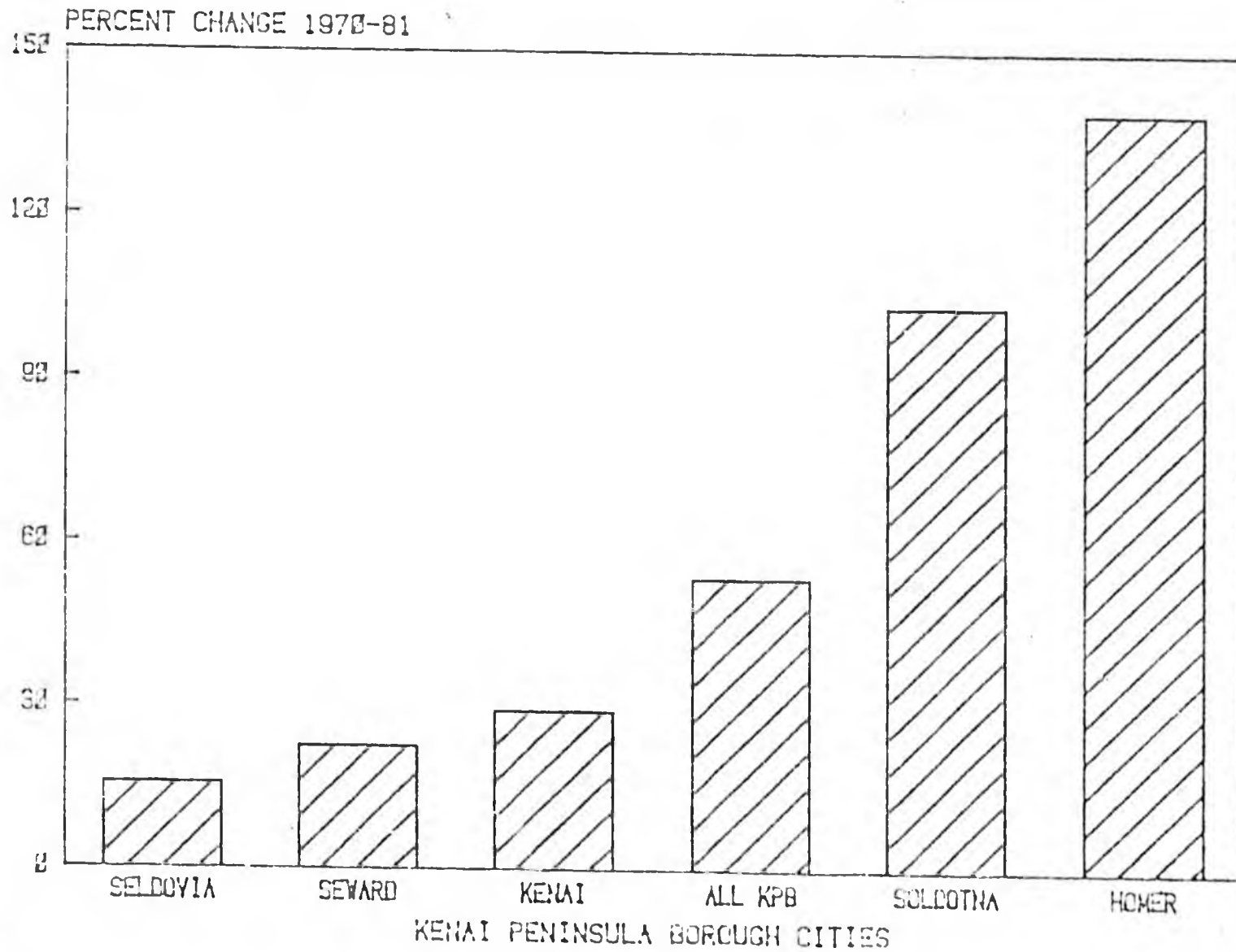
POPULATION 1970



POPULATION 1981



KPB POPULATION GROWTH RATE CITIES 1970 - 1981



PAST POPULATION TRENDS IN THE CITY OF HOMER
AND KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
1960 to 1982

	<u>City of Homer</u>		<u>Kenai Peninsula Borough</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Growth Rate</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Growth Rate</u>
1960	NA	--	9,053	--
1964	890	--	10,582	4.0%
1968	975	5.1%	14,160	7.6%
1970	1,083	5.4%	16,586	8.3%
1972	1,243	7.1%	16,200	-1.2%
1975	1,538	7.4%	18,770	5.0%
1978	2,054	10.1%	25,335	10.5%
1980	2,209	3.7%	25,282	-0.1%
1981	2,588	17.2%	26,520	4.9%
1982	2,897	11.9%	32,303	21.8%

Source: Kenai Peninsula Borough, 1981, 1982a and 1982b, U.S. Bureau of the Census, and Alaska Department of Labor.

CURRENT AND PROJECTED POPULATION
HOMER AREA
1978 to 2010

	<u>City of Homer</u>	<u>Other Homer Areas*</u>	<u>Total Homer Area</u>
<u>Actual</u>			
1978	2,054	1,577	3,631
1980	2,209	NA	NA
1981	2,588	NA	NA
1982	2,897	2,069	4,966
<u>Low Projection</u>			
1985	3,100	2,300	5,400
1990	3,900	3,000	6,900
1995	4,500	3,500	8,000
2000	5,200	4,200	9,400
2005	5,800	4,600	10,400
2010	6,400	5,100	11,500
<u>Intermediate Projection</u>			
1985	3,400	2,800	6,200
1990	4,700	4,000	8,700
1995	6,200	5,600	11,800
2000	8,100	7,500	15,600
2005	9,400	8,800	18,200
2010	10,900	10,400	21,300
<u>High Projection</u>			
1985	3,800	3,100	6,900
1990	6,500	5,600	12,100
1995	10,400	9,600	20,000
2000	13,300	12,600	25,900
2005	16,200	15,700	31,900
2010	19,700	19,600	39,300

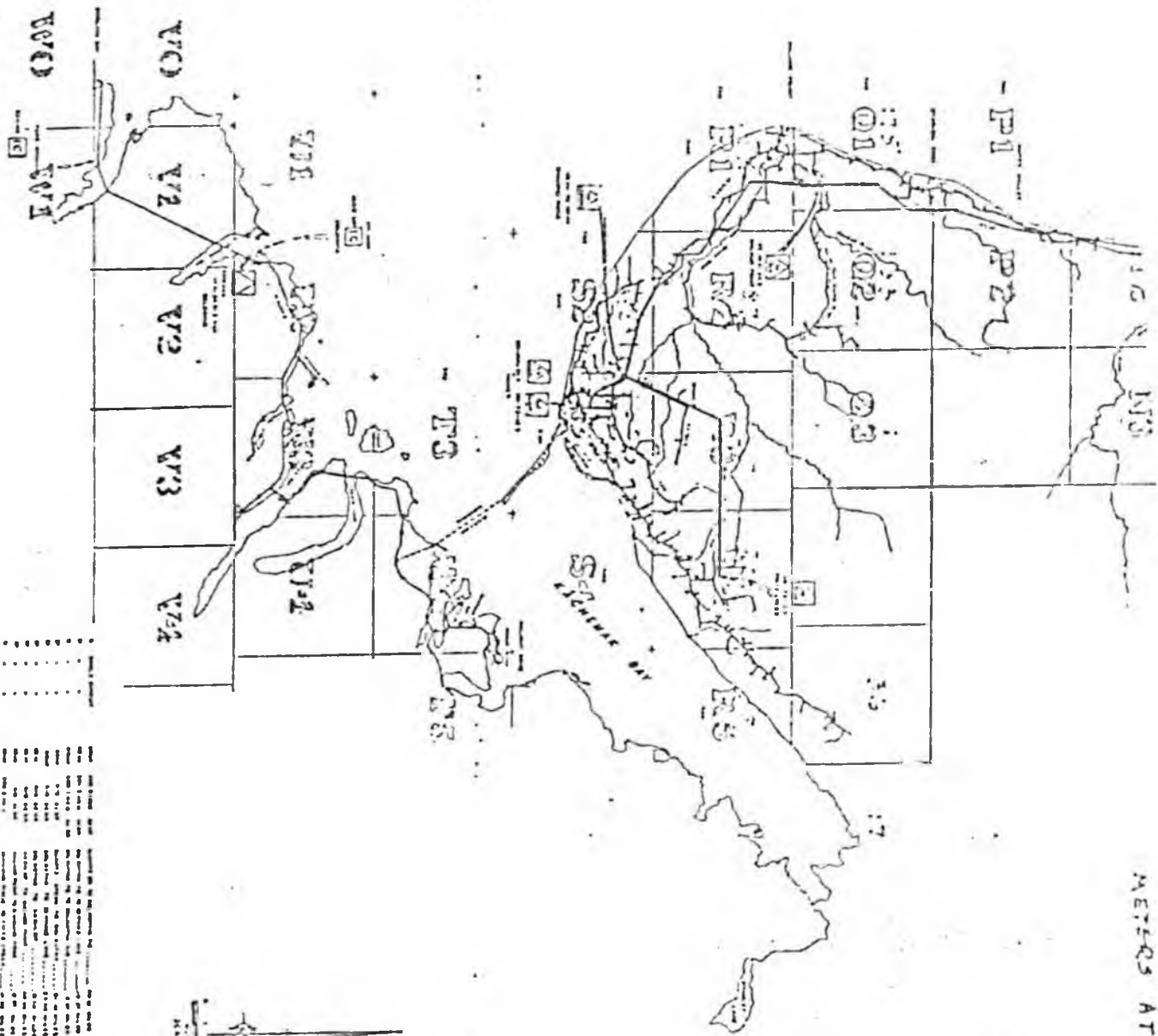
* Fritz Creek and Diamond Ridge election precincts.

