



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Council Member Miller
Date: February 14, 1995
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #95-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE BETHEL REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Bethel Regional Social Services Planning Committee is a cooperative effort of social service and non-profit agencies in Bethel to provide significant services to people in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

WHEREAS, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta leads the nation, on a per capita basis in child sexual abuse, teen suicide, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and inhalant abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Bethel Regional Social Services Planning Committee has identified its legislative priorities to address these and other issues in the community; and

WHEREAS, these legislative priorities are as follows:

1. An appropriation of \$867,270 to Bethel Family Services through the Family Infant Toddler program to service the approximately 300 children between the ages of birth to three years on the waiting list;
2. An appropriation of \$300,000 to the Residential Diagnostic Treatment program for youth through the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Mental Health Service to address the needs of the children locally and to better utilize state funds by offering crisis therapy in the region;
3. Full funding for the Bethel Group Home, serving adolescent males;
4. Funding for a girls group home to serve adolescent females;
5. Development of a full continuum of elder care services;
6. Legislative audit of the Division of Family and Youth Services Northern Region youth probation office to address concerns affecting families and their children;
7. Development of a trade school in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and
8. Consideration of the communities' concerns regarding the reorganization of DFYS and return the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and southwest Alaska to its former regional status.

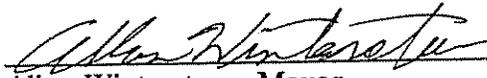
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the legislative priorities of the Bethel Social Services Regional Planning Committee and urges the Legislature to address the crises in our region through serious consideration and approval of these priorities.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1995.

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, City Clerk


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor