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ACC-PARC RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

LISTING OF OBJECTIVES

NOVEMBER 28, 1972

DPW Reforms?

- (1) Put profiteers out of business
- (2) Tighten DPW licensing
- (3) Improve BSU monitoring
- (4) Bring Allegheny County citizens back home

Institutionalize?

- (5) Transfer residents who don't belong at the institution
- (6) Reduce overcrowding
- (7) Encourage alternatives:

Group Homes / Foster Homes / Community Programs

Rights?

- (8) Reduce overmedicating
- (9) Insure residents' rights
- (10) Humanize and personalize institutions

Programs?

- (11) Implement Right to Education - Private facilities
- (12) Implement Right to Education - Institutions

Committee Role

- (13) Monitor and upgrade facilities
- (14) Expand citizen involvement at ACC-PARC

- (1) Put profiteers out of business
 - (a) Expose profiteering
 - (b) Make profiteering difficult
 - reduce populations
 - require better physical plant, care, and programming
 - (c) Legislate a profit limit
- (2) Tighten DPW licensing
 - (a) Policy of surprise visits
 - (b) Increase number of inspections
 - (c) Reverse Inspector role - (advocate for kids/not operator)
 - (d) Insure new standards are tough
- (3) Improve BSU monitoring
 - (a) Allegheny County residents back home
 - (b) Require a plan from each BSU
- (4) Bring Allegheny County citizens back home
 - (a) Policy of County MH/MR
 - (b) Policy of Office of Mental Retardation
- (5) Transfer residents who don't belong at institution
 - (a) Inform Juvenile Court and Child Welfare
 - (b) New Procedure DPW licensing - review of residents' need vs. program
- (6) Reduce overcrowding/understaffing
 - (a) Document neglect
 - (b) Expose publicly
 - (c) Federal standards adhered to
 - (d) Tours with legislators
 - (e) Pressure DPW/Governor

(7) Encourage alternatives - Group Homes / Foster Homes / Community Programs

- (a) Push DPW for commitments for funds
- (b) Plan for areas where suburban BSU's won't serve
- (c) Write only model group home proposals
- (d) Encourage others to come up with group home plans

(8) Reduce overmedicating

- (a) Subcommittee - study (including physicians)
- (b) Stand on optimum practices
- (c) Present to DPW

(9) Insure residents' rights

- (a) Take stand on restraints, medication, quiet room, corporal punishment
- (b) Take stand on work without pay
- (c) Take stand on visiting and communication rules (telephone)
- (d) Not spend day in one setting
- (e) Freedoms - choosing bedtime, or clothing

(10) Humanize and personalize institution

- (a) Statement - Every child to have personal belongings
- (b) Statement - Every child to have own clothes
- (c) Statement - Semi-private rooms at private facilities
- (d) Statement - Reduce bedroom size at state facilities

(11) Implement Right to Education - Private Facilities

- (a) Allegheny Valley School
 - (1) AVS Board - presentation
 - (2) Masters' opinion
 - (3) License revoked
- (b) Study - degree of compliance at all private facilities

(12) Implement Right to Education State Institutions.

- (a) Letter to parents on their rights
- (b) Model cases
- (c) Pressure Harrisburg

(13) Monitor/upgrade facilities

- (a) Monitor each facility where there are Allegheny County children
- (b) Monthly visits to WSSH and Polk
- (c) Distribute reports widely
- (d) Gather specific data for Right to Treatment Suit

(14) Expand citizen involvement at ACC-PARC

- (a) Involve volunteers
- (b) Publicize efforts of committee (ACCENTS)