NA - Data not available.

Source: Kenai Peninsula Borough 1979, 1982a and 1982b, and
Pacific Rim Planners & Engineers, Olympic Associates Company

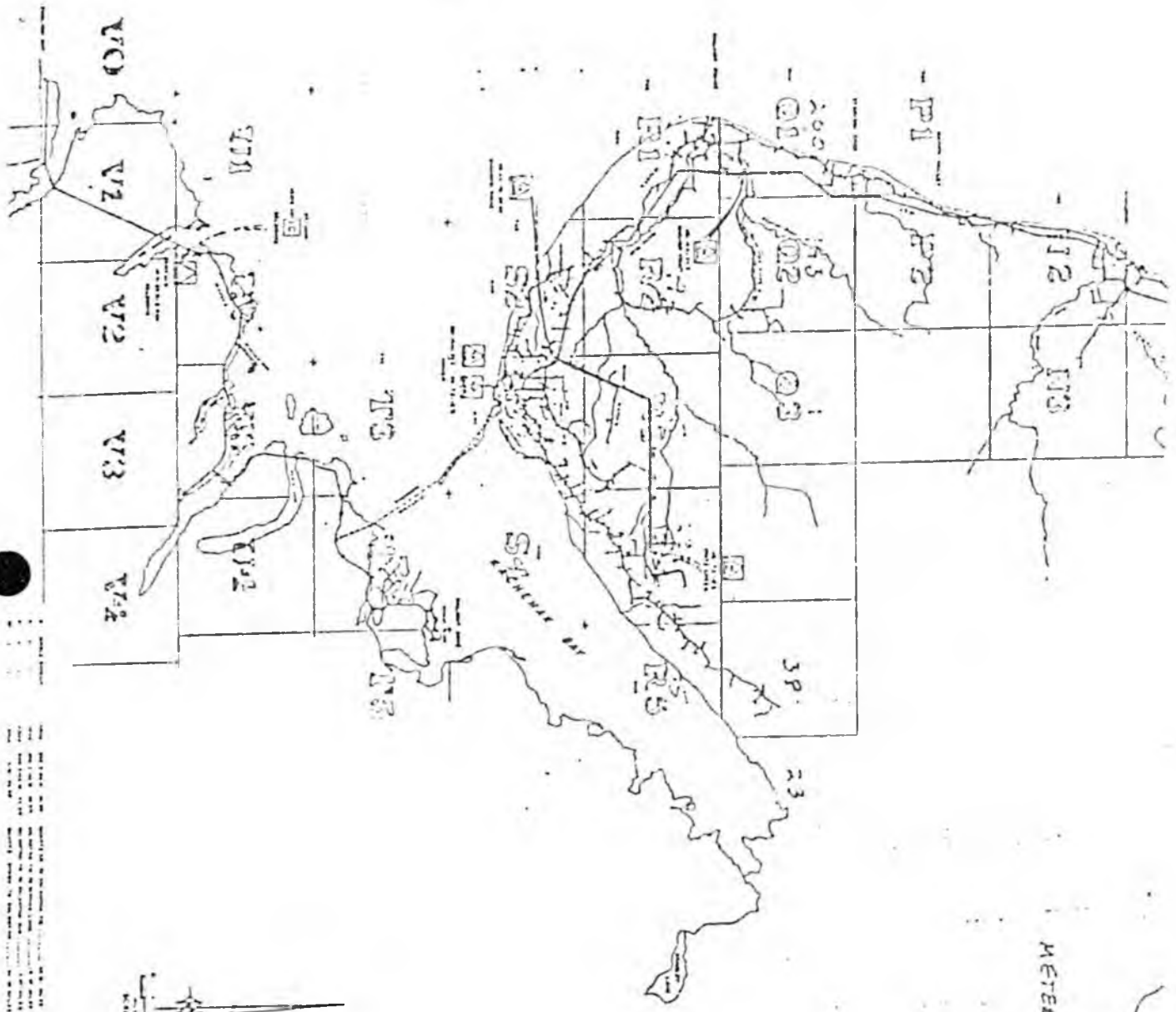
METERS AT 12/10/81

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Legend for the map, listing various symbols and their corresponding descriptions.

HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.	
SYSTEM KEY MAP	
DATE: _____	BY: _____
SCALE: _____	PROJECT: _____



METERS AT 6/24/83

HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Community Mental Health Center is sponsored by the South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc., a private non-profit corporation registered in the State of Alaska. The Association is comprised of members from the communities served by the Community Mental Health Center who are concerned about human service needs in the region. The membership elects a group of seven members to comprise the Board of Directors which governs the day-to-day functioning of the Center and provides oversight to the Center's program administrator. Current members of the Board serving three-year terms each include:

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SOUTH PENINSULA MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK - - - - - PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (HOMER)

VOCATIONAL
COUNSELOR
(full-time)

INFANT LEARNING
INSTRUCTOR
(full-time)

PARENT-CHILD
EDUCATOR & TRAINER
(full-time)

PSYCHIATRIC
CONSULTANT
(1 day/week)

POST-DOCTORAL
PSYCHOLOGY FELLOW
(full-time)

ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSOCIATE
(full-time)

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTANT
(6 hours/week)

SECRETARY/
RECEPTIONIST
(half-time)

OFFICE SPACE PROBLEM

Since the community mental health program was established in the South Kenai Peninsula region, adequate office space has been a perennial problem. The first offices used for the program were located within a residential four-plex building directly east of the hospital in Homer. These offices were grossly inadequate with regard to size and soundproofing therefore being in violation of the regulations for community mental health programs in Alaska. In 1980, the Center relocated to a 1100 square foot space in the Katamar Building on the Sterling Highway entering Homer. The space appeared pleasant and clean but again proved to be grossly inadequate for the services which the Center delivered. In particular, the five offices used for counseling services were seven and one-half feet by nine feet with no ventilation, no windows, and again, inadequate soundproofing. Individuals in the waiting area were able to listen to clients speaking with the professional staff in the therapy rooms. Additionally, when a family was squeezed into one of these cubicles with a therapist, the experience was similar to a sauna with little oxygen left in the air at the end of each session. However, no other office space was available to house the Community Mental Health Center programs until August, 1983. At that time, the Community Mental Health Center moved to the basement of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank building located on Ocean Drive in Homer. The facility is quite adequate for the present needs of the program with the exception of limited and somewhat inaccessible parking during the winter months. However, the office space is extremely expensive resulting in a significant amount of program resources dedicated toward maintenance of an appropriate facility rather than supporting client services directly. The current office space includes 2,183 square feet rented at the rate of \$1.00 per square foot per month for a total expense of \$26,196.00 annually for rent alone. Through a \$10,000.00 payment from locally generated revenues to pay some of the building renovation which was necessary to convert the basement to office space, the Association was able to negotiate a proportionally lower rental fee for 24 months. On August 1, 1985, the lease agreement can be renewed at a rate of \$1.00 per square foot per month plus an annual increase equal to the rise in the consumer price index during the prior 24 months. Given the limited financial resources available to support public sector human services, it appears that the Community Mental Health Center will be priced out of this office space at that time.

