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Committee*

Allegheny County Chapter

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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: C. A. Peters
SUBJECT: Agreements between ACC and DPW

Attached are draft agreements between ACC and DPW. They will be discussed at the November Board Meeting. The purpose is to define how this organization will work with DPW.

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NOTE

Letter of Agreement between DPW and the Office of Mental Retardation and ACC-PARC as a result of a meeting on Monday, October 23, between Ed Goldman, Deputy Secretary of Mental Retardation for DPW, Dr. Stanley ^{Chneider} Snyder of the Office of Mental Retardation, Dr. Norman Mulgrave, President of ACC, Barbara Sistik of the ACC Board, C.A. Peters, Executive Director of ACC, Robert Nelkin, Director of ACC Community & Chapter Affairs and Peter Polloni, Executive Director of the State Association of PARC.

Background:

The meeting was a direct result of a joint ACC/DPW action at Mountain Top Interim Care Facility for mentally retarded on October 18 19 and 20 which resulted in the closing of the facility.

Agreement: ACC understands DPW's concern that the precipitous closing of interim care facilities may result in the transference of interim care residents to State schools and hospitals that are already overcrowded and where inadequate provision is made for their care and treatment. Conversely, DPW recognizes that some interim care facilities have such a negative effect on residents that transference of residents to State schools and hospitals, even if they are of questionable quality, is of critical importance.

Accordingly, the ACC Board of Directors will continue to visit those interim care facilities where Allegheny County residents are housed for the express purpose of bringing conditions (good or bad) at the interim care facilities to the attention of the Office of Mental Retardation. In the event conditions are found that are detrimental to the residents, ACC will immediately advise the Office of Mental Retardation.

based on ACC's information and their own immediate investigation, the Office of Mental Retardation in consultation with ACC will make a decision to close the offending facility or attempt to salvage it.

In the event a salvage effort is undertaken, the Office of Mental Retardation will immediately, within 24 hours, move adequate staff into the facility to provide sufficient technical staff assistance to improve either/or both plant and program.

At the time of such intervention a contingency plan for removal residents will be developed in conjunction with the County MH/MR program where the residents reside. This contingency plan to include individual evaluation of all residents.

ACC specifically reserves the right to revisit the facility following DPW intervention to determine if improvement has occurred. In the event improvement has not occurred, ACC reserves the right to take unilateral action, including but not limited to notification of the news media.

It must be emphasized that if this procedure malfunctions at any point, ACC will act in a manner determined best for the residents involved.