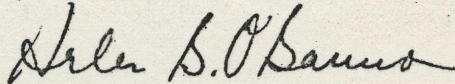


January 29, 1980

SUBJECT: Compliance with Pennhurst Children's Order

TO: The Honorable Dick Thornburgh
Governor of Pennsylvania

FROM: Helen B. O'Bannon
Secretary of Public Welfare



Some months ago you sent me Bob Nelkin's letter (attached). This memorandum is to provide you with the Department's and counties' actions through January 15, 1980.

- 3 Children have been placed.
- 4 Children have died.
- 4 Individual Habilitation Plans have been approved by the Court Master.
- 30 Individual Habilitation Plans are in the approval process.
- 7 Provider proposals for 39 children have been approved by the counties and the Master.
- 10 Sites have been approved by the counties and the Master. A total of 24 sites is needed.

We believe that all children will be moved by June 1980. Many parents are reluctant to agree to moving their children during the school year or until they have had an opportunity to see the actual community site where their child will live.

Dr. Howse and the Pennhurst Implementation Team bring new expertise to Pennsylvania. We should see some acceleration of activity over the next several months.

Responsible client movement takes a lot of planning, training, parent counseling, and multiple approvals in a highly litigious atmosphere. I will keep you apprised of our work over the next several months.

Attachment