FACILITY PROPOSAL

In light of the perennial problem described above, the South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc. solicited funds from the City of Homer to initiate a building program to construct adequate office accommodations. Following extensive public hearings, the City of Homer allocated \$35,000.00 toward this effort in November, 1982, and supported the Association in their endeavor to secure additional funding for the project (see attached resolution from the City of Homer). With the generous contribution from the City of Homer as well as some funds raised by the South Peninsula Mental Health Association, Inc. within the community, the Board of Directors solicited available land centrally located in Homer having access to city water and sewer. This land (Lots 12 and 13, Block 3, Lakeside Village Subdivision, Homer, Alaska) was purchased in full from the National Bank of Alaska on November 2, 1983. In addition, architectural drawings, soils tests, and building specifications have been accomplished. Hence, the Association is prepared to go to bid at such time that sufficient funding became available to construct the facility.

As displayed in the attached architectural drawings, a facility that would be adequate for at least the next two decades would include 3,420 square feet. The building is designed to meet the need for confidentiality and other service requirements. The building is designed according to standard construction techniques utilizing cost-effective residential type design with the interior arranged to accommodate outpatient services. This approach was selected in order to blend with the neighborhood selected for the building and to be as cost-efficient as possible. As can be noted from the plot plan, adequate parking space has been designed. Additionally, the building has been designed to accommodate expansion if this becomes a necessity at some point in the future.

FACILITY BENEFITS

Construction of an office building to house the programs offered through the Community Mental Health Center would benefit the local community by helping to guarantee that these essential human services will have adequate housing in order to continue to meet community needs in perpetuity. From an economic perspective, the building would be a benefit to the local community insofar as limited financial resources could be dedicated entirely to client services rather than spending an ever-increasing portion of program revenues for facility rental. Assuming the State of Alaska intends to continue to support community mental health services in the South Kenai Peninsula region, this building program will prove to be cost-effective. At the current rate of rental an equivalent amount of money will be expended from out State grant award toward rent at the end of 7.47 years as the State will spend to construct a building now. (\$1.00 per square foot for 3,420 square feet would equal \$41,040 per year, or a total cost of \$306,500 at the end of 7.47 years.) These calculations are based upon 1983 dollars and do not take into consideration the ever-increasing cost associated with rental due to inflation. Another immediate benefit of this building would be that the South Peninsula Mental Health Association intends to share the office space with the Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse upon completion of construction. Negotiations to this effect have already been established with support from the Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. (See CICADA Resolution.) This would provide the State of Alaska with further cost savings of approximately \$7,200.00 per year in rental payments currently being made by the Cook Inlet Council. Including the building expense figures from CICADA, the pay off on the proposed building will be only 6.35 years. This space sharing agreement would make effective use of all of the office space immediately and will be viable for several years to come insofar as there is no projected growth in the staffing pattern at the Community Mental Health Center during the next several years.

BUILDING BUDGET

SITE PREPARATION \$ 25,000.00

CONSTRUCTION COST
(3,420 Sq. Ft.x \$75.00 per sq. ft). . . . \$256,500.00

DEEP PILINGS
To prevent settling \$ 25,000.00

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$306,500.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS

TAXES (Private, non-profit organization) . . . \$	0.00
CITY WATER & SEWER \$	900.00
ELECTRICITY \$	3,300.00
JANITORIAL FEES \$	2,700.00
INSURANCE \$	1,500.00
PARKING MAINTENANCE \$	500.00
ROUTINE BUILDING MAINTENANCE \$	1,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST:	\$9,900.00

These maintenance expenses will be shared by the building tenants and would be within the Association's financial ability to pay on an annual basis, derived from operating expenses.

EXPENSES

<u>OPERATION & MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>FY 83</u>	<u>FY 84</u> (Projected)	<u>Proposed Building</u> (Projected)
Taxes (private, non-profit)	0.00	0.00	0.00
City Water & Sewer	0.00	300.00	900.00
Electricity	1,900.00	3,000.00	3,300.00
Janitorial	1,500.00	1,970.00	2,700.00
Insurance	900.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Routine Building Maint. . .	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Parking Maintenance	0.00	0.00	500.00
Yearly Totals	\$4,300.00	\$6,270.00	\$9,900.00

REVENUES

	<u>FY 83</u>	<u>FY 84</u> (Projected)	<u>Proposed Building</u> (Projected)
State Grants	\$240,612.00	\$255,150.00	\$230,000.00 **
Local Contribution	11,644.00	12,000.00	14,000.00
Fee for Services	48,000.00	50,000.00	51,000.00
Yearly Totals	\$300,256.00	\$317,150.00	\$295,000.00

** Decrease in state grants expected due to proposed deletion of rental expense.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED THROUGH THE
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

February 15, 1983

Dr. Paul L. Craig
Director
Homer Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

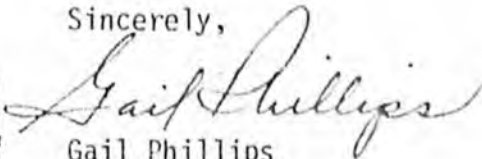
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have been requested to submit a letter of support for the Community Mental Health Center, and am able, in good faith, to offer this support.

I feel that you and your staff are providing a vital service to the overall good health of the Homer community and surrounding area, and I will do all possible to help in your efforts to secure funding for the continuation of the Mental Health program for our area.

As a Councilperson, we are often called upon to lend support for various projects in our community, and many times I find that I have a personal conflict in giving support. Not so, however, in your case. I personally feel that your organization is not only above board, ethically and financially, but that you also are providing a desperately needed service in the community.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Gail Phillips
Owner



C. Michael Hough

ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. BOX 291
HOMER, ALASKA 99603
(907) 235-8184

January 26, 1983

Community Mental
Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

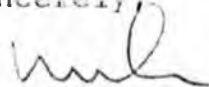
Gentlemen:

This letter is to indicate my support for continuing funding of the Community Mental Health Center which serves the residence of the South Kenai Peninsula. I would also note a significant improvement in the Mental Health Center after Dr. Paul Craig became the director.

My office has been involved in emergency placement of disturbed individuals, evaluation of persons suspected of being suicidal and in counseling on family disputes.

The local Mental Health Center is well respected by the legal community including the court system. Dr. Craig and his staff have shown their involvement in the community by discussing their services with the Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups in the Homer area.

Sincerely,



C. MICHAEL HOUGH
Attorney at Law

CMH:lb

JOHN RATE
LAWYER
BOX 2169
HOMER, ALASKA 99603

(907) 235-8740

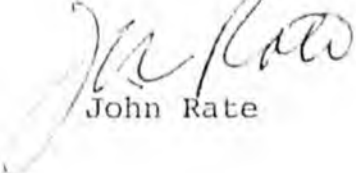
To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Community Mental Health Center, Homer, Alaska

I am writing in support of the Community Mental Health Center, which I believe has served this community well. As a lawyer, I can assure you that the judicial system is definitely inadequate to deal with problems of mental health. The Center has provided a source of local counseling, which the court system has used to provide sensible dispositions directed at long-term rehabilitation of criminal offenders. It has also served to identify and resolve mental problems before they become a burden on the court system. The Center also provides an invaluable service in counseling young people who are having problems with the school administration or with their families.

I believe that the entire Homer community will appreciate your attention to the needs of the Community Mental Health Center.

Sincerely,


John Rate

JR:lag



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NINILCHIK SCHOOLS

NINILCHIK, ALASKA 99639

January 31, 1983

Dr. Paul L. Craig, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

One of the best supplementary services that our students can take advantage of is that offered by your Center. Not only do individual students benefit from the services offered; the school and homes are beneficiaries in many instances where students are helped.

In the last three years I have seen excellent cooperation between the individual school, the district school office, and the Community Mental Health Center. This has been of great value to students who have had the opportunity of learning skills in communication and self-awareness through the sessions that have been offered by Center staff members.

I certainly do hope that the program will be continued, with perhaps some additional sessions to work with teachers for better understanding of pupil needs.

We do appreciate the fact that we can call on you and know that you will respond.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Jackinsky

Wade Jackinsky
Counselor

Ninilchik Community Clinic
February 2, 1983

Paul Craig, Phd.
Director
Community Mental Health Center
Homer, Alaska

I am happy to write this letter in support of the
Community Mental Health Center of Homer, Alaska.

