

Introduced by: Bethel City Council
Date: 5/11/04
Action: *Passed*
Vote: *Unanimously*

RESOLUTION # 04-16

**A Resolution of the Bethel City Council acknowledging
Orutsararmiut Native Council's commitment
to assume the operations and responsibilities of the
Senior Services Department,
Eddie Hoffman Senior Center and
Chrissie Shantz Adult Day Care
on July 1, 2005.**

WHEREAS, at the April 26, 2004 Joint Councils Work Session of the Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) and the Bethel City Council (City Council), ONC Council Members officially and publicly announced their commitment to the City Council Members in attendance to assume the operations and responsibilities of the Senior Services Department/Eddie Hoffman Senior Center/Chrissie Shantz Adult Day Care (Senior Services) on July 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the final Public Meeting of the Joint Agency Task Group (Task Group) on March 26, 2004, comprised of the City of Bethel (City), ONC and the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), to consider the potential transfer of Senior Services to another local agency, ONC reported to the other agencies of the Task Group that it was their intent to assume operations of Senior Services on July 1, 2005 and would begin the "transfer process" by no later than January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the March 12, 2004 ONC Special Meeting, there was a motion that was unanimously approved to inform YKHC and the City that ONC plans to enter into negotiations with the City to assume operations of Senior Services on July 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the fourth meeting of Task Group that was held on February 24, 2004 at the Senior Center, there was public hearing where all Elders, families of Elders, Senior Advisory Board Members and residents of the YK Delta were invited to give comment to the Task Group on the potential transfer of Senior Services to another local agency, several people testified that they supported a transfer to ONC or YKHC and wanted to see the same good or better service to Elders, ONC reported on the discussions with YKHC since the last Task Group meeting, YKHC stated that they

are ready to assume Senior Services if ONC chose not to assume the operations, and the City spoke of possible partnerships and of "in-kind contributions" that the City Council may provide pending inter-agency agreements; and

WHEREAS, at the third meeting of the Task Group that was held on February 17, 2004 at the Senior Center, there was a public hearing where community residents spoke in favor of the transfer and shared their appreciation of ONC's assistance to Elders, ONC talked about the advantages that the tribal organization would bring to the Elders, the City expressed concerns about the impact of reduced state revenues to the City may have on the continued funding of Senior Services, the Task Group decide to schedule another public hearing to receive additional comments on February 24th on the potential transfer; and

WHEREAS, at the second meeting of the Task Group that was held on January 30, 2004 at City Hall in Council Chambers, there were People To Be Heard who spoke in favor of the transfer and a request to hold public hearings at the Senior Center, there was a question and answer discussion between the City and ONC about financial data, programs, job descriptions, land status, daycare activities, recreational activities (both inside and field trips), meal service and other verbal and written information provided by the City at the first Task Group meeting; and

WHEREAS, at the first meeting of the Task Group that was held on January 9, 2004 at City Hall in Council Chambers, there were People To Be Heard who spoke on the potential transfer, opening remarks by the three agencies represented with three participants each, their respective executive officer, a council or board member and a department head or director, there was a presentation by the City with documents provided to ONC, YKHC and any interested public member in attendance or by request, and

WHEREAS, the YKHC Board of Directors adopted on November 21, 2003, Resolution #03-11-01 "authorizing the President & CEO and his designees to participate with City of Bethel and ONC on a joint task force to transfer Bethel Senior Services to a third party by July 1, 2004."; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the "transfer process" is a path identified by the City that includes but is not limited to an "integration of services work list"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; the "integration of services work list" includes but is not limited to the following tasks, objectives, goals and deadlines:

- 1) complete program review and design
- 2) letters to all current and potential clients
- 3) Human Resources packets to all current City employees interested in ONC employment
- 4) special orientation for new employees
- 5) screening of all new employees under the Indian Child Protection and Violence Prevention Act
- 6) drafting/review of leasing documents or development of asset divestiture plan
- 7) technology issues of hardware and software including but not limited to; computers, servers, printers, copiers, phones, cell phones, etc.
- 8) determination of current budgets of grants and associated grants application processes
- 9) history of budgets and budget allocations
- 10) agreements on the confidentiality of client records
- 11) transfer of insurance responsibilities

12) inventory of supplies, vehicles, program materials, tools, furniture and equipment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the Bethel City Council acknowledges Orutsararmiut Native Council's commitment to assume the operations and responsibilities of the Senior Services Department, Eddie Hoffman Senior Center and Chrissie Shantz Adult Day Care on July 1, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF May 2004 BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ATTEST:



Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor



Amanda Byington, City Clerk

