

CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Council Member Miller

Date: March 28, 1995

Action: Passed

Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #95-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED PURSUIT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MATHER AND ASSOCIATES REGARDING THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL NURSING HOME

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services commissioned Mather and Associates to study the need for a regional nursing home in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

WHEREAS, Mather and Associates released a draft report dated June, 1993, and entitled "An Analysis of the Need for a Nursing Home and Less Restrictive Alternatives for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region"; and

WHEREAS, in that report, the authors assert that census data for the Yukon-Kuskokwim region shows that the Delta's population is aging at a rate equal to or faster than the rest of Alaska and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the authors project that by the year 2010, almost two thousand people over the age of 65 are expected to live in the region; and

WHEREAS, in that report, the authors made the following recommendation:

"Regional policymakers should continue to aggressively pursue the development of a full continuum of long term care services, including services that will provide supports to persons in their own homes and in congregate housing and other living arrangements. Several steps in this effort appear to be:

- a) Collaborate locally to determine how Project CHOICE and other community based efforts are going to be administered in the Y-K region. Several agencies including YKHC, Bethel Community Services, AVCP and the City of Bethel are qualified to deliver services under Project CHOICE and the other state initiatives. To speed the process, agencies should formalize who is developing home and community based

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services for certain target populations so that no gaps occur in the system.

b) Investigate senior housing alternatives in Bethel and in the surrounding villages with particular attention to AHFC initiatives.

c) Work with Elders groups and village-based organizations to educate families on the possibilities of home and community based care.

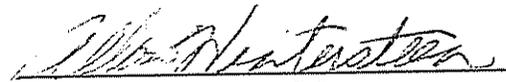
d) If appropriate, request technical assistance from state agencies such as the Older Alaskan's Commission to develop long range plans."; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel wishes to encourage long term planning for elder care in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the continued pursuit of the recommendations issued by Mather and Associates for a successful long term program of elder care in the region, and urges the leaders of the region to make this program a priority for their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the Betty Guy Memorial Nursing Home Fund, and encourages all citizens to donate to this worthy cause.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1995


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Tucker, City Clerk