Individuals in the Ninilchik area contacted the
Ninilchik Community Clinic asking for some type of help in
dealing with stress. September 29 th. Paul Craig and Eileen
Littrell from the Mental Health Center met with me to discuss
some of the needs of Ninilchik's peoples.

In October Eileen Littrell, M.A., Counselor began
conducting morning workshops three times a month open to the
general public at a \$2.00 registration fee. The themes alternate
between stress management in the home and basics for couples
living happily ever after.

Private counseling is provided to individuals by
appointments prior to the workshops. This service because of
its availability has been sought out by a young couple with
problems.

A communications skill class is held in the afternoons
with high school students. Just having Eileen in the school is
valuable. Students see her and can seek her out.

Numbers are hard to count in the mental health area.
The people actually seen are just the visible tip of the iceberg
that is receiving the benefits.

We have a need in Ninilchik for the services of the
Mental Health Center of Homer. If these services are denied us
our needs go unanswered. If the program remains and is a steady
source of aid more and more people will use it.

I personally value the increased knowledge and skills
these workshops have given me. Others have voiced the same opinions.
Thank you Community Mental Health Center, of Homer.

Pat Oskolkoff CHR.

Sincerely,
Pat Oskolkoff CHR.
Ninilchik Community Clinic
Box 39368
Ninilchik, Ak. 99659
#576-3970

ANCHOR POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A part of the
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Box 156

Anchor Point, Alaska 99556

Phone (907) 235-8671

February 17, 1983

Paul Craig
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603-2274

Dear Paul:

The Anchor Point Community School Council and I would like to submit this letter of support for the programs at the Community Mental Health Center. We feel that the services that have been offered in Homer and Anchor Point are of great value to the community, and we especially appreciate the workshops that have been offered here in Anchor Point for the benefit of our local people. We have been extremely impressed by the quality of the personnel who present the services, and the Community School Council and I sincerely hope that the program can continue to offer such fine workshops and services for the southern Kenai Peninsula communities. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Helanie Kipp
Anchor Point Community School Coordinator

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

MICHAEL C. MORGAN, DIRECTOR

Kenai Branch Office
P.O. Box 3533
Kenai, Alaska 99611
(907) 283-3133

January 19, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Paul:

This is in support of the Community Mental Health Center in Homer.

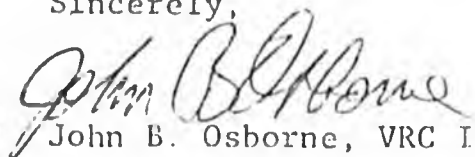
The mental health center in Homer greatly meets the needs of the local community from my perspective as well as the residents of the Homer area. They provide this office with psychological assessments on my clients, excellent guidance to my clients as well as assisting me in my contacts with employers and educational personnel. They have a broad based mental health program that works with walk ins, referrals from other agencies as well as other physicians and hospitals.

From my viewpoint they are doing an excellent job. The staff of the Community Mental Health Center appear to be highly competent, well trained, knowledgeable of problems in a rural area and very insightful of the needs of the community. Their parent/child educational program seems to be functioning quite well and appears to be meeting an obvious need. The same can be said for the Infant Learning Program which is relatively new.

I am very impressed by all of the programs that fall under this office and am highly pleased with the helpfulness of the staff.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion. I highly recommend continuation of the funding support for their current programs or any other programs they deem appropriate in the future.

Sincerely,


John B. Osborne, VRC I

JBO/PM

Cook Inlet Council On Alcohol And Drug Abuse

February 15, 1983

Dear Paul,

I would like to lend my support of the Community Mental Health programs and services offered to the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula.

I was especially pleased when you added the Parent-Child Education and Training program and the Infant Learning Program. There has been a need to address the issue of parenting being one of the most difficult jobs for which there is the least amount of training. You are addressing this need through your educational programs that prepare and support parents.

I am also very pleased with the "team" approach that has been developing in which Mental Health, Homer Junior and Senior High School, and Cook Inlet Council are working closely to establish appropriate programs and services for "high risk" students and their families. This agency and school "team" approach with the students and their families will increase the chances of teens receiving appropriate services which I believe will increase the chances of the students receiving an education. I believe it will also help provide support and services to the family.

I'm looking forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

YOUTH OPTIONS Coordinator

HOMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Lee Winn, Principal
Larry Nauta, Vice-Principal

SRA Box 500
Homer, AK 99603
Phone: (907) 235-8186

January 26, 1983

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Larry Nauta, Vice Principal *LN*

SUBJECT: Letter of Support

The Community Mental Health Center under the direction of Dr. Paul Craig has, over the last two years, become an integral part of the public education in this community. Dr. Craig and his staff have been able to successfully fill a void that had existed in the area of community mental health.

We have found Dr. Craig and his staff to be extremely professional, effective, and supportive at all times.

LN:nd

John D. Kosch
Box 1163
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 21, 1983

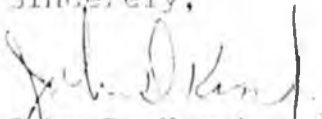
Paul L. Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Paul;

As a councilperson and citizen of the city of Homer, I feel that you and your staff have been doing an excellent job in administering the services of the community mental health center.

I feel the whole concept and the different services the community health center offers are needed and certainly I back them. I further would hope that any grants that are available for community mental health should come your way.

Sincerely,



John D. Kosch
Homer City Councilperson

Cook Inlet Council On Alcohol And Drug Abuse

Phone:
283-3658

P.O. Box 882
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Phone:
235-8001

P.O. Box 2352
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 20, 1983

Dr. Paul Craig
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
P. O. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Paul:

This is my letter of support for the Community Mental Health Center. It is my professional opinion that your office provides a much needed, high quality service to your community.

In working with recovering persons, the Parent-Child Education and Training Program can serve as an important adjunct to a healthy, sober family. In working with individuals and families, mental health needs must be addressed in many cases for a person to return to or begin a quality sobriety. It is important we work together. I know through your efforts with the Human Service Provider's network working together is an important goal to your agency. This is also the goal of CICADA and will benefit the community.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me at 283-3658.

Sincerely,

Kevin Murphy
Kevin Murphy
Executive Director

KM/pp

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY

BOX 3413
KENAI, ALASKA 99611
PHONE: (907) 283-3129

January 27, 1983

Mr. Paul Craig, PhD
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603-2274

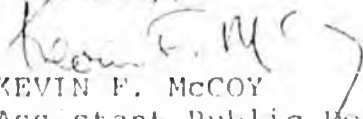
Dear Dr. Craig:

I am the supervising attorney for the Kenai Office of the Alaska Public Defender Agency. Our office is assigned to represent indigent criminal defendants in the Homer area. I understand that the Homer Community Health Center has submitted a grant proposal for the coming fiscal year and I am writing this letter in support of that grant proposal.

As you know, we frequently request the Community Mental Health Center to prepare evaluations for our clients for use in aid of sentencing. The evaluations that have been provided are frequently useful to the court in fashioning the appropriate sentence for the individual offender. In addition, it is not uncommon for the court to order mental health counseling through a Community Mental Health Center as part of an individual's sentence. I am of the opinion that this resource is a significant asset to the Homer Community.

Accordingly, I am hopeful that your grant proposal will be accepted.

Sincerely,


KEVIN F. McCOY
Assistant Public Defender

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES



SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669

Special Services

Counseling

Nursing Services

Media

February 17, 1983

Paul L. Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my appreciation and continuing support for the efforts of the Community Mental Health Program. For those it may concern, I might explain that through the contract between our agencies, counseling and consultative services are provided to emotionally handicapped school children, their teachers and parents. Without your activities in the south peninsula area, services to these residents would be significantly reduced, if not eliminated altogether in many cases.

Personally, I am absolutely delighted with both the responsiveness and flexibility you and your staff have displayed in meeting difficult and at times, protracted situations. That your agency functions in a responsible fashion is obvious from the measurable improvements seen in the students you have worked with.

I expect to make heavy demands on your time in the coming year with similarly positive results.

Sincerely,

Arlo Morgenweck
Arlo Morgenweck, M.S.
School Psychologist

LAURANCE A. MARSHBURN, M.D.

