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Dear Consumers, and Consumers' Family Members, Friends, and Advocates,

Last October we met with many of you at the NAMI Alaska, Computer Connection, and Southcentral Counseling Services offices to discuss a proposal for a new community mental health program to serve the highest users of the API acute care units. Those three meetings, another meeting with service providers, and many informal discussions, e-mail exchanges, and exchanges of position papers and ideas via the web informed us and inspired us to return to the drawing board to design a much different program responding to the concerns, desires and recommendations voiced by stakeholders in Alaska's mental health services.

Enclosed you will find a summary of a new program proposal, Alaska Community-based Intensive Services Program, ACISP. An incomplete discussion draft RFGP, request for grant proposals, and budget is also available upon request.

Once again, on behalf of the CMH/API 2000 Project Policy Committee, Management Team, and Loren Jones, Project Director, you are invited to join us to discuss this new proposal for ACISP at either or both of the following times and locations:

- 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at <u>Computer Connection</u>, Suite #212, 619 E. 5th Avenue, Anchorage

- 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at <u>NAMI Alaska</u>, 144 West 15th Avenue, Anchorage (or call 1-877-NAMI-AKI)

We thank both Computer Connection and NAMI Alaska for hosting these meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the meetings for continuation of the lively discussions begun last fall. If you are not able to attend, please call, e-mail or write me and let us know what you think about the ACISP proposal.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

Enclosure