

## New Long-Term Care Facility Filling Up Fast

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Kodiak's new long-term care facility has been open a little over a month now, and in a brief report to the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly, administrator Robert Rang said it's already getting full.

"The current residents have settled in a lot better than expected, staff has picked up on new workflows better than expected and we took our first new resident as of today. We have three other folks in the works during the month of April, and actually have more inquiries and potential admits to then new facility than we have beds for. So we have no concerns about being able to fill the building in a timely manner."

Rang said the normal new building and moving in issues faced them, but borough staff was there to help.

"I'd like to thank — go on the record with mentioning Matt Gandel, who was the project manager with the borough, whose worked with us on any concerns we've had as we moved in. As with any new building there's always some bugs you have to figure out. He's been very easy to work with and very attentive to the challenges we've had with some of the building as we've moved in and finding things were quite operating as necessary."

The Chiniak Bay Elder House staff got access to the new building at the end of January, and started moving residents in from the old facility around the end of February.