P.O. BOX 277

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

January 26, 1983

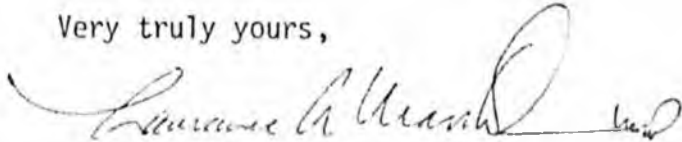
Re: Letter of Recommendation - Homer Community Mental Health Center

To Whom It May Concern:

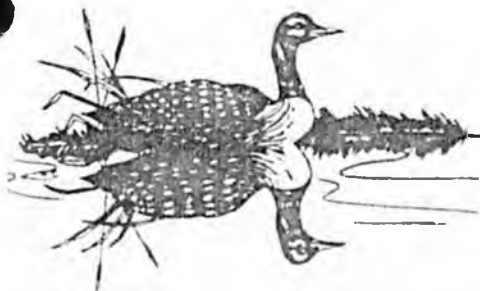
It is my feeling that the Homer Community Mental Health Center continues to provide an extremely valuable resource in this community. The support that they have given to me and to my patients in the last year has been consistently of extremely high quality and entirely professional. My only area of contact with this program, however, has been in the realm of people who required counselling over a period of time, usually for a transient situational problem. As stated, the support in this area has been excellent. I have had no real contact with other areas of the program, such as the parent/child education and training program or the infant learning program.

I would certainly endorse the need for continuing support of the Community Mental Health program in Homer and recommend a favorable response on the current grant proposals.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurance A. Marshburn, M.D.", written in dark ink.

Laurance A. Marshburn, M. D.



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POST OFFICE BOX 129
ANCHOR POINT, ALASKA 99556

January 20, 1983

Dr. Paul L. Craig, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig;

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and the staff of the Community Mental Health Center for the positive influence you have been on the surrounding community specifically during the past year. The consistency of your excellent service as director has established the center as constantly available, highly competent, and completely professional.

Although new, the Parent/Child Education and Training Program and the Infant Learning Program show tremendous potential for far reaching service and influence for the South Peninsula. The combination of the abilities and talents of Chris Laing and Judith Rothstein into the one DVR position was innovative and by all appearances very successful. The organization and efforts of Mary Barnett are also to be complimented. Your efforts as administrator are reflected in the winning combination you have in your staff and the professionalism demonstrated there.

Personally, I want to thank you for your efforts in meeting needs identified here at Nikolaevsk School and your availability for advice when needed. I see our service opportunities increasing here as the two new programs gain greater visibility and as we continue to work with established programs such as Donna Fenske, PHN, and Ingrid Avril, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

If I can be of help anytime, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Bob Moore,
Head Teacher

BM/kjs

January 28, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603-2274

To Whom it May Concern;

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of support for the services rendered by our local Community Mental Health Center. When funding for this valuable local service was threatened last year, I viewed that trend with alarm. The good to the community at large so far outweighs the dollars spent, every dollar spent represents a valuable investment.


I would like to cite my own personal experience with the Mental Health Center first. That concerns the services rendered to my mother, who through no fault of her own, has been a patient of mental institutions and clinics for the better part of her 75 years. If it were not for the existence of this clinic and the excellent service she receives here (and I rate it the best she has ever received), she would now be a ward of an institution. It is my hope that she may remain in the comfortable surroundings of her own home for as long as possible. Due to her financial situation, that can only be accomplished through this clinic.

As a school board member and parent I am also very much concerned with and about the services rendered to our schools by the Community Mental Health Center. Here in Homer Dr. Craig works with identified emotionally handicapped children, at the moment serving ten such children in our Homer schools. The service area for Dr. Craig extends from Ninilchik south and includes Anchor Point, Homer, English Bay, Port Graham, and Seldovia (as well as Ninilchik). It is a very large area that obviously requires a lot of energy and time. Population wise, it is also a very fast growing area, increasing at the rate of 15 to 20 percent per year. The services that Dr. Craig provides to our schools are those that are beyond that what we, the school, can provide. We are therefore very dependent upon him.

I am particularly pleased with the Parent-Child Education and Training Program, a parent effectiveness program and one that I consider vital. Any time we can reach out to parents and assist them in their every day dealings with children, we are helping to create a healthy environment for those children. These communications skills provide a foundation and among the many benefits enable a child to perform better at school. The Parent-Child Education and Training program has been well received in the community.

Overall I find the services rendered by the Community Mental Health Center to be invaluable to the Lower Kenai Peninsula. The continuation and expansion of these services is of utmost importance. I strongly urge your financial support of the Community Mental Health Center.

Sincerely,


Mildred M. Martin, member
Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board
P.O. Box 2652
Homer, Alaska 99603

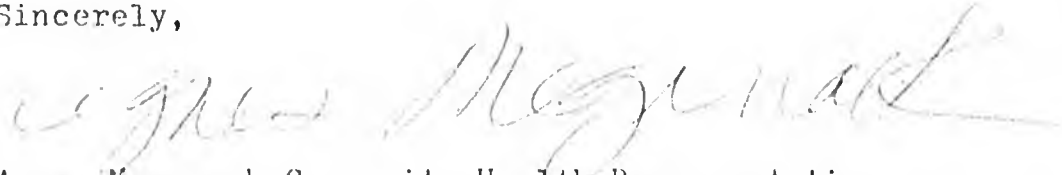
February 19, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
P.O. 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Paul:

This letter is in support of continued funding for the Community Mental Health Program in Homer. We appreciate the working relationship between community mental health and the The North Pacific Rim and the support services provided by your agency.

Sincerely,


Agnes Meganack Community Health Representative
Port Graham, Alaska 99603



District Court
State of Alaska

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 136

HOMER, ALASKA

99603

CHAMBERS OF
JAMES C. HORNADAY, JUDGE

25 January 1983

Paul L. Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603-2274

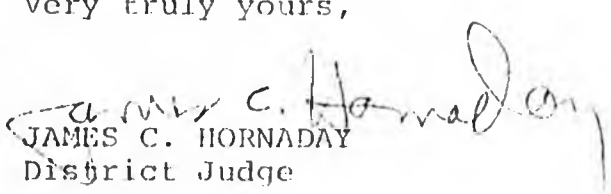
Dear Dr. Craig:

This letter is written in support of the continuing programs of the Community Mental Health Center. Programs put on by the Center include but are not necessarily limited to the overall Community Health Program, Parent Child Education and Training Program, and Infant Learning Program. It is also my understanding that your organization is providing service to several villages in the area.

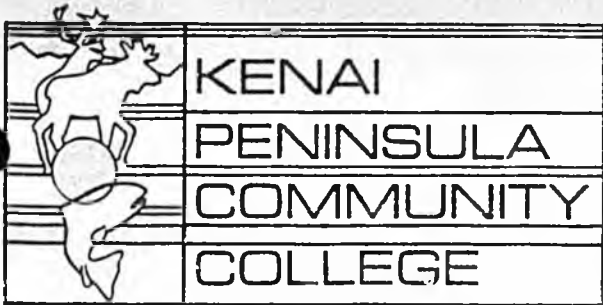
We appreciate your efforts and hope that they will continue and expand.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


JAMES C. HORNADAY
District Judge

JCH:rp



HOMER BRANCH

P.O. BOX 2779 HOMER, ALASKA 99603 (907) 235-7743

February 14, 1983

TO Whom it May Concern:

The Community Mental Health Center in Homer, Alaska provides many necessary and unduplicated services to the Lower Kenai Peninsula.

The Center has been successful in helping people to become productive and successful citizens. I have found the staff at the Community Mental Health Center to be professional in every sense of the word and I am looking forward to continuing our work with them in the future.

Kenai Peninsula Community College Homer Campus pledges its support to Community Mental Health Center of Homer and I urge you to also support the efforts of this important and vital organization. Our community needs their services.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Riggs
Homer Campus Administrator

ENGLISH BAY
PORT GRAHAM

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the north pacific rim

February 22, 1983

Paul Craig, Director
Community Mental Health Center
P. P. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Paul:

This letter is in regards to your request for support from the North Pacific Rim Native Corporation for further funding of Community Mental Health Center programs which impact the Native villages in the South Katchemak area.

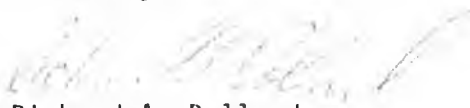
During the past 2 years, the North Pacific Rim and the community MHC have operated with a cooperative agreement to provide services to English Bay and Port Graham on a consistent basis.

We believe that timing and sensitivity to community needs are paramount to providing useful services to Alaska Native villages and we have appreciated the fact that the Community Mental Health Center has been ready and willing to provide services on an "as needed" basis as opposed to forcing programs on a community that is not ready for them.

Our Family Services Worker reports that the Community Mental Health Center has followed his lead and provided services in a timely and highly professional manner. He further states that the Infant Learning Program and the Parent Education classes are valuable components to the services provides and good mental health program serves as an excellent back-up and resource for him as a professional.

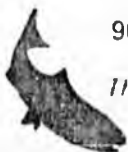
We would like to offer our continued support for your program.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Rolland
Director
Health & Social Services

903 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 203 / Anchorage / Alaska 99503 / Ph. (907) 276-2121

The Non-Profit Corporation Serving The People Of The Chugach Native Region



January 26, 1983

Paul L. Craig, Ph. D.
Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

Thank you for contacting the PreSchool Program for our input regarding South Kenai Peninsula community health and child-parent related services.

Since I have only resided in Homer since September, quite frankly, I don't feel competent to assess the quality and quantity of services offered; but since I am extremely interested in pre-school parent and child education I would like to pass a few observations along to you, especially if some money might be funded in this area.

The Community School's Preschool is the only preschool of its type in Homer. There are a few other organizations that offer "preschool" education; however these fall mainly under the category of daycare and do not foster positive parent-child inter-relationships as the parent is usually working and not present.

I see a great need in this community for a type of program that involves parent and child. Many children in this area live in isolated areas, missing much early socialization, and many of the mothers, in particular are spouseless for a length of time and need contact and communication with a skilled teacher and other parents just to see that Johnny really isn't as awful as she thinks and he can cooperate without that whack on the bottom she needs to give him all the time!

Our preschool program last year served as many as 110 children. Our equipment is sub-standard or non-existent. We only have \$20.00 per month for supplies. Community Schools picks up all the bills and many people can't or don't pay and we won't exclude any child for financial reasons.

If there would be my way PreSchool could be included in any grant requests we would be overjoyed. Please feel free to visit us as we welcome your interest and support and I will be contact-you or your staff to make myself acquainted with your services especially in the area of early child education.

Thank you,

Pat Springer
Pat Springer

T. H. TAYLOR, D.M.D.

BOX 3288

HOMER ALASKA 99603

TELEPHONE (907) 235-8000 6446

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 16, 1983

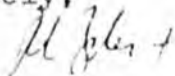
To Whom It May Concern:

As a local clergyman at St. Augustines' Episcopal Church and a local dentist, I meet many people in the Homer and surrounding areas; some of them with problems which the Community Mental Health Center has been able to greatly assist with...

I utilize the expertise of the counselors at The Community Mental Health Center, by referring people to them from time to time. I would be disappointed, to say the least, without their valuable contribution to the well being of our community.

Please give them every consideration in their grant proposals.

Sincerely,



(The Rev.) Thomas H. Taylor D.M.D.



South Peninsula Women's Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 2328
Homer, Alaska 99603

Phone: 235-7712

February 3, 1983

Paul Craig, Ph.D.
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Paul:

Please accept this letter in support of the continuing services of the Community Mental Health Center, Parent Education, and Infant Learning programs provided by the Community Mental Health Center to residents of the South Kenai Peninsula.

South Peninsula Women's Services and Community Mental Health Center has a most viable, cooperative relationship that positively benefits both individual and mutual clients. S.P.W.S. has made a multitude of referrals to the Center's various program components. These referrals have been received and acted upon in a most professional manner. Moreover, we have received appropriate referrals from the Community Mental Health Center. Mutual program planning has also been very effective.

We feel the Community Mental Health Center is an integral part of the community. The services that the three program components provide are of an utmost importance. We at South Peninsula Women's Services are in full support of the effective and needed programs offered by the Community Mental Health Center and recommend their continued funding.

Sincerely,

Carol Swartz, M.S.W., A.C.S.W.
Director

CS/ja

● panoply

family health care

February 17, 1983

Paul Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Paul:

This letter is in continued support of your program at the Community Mental Health Center. Over the past year many of my clients have received assistance and care from the Community Mental Health Center in a variety of ways by taking advantage of the well-established programs and, especially, since the introduction of the Infant Learning Program. I continue to be impressed with the service provided, with the attention to follow-up, and feel more strongly than ever that the Community Mental Health Center serves a vital function in our community. To consider referring my clients to Kenai or Anchorage for counseling and evaluation would be as limiting as not having a hospital available in which to practice.

I look forward to another year of excellent service.

Warmly,



Dan White, M.D.

DW/jlw



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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

BOX 850 • SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669
PHONE 262-4441

STAN THOMPSON
MAYOR

February 22, 1983

Paul L. Craig
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

While I do not at this moment have any specifics to mention regarding the mental health programs for South Kenai Peninsula, I do realize the great need for the programs in this area.

It is an absolute necessity that the Community Mental Health program, the Parent-Child Education & Training program, and the Infant Learning program continue in the community as these programs seem to be effective in filling the needs in this area.

We appreciate your work; keep it up.

Sincerely,

Stan Thompson
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor

ST:lc

Homer High School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

LEE WINN, PRINCIPAL
DARREL WHITE, VICE PRINCIPAL

SRA BOX 500
HOMER, ALASKA 99603
PHCNE: (907) 235-8186

January 20, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

FROM: Lee Winn, Principal

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

As Principal of Homer High School, I totally support the Community Mental Health Center under the direction of Paul L. Craig, Ph.D. Through his guidance, our community and school continue to be provided a very valuable resource as to their needs. At no time has Dr. Craig and his staff been unwilling to work with our problems or our schedule.

It has been my personal observation that Dr. Craig has spent additional time providing input and direction to help improve our school "effectiveness" for the student. His expertise and guidance continue to provide our teachers with new options and techniques.

The community of Homer would be drastically affected without the services of Community Mental Health Center. As a school administrator and community member, I whole heartily solicit your support.

If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

LW:gs

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

P.O. DRAWER 1180
KENAI 99611

~~WALTER HAMMOND, GOVERNOR~~
BILL SHEFFIELD
GOVERNOR

February 22, 1983

Paul L. Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
P. O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

Please consider this letter as support for your continuing efforts in rendering much needed evaluation and counseling service for the people in your area.

It is clear to me from having handled a number of criminal cases on the southern end of the peninsula, that there is a definite need being met by your Center. I consider a continuation of your services as important to the treatment of a number of individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system, whose problems can best be addressed through counseling in their own community.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance in your efforts and I sincerely hope that your program will be adequately funded and supported; you certainly have my support.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. Wardell
District Attorney
Kenai

TFW:mcl

Susan B. English School

A part of KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SELDOVIA, ALASKA 99663

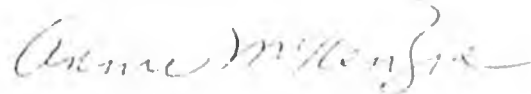
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Paul L. Craig, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

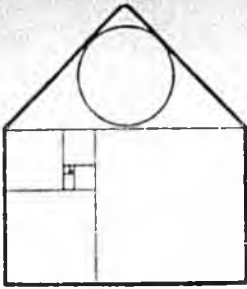
Dear Dr. Craig:

Seldovia Community Schools wishes to express support of the Homer Community Mental Health Center. Your counseling and educational services plus Eileen Littrell's counseling and parenting classes have proven beneficial. Since the size of Seldovia prohibits a counseling center of its own, we are appreciative of the cooperation between your agency and agencies here. We appreciate your competence and concern and look forward to continued services by your agency.

Sincerely,



Ms. Annie McKenzie
Coordinator
Seldovia Community Schools



The Children's House

A Montessori Center

January 19, 1983

Paul Craig, Ph.D.
Director, Psychologist
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Paul:

Thank you for informing me of your intention to submit a grant proposal again for funding of your programs. Your center has done a remarkable job this past year with the Infant Learning Program, the Parent-Child Education and Training Program, and all aspects of the Community Mental Health Program. I certainly hope funding will be available to continue the good work in these areas.

Through my work with children and their families I see a definite need of resources for parents and children alike who have special needs, problems coping with stress, or simply wish to improve their parenting skills. Your center is helping to fill this need with your various programs. I have referred parents to you for counselling and training, feeling comfortable that you could provide the needed help. The parents I hear back from have been both grateful and enthusiastic about your programs. I in turn am very grateful for your help.

