

CITY OF BETHEL
BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #332

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bethel, supporting the concept of incorporating the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse grants from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation and Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center under one administrative agency.

Whereas, the Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center is the primary information and treatment resource for the Kuskokwim Delta for alcohol related issues.

and, Whereas, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation provides a Regional Trainer and supervision for 10 Village Alcohol Education Counselors from the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse funding.

and, Whereas, a consolidation of services will provide a centralized treatment, training, prevention, education, referral and tracking network for all alcohol services.

and, Whereas, this treatment model will maximize services through a bi-cultural framework and be in concert with the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse for non-duplication of grants (services).

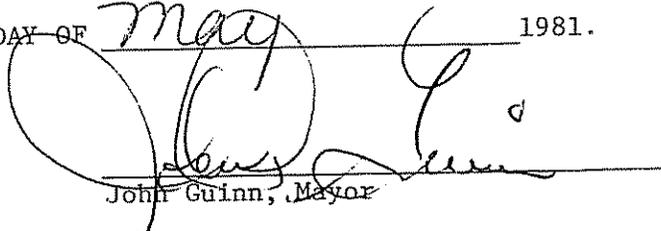
and, Whereas, the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse has commented as recently as a month ago, that they consider a need for the two services to merge in order to provide continuity of care.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Bethel endorse the consolidation of the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse grants presently administrated by Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center and Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation for a trial period of one year.

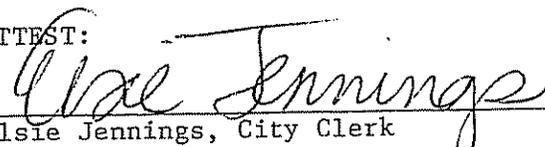
Be it further resolved that an evaluation be conducted by the community, City of Bethel and Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation to determine the possible incorporation of these two services to one non-profit agency to monitor alcohol related grants.

Be it further resolved that the City Council directs its City Administration to implement the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF May 1981.


John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elsie Jennings, City Clerk

ADVANTAGES

Tracking Network

- Outreach, Intake, Assessment, Referral to Treatment Service, Aftercare

Training for Counselors

- Regional Trainer
- Practicum Placement
- Counselor Certification made easier

Referral Process

- Village Information
- Immediate Resource
- One treatment source increases response time by cutting interagency traffic
- IBM System 34

Financial Accountability

- System 34 IBM
- Purchasing Agent
- Finance Director
- Reduce State concerns on doubling efforts

Resources

- Role sharing
- Higher accountability for all treatment staff
- Efficient role model

Community Ownership

- Is also regional ownership
- A network of support systems (before, during and after treatment)
- Would develop an identity of its own, which can be responsive to the issue and the changing needs of the people.
- Board composition would require some thought regarding make and size

The primary goal of any treatment program is to strive for continuity of care. This process begins at the time an individual is identified in need of service and continues until the individual has reached the established treatment goal.

For those recovering from alcohol abuse, the duration of support services, at a minimum could be projected at two years.

The primary goal of Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center has been limited to service operations within the community of Bethel. Yet 80% of the population using the services are generalized from the 52 villages of the region.

The dispersion of villages, the limited support networks for the client and counselors, compound the logistics of providing early identification, treatment and aftercare services.

The results of this framework can be viewed through the high recidivism, the violence within the family unit, the increasing substance abuse among youth, the increased use of alcohol among women etc.

The proposal at hand should be viewed as a statement of support to the goal of a "multidisciplinary treatment concept". Another view can be parallel to that of an "extended family model". This framework allows the "identified individual", to receive support before, during and after treatment.

By virtue of the definition, resource people involved are all known, are interactive and spontaneous to the needs of the individual.

At the present time the State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse provides two grants to this area for services. One is the Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center which provides: residential care (30 days), outpatient aftercare, prevention/education, community service patrol, and outreach. The second is Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation which provides: a regional trainer, and supervision for the 10 village counselors (VAEC).

The sequence of service might be as follows:

1. A referral made from a village.
2. Client arrives at center (no history).

The basic problem is that services are not able to be aligned to create a systematic, spontaneous, and supportive and effective treatment model by virtue of the two agencies geographical and administrative structure.

The State Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse has commented as recently as a month ago, that they consider a need for the two services to merge in order to provide continuity of care. They have also stated that the decision must rest with the Kuskokwim region.

It is hoped that the City Council of Bethel will approve said resolution which will enable the Phillips Alcoholism Treatment Center and the City of Bethel to work in concert with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation in developing a mutual plan of action to provide a high quality treatment service in the Kuskokwim Delta.