I wish you continued success for another year of strong community involvement. Thanks for providing such quality programs for the people of Homer.

Sincerely,

Jane Wingquist
Director



BOX 391

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

January 28, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603-2274

Dr. Paul Craig, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Craig,

In reply to your letter of January 17, 1983, your services have been of benefit to our Department in many cases where domestic violence or mental illness were major factors. And, as such, have effectively assisted our department in culminating these matters.

I, therefore, recommend that funding be continued for your center to allow continued efforts in these areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael L. Daugherty'.

Michael L. Daugherty
Director of Public Safety

MLD/gm

cc. 83 Correspondence

Hgh Homer High School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

LEE WINN, PRINCIPAL
DARREL WHITE, VICE PRINCIPAL

SRA BOX 500
HOMER, ALASKA 99603
PHONE: (907) 235-8186

February 21, 1983

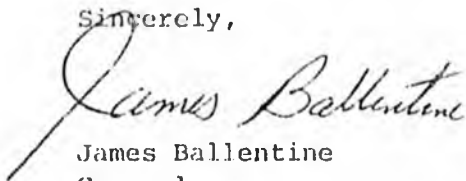
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Community Mental Health Center in Homer, Alaska. We have worked closely with the center for the past several years and have found them to offer a much needed support in the mental health area.

As I reflect on their program, I see one of their biggest strengths is their responsiveness. They are able to consult with us, or provide family counseling for students, or individual counseling. We use them as a local resource for classes in careers, mental health, or testing. I feel they have done a very good job of responding to our requests.

I would shudder to think of not having them as part of our community.

Sincerely,



James Ballentine
Counselor

JB:mm



COOK INLET NATIVE ASSOCIATION

670 West Fireweed Lane
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 278-4641

February 25, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Attn: Dr. Paul Craig, PHD

Cook Inlet Native Association (CINA) has reviewed your proposal, which would in our opinion provide vital needed services to the Kenia Peninsula area.

We feel that many benefits would accrue to the Native population should this proposal be funded.

Please accepted this letter as support for your proposal.

Sincerely,

Maxim Dolchok
Executive Director

MD:sbe

SELDOVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. W. (ANDY) ANDERSON
CHIEF OF POLICE

JERRY L. LEWIS
ASSISTANT CHIEF

2/15/83

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
BOX 2274
HOMER, ALAKSA 99603

Dear Mr. Craig:

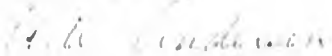
I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and your staff on the professional handling of referred cases by our department. The feedback I am receiving is very positive. In my opinion, your service is a necessity in our area and a much needed resource.

Your Parent-Child Education and Training program could, in time, have a v .y positive impact in our community. The communication between parents and children would greatly reduce the number of problems involving the Police. Parents as well as the children need the training and, I'm certain, it will draw families closer together.

The Infant Learning program is also an excellant outreach and to train the children at such an early age is the answer to assuring healthy, productive persons in the years to come.

Your willingness to help and your professional attitude as well as that of your staff will insure your valuble and needed services to remain in our area. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



A.W. Anderson
Chief of Police

SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. DRAWER L

SELDOVIA, ALASKA 99653

(907) 234-7625 • 234-7890

February 14, 1983

Dr. Paul Craig, Ph. D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

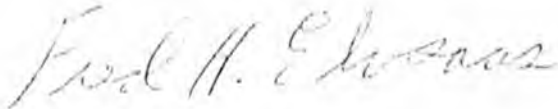
Dear Dr. Craig:

This letter will confirm the support of our organization for your grant request for this year.

The increased level of service to the Seldovia area has been noted and is appreciated. The Parent-Child Education program, as well as the Infant Learning Program have also been beneficial to our area.

Your support of our local alcoholism program is appreciated too. We would urge the State of Alaska to give total funding to the Community Mental Health Center's grant application.

Sincerely,



Fred H. Elvsaas, President
Seldovia Native Association, Inc.

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W. J. MARLEY, D.D.S.

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HOMER, ALASKA 99603

235-8909

February 24, 1983

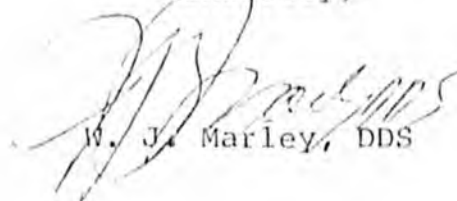
Paul L. Craig
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my support for our Community Mental Health Center. The services provided to our community are most important. In my opinion, there would be a terrible deficit in the health care of our community were the service not available.

While I do support the Community Mental Health Center, it is also my hope that my support would not preclude any efforts by the private practice community to provide a like service.

Sincerely,



W. J. Marley, DDS

February 22, 1983

To whom this may concern.

I, Pat Everts an elected official of the Homer City Council do fully support Dr. Paul Craig as the Psychologist, Director of the Community Mental Health Center of Homer, Alaska.

Furthermore, I fully support increased funding for the coming fiscal year so as to reflect present community needs of a growing population.

Sincerely

Pat Everts
Councilwoman
Homer, Alaska



PAUL BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOX 1889 • HOMER, ALASKA 99603 • (907) 235-8161

February 4, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a letter in support of the Community Mental Health Center and Paul Craig here in Homer, Alaska.

Paul has been able to provide excellent counselling and psychological help to students in severe need here at Paul Banks Elementary School. Without Paul's assistance the students here would not be able to receive any direct counselling or psychological benefits due to the logistical distances involved between our school and Central Office and the other support teams that work with the school.

In the last year and half the Community Mental Health Center has not just become a small office somewhere down in town, but has become an arm that is extending out into the community and helping not only the school, the children, the parents, but all members of the society in which we live here in Homer.

I greatly support Paul's efforts and solicit your support in funding the Mental Health Center and the programs in which Paul Craig has initiated in the community.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis McLin, Principal
Paul Banks Elementary

LM/lg

City of Seldovia

P.O. DRAWER B

TELEPHONE 234-7643

SELDOVIA, ALASKA 99663

February 15, 1983

Dr. Paul Craig, Ph. D.
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for the grant application you will be submitting this year.

The Community Mental Health Center is providing a real and beneficial service to our community. Other services such as the Parent-Child Education Program, and the Infant Learning Program have been beneficial also.

The educational services which you and your staff provide locally have been a great help to many people, and are appreciated. I know that your visits to the school have aided some students there.

We appreciate the personalized service which Seldovia has received this year, and would urge the State of Alaska to allow this service to continue, by providing the necessary funding.

Sincerely,



Darlene Crawford, Mayor
City of Seldovia

DC/ck



Trial Courts

State of Alaska

POUCH "I"

KENAI, ALASKA 99611

Chambers of
CHARLES K. CRANSTON
Superior Court Judge

January 20, 1983

Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

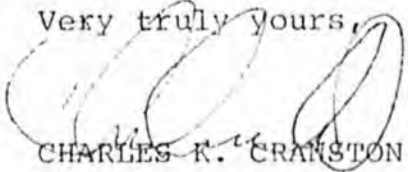
Attention: Paul L. Craig, Ph.D., Psychologist, Director

Dear Dr. Craig:

Now that a new year is upon us I wish to express to you my opinion concerning the services which have been offered by the Homer Community Mental Health Center to residents of the South Kenai Peninsula. Based upon my contact with the Community Mental Health Center through court proceedings which include both adult and children matters, I believe that the Community Mental Health Program has been a benefit to the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula and has provided an indispensable service to those residents.

I wish you the best for 1983 and urge that you indicate to all those persons responsible for your existence that without your services there would be many unfulfilled needs in the South Kenai Peninsula area.

Very truly yours,


CHARLES K. CRANSTON

CKC:nh



Homer Community Schools

Box 500 Homer, Alaska 99603

February 23, 1983

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of appreciation and support for the services of the Community Mental Health Center in Homer. Through my involvement with the Homer Community Schools Program I have had an opportunity to work with the staff of the Mental Health Center in several areas of community need or benefit.

The staff of the Center have consistently offered classes and workshops in a broad variety of areas helpful to our community--most recently, career changing, parenting skills, parent-child education and suicide prevention. The Infant Learning program aids in targeting infants and toddlers who are handicapped or developmentally delayed, smoothing their way into preschool or elementary school programs. In addition the staff has demonstrated a willingness, personally and professionally, to help in identifying community, family and individual concerns and possible ways to address them. The Community Mental Health Center has also been a motivating force behind the formation of a Human Services Network, a group of human service providers in the area, and the publication of the first Human Services Guide to Homer Area Resources.

My experiences with the Community Mental Health Center in Homer have made it evident that the staff is caring, professional and responsive to the needs of our community. I urge your continued funding of the Homer Community Mental Health Center and it's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev Cronen".

Bev Cronen
Coordinator

Box 335
Homer, Alaska 99603



REPLY TO:

- City Hall
Ph. (907) 235-8121
- Port of Homer
Ph. (907) 235-8597
- Harbor Master
Ph. (907) 235-8959
- Public Works Dept.
Ph. (907) 235-8120
- City Engineer
Ph. (907) 235-6368

January 31, 1983

Paul Craig, Ph.D., Director
Community Mental Health Center
P. O. Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603-2274

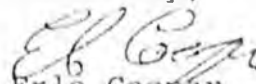
Dear Dr. Craig:

It is with pleasure that I submit this letter of support for inclusion in the grant application proposals for the Homer Community Mental Health Center.

As Mayor of Homer, and from a personal prospective, I am aware of the worth of the programs provided and administered by the organization you direct. It is clear that programs are selected on the basis of community need and are carried forth in a sincere effort to assist participants in developing comprehensive skills which are life support systems. Specifically, the Parent-Child Education and Training program, and Infant Learning program are identified as beneficial to the young people of our community. Because of the mild climate and easy road accessibility, many young, new families settle here yearly. Both of these programs assist with adjustments for these families, and provide a resource for assisting in new starts.

It is my feeling that programs such as those administered by the Community Mental Health Center are supportive of family development; therefore, a continuing asset to this community. Be confident of the support of the City of Homer in your grant application pursuits.

Sincerely,


Erle Cooper
Mayor

KPH:lcr

PAUL L. ENEBOE, M.D., A.B.F.P.
WILLIAM H. BELL, M.D., A.B.F.P.
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 194
HOMER, ALASKA 99603
TELEPHONE 235-8586

February 22, 1983

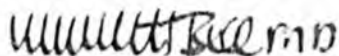
Paul L. Craig, Ph.D., Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

I am pleased to once again recommend the services of the Community Mental Health Center. I have been very impressed with the work the Center has done in providing services to the residents of the South Kenai Peninsula.

There have been several patients I have referred to the Mental Health Center and several that have referred themselves who have come back and told me they were extremely pleased and had benefitted greatly from their care at the Center. I am also very pleased to see the growth of the parent-child education program and the infant learning program.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Bell, M. D.

WHB:nmc

February 14, 1983

Paul Craig, Ph.D.
Community Mental Health Center
P.O. Box 2274
Homer AK 99603

To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings from the beautiful City of Homer. A recent survey poll indicates that the population growth on the Kenai Peninsula and specifically the Homer area is on a very high increase. And as you know, a population increase brings many varied problems.

As for myself, I am not particularly fond of this high-powered population explosion; however I do face the reality and the fact that change in this area is taking place, and we need the excellent services that are provided here in Homer to meet these drastic changes. The Community Mental Health center under the direction of Dr. Paul Craig provides an excellent service to take care of the citizens that encounter problems on an emotional and mental level.

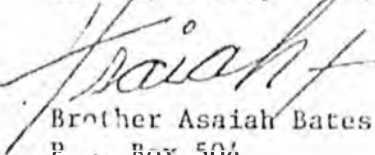
There is no question in my mind that the Homer Community Mental Health Center has one of the best Boards of Directors in the state of Alaska. They attend meetings and they give high-powered interest and attention to the needs of the Center and the community. They are definitely a group of dedicated people.

I have had the opportunity and privilege as a member of the Governor's Review Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to visit a number of the mental health centers throughout the State of Alaska, and I am pleased to report that the services offered by the Homer Community Mental Center are efficient, excellent, and meet the needs of the people who request assistance.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Paul Craig and his staff and the good work that our mental health center makes available to the people. My recommendation would be to continue funding the program, and if funds are available to make an increase in the grant, so this work may expand to meet the needs of our growing community.

Thank you for giving your attention to the content of this letter, and may great joy and bliss fill your beautiful hearts to overflowing as we move on down through the corridors of time to meet the demands that the wheel of life places upon our minds and hearts.

Thank you very much,


Brother Asaiah Bates
P.O. Box 504
Homer AK 99603

Box 335
Homer, Alaska 99603



REPLY TO:

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February 16, 1983

Paul L. Craig, Ph.D.
Psychologist, Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

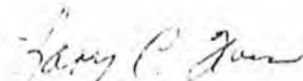
Dear Paul:

As City Manager for the City of Homer I would like to lend my support to the services of the Community Mental Health Center and to verify that I have personal knowledge of its service to this community.

The services the center provides are an essential part of the community infra-structure; and I urge the continuance of the various programs so long as the services are provided in a prompt and professional manner.

Thank you for your services and the opportunity to express my support.

Very truly yours,


Larry C. Farnen
City Manager

LCF/pb

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To Whom It May Concern:

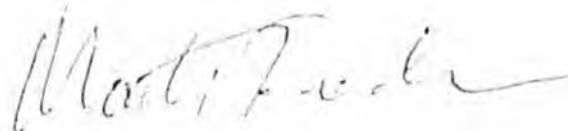
As a practicing attorney in the Homer community for the past twelve years, I have encountered every possible type of family and personal trauma in one or more of its aspects.

The Community Mental Health Center has been providing services essential to the residents of the Homer community for many years. The individual and family counseling program and the parent child education training program both have been of great help, support and assistance to those in need.

Along with the development of services of the Community Mental Health Center has been an awareness in the people of the community that these problems, which have existed in the past no longer have to be suffered and hidden. The Community Mental Health Center provides services to resolve these problems thereby contributing to the over-all mental health of the South Kenai Peninsula residents.

In my opinion, the Community Mental Health Center has been and continues to be, in all of its programs, an essential and well functioning resource to the residents of this area.

Sincerely



MARTIN FRIEDMAN



February 23, 1983

Dr. Paul L. Craig
Director
Community Mental Health Center
Box 2274
Homer, Ak. 99603

Dear Dr. Craig:

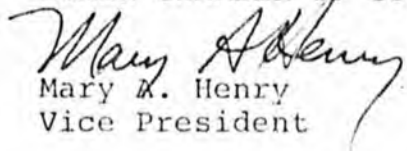
By vote of the Board of Directors of the Homer Chamber of Commerce, this letter is to voice our wholehearted support for the Community Mental Health Center and the programs you have initiated and offered Homer over the past year.

We hope that grant funding for the continuation of these programs will be forthcoming. The services provided to families and individuals by the Mental Health Center indirectly effect each of us in the community and we feel that they more than adequately augment and complement the programs and services offered by other medical and social organizations in the area.

Our best wishes for your continued success and please let the Chamber Board know if there's anything we can do to assist you in any of your operations.

Sincerely,

HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE


Mary K. Henry
Vice President

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SOUTH KACHEMAK, INC. ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

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February 4, 1983

Dr. Paul Craig
Community Mental Health Center
P.O.Box 2274
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Dr. Craig,

We would like to express our support and appreciation for the Community Mental Health Center and the opportunities you are making available.

We are hearing excellent reports on the Parent-Child Education and Training classes. They are getting good response here in Seldovia and we also got a very positive reaction from our board members in Port Graham, toward the classes held in that village.

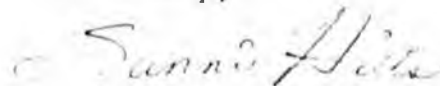
Having a "baby boom" here in town bears out the necessity for the Infant Learning program. This is an area of need in our communities and we support your effort to meet that need.

We are seeing increasing acceptance and use of the Mental Health program over here. Knowing there will be a regular and accessible care provider has created a very positive climate to recommend and ask for help in our community. In your position, Dr. Craig, you have established a level of trust and professionalism that is changing attitudes throughout our community.

Cooperation between our programs has been invaluable for SKIAP. We continually benefit from your consultations and the resources we can now suggest to our clients.

You have our whole-hearted support.

Sincerely,



Edith-Helen Hilts
Director

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