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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank D. Nelson

FROM: Licensing Review Committee

DATE: February 26, 1973

SUBJECT: Time Length for Compliance with State Drug Abuse Program Standards - General Procedures

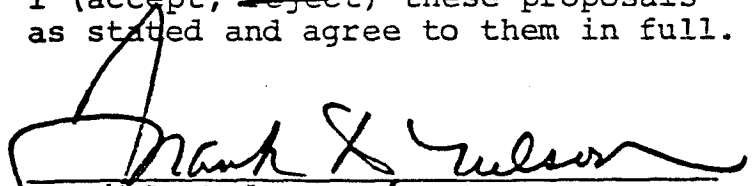
It is proposed that in no case shall any program be allowed more than 90 days for compliance unless specifically approved by the Director, Drug Abuse Program.

It is proposed that in no case shall any program be allowed less than 10 days for compliance unless specifically approved by the Director, Drug Abuse Program or has been designated to be effective immediately with appropriate justification presented.

It is proposed that the normal compliance time shall be from 30 - 60 days and that in certain circumstances the compliance date (s) shall be presented on a staggered basis, i.e., certain regulations must be met within X days and other regulations must be met in Y number of days.

It is proposed that the Drug Abuse Program adopt these recommendations as normal operating procedures.

I (accept, ~~reject~~) these proposals as stated and agree to them in full.


Frank D. Nelson, Director
Drug Abuse Program

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May 3, 1973

Mr. Emmett S. Roberts
Secretary
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services
IBM Branch Office Building
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Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Roberts:

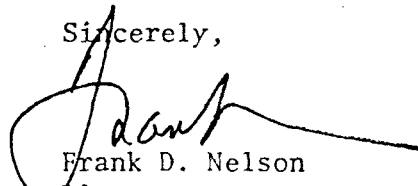
I attended the Florida Medical Association Ad Hoc Committee, of which I am a member, on May 1 and 2 in Miami.

Mr. Art Barker attended the Wednesday afternoon portion of the meeting and described the Seed program at the invitation of the Committee. After the meeting was adjourned, I was told by Dr. Robert Johnson and witnessed by Rick Whitworth and Alex Miller of my staff that Mr. Barker had identified me to Dr. Johnson as "a very sick man" as substantiated in a "very thick psychiatric and psychological file that had been compiled by Representative Baumgartner". This is an outright, totally false and destructive fabrication. I would have challenged the statement had the meeting not adjourned. This is a continuation of the character assassination tactics that has also been directed to other staff in the past.

I was advised by Ralph Glatfelter of the Attorney General's Office who was present to document the incident with my personal attorney which I have done.

I am reporting this to you as a matter of record. I would appreciate your thoughts as to matter of proper recourse.

Sincerely,



Frank D. Nelson
Director

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MEMORANDUM

May 10, 1973

TO: Mr. Dave Beacher

FROM: Mr. Frank D. Nelson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FDN', written over the printed name 'Mr. Frank D. Nelson'.

I understand that you may be seeing Mr. Art Barker tomorrow and, therefore, I would like for you to have a copy of the attached letter. Along this same vein, I understand that remarks directed to discrediting my past professional performance for six years during the time that I was on staff and Director of the Mental Health Center in Ft. Lauderdale, has been made to the Governor. This apparently has been an additional effort on the part of the Seed organization to intimidate our very positive efforts in the drug program. My performance in Broward County from 1957 to 1962 was simply outstanding and this can be documented. There is a limit to the personal abuse that one should be willing to accept.

FDN/lbe

Enclosure



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Emmett S. Roberts

Dade County

April 13, 1973

Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor of Florida
Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor:

The present status regarding the licensing of the Seed is as follows.

Following the recent meeting with Representative Baumgartner, our Drug Abuse Office secured an application duly signed by Mr. Barker as required under the regulations. This application was then handled by Mr. Alex Miller, the Youth Coordinator for this region.

On April 4 an onsite inspection of the Dade County Seed was conducted by Mr. Miller as required, and no serious deficiencies were noted. On April 5 the application for license was presented to the Drug Abuse Task Force of the Dade County Health Planning Council. This application was presented by Mr. Miller, and we did not require Mr. Barker to be present in person before this body. The Drug Abuse Task Force of the Council recommended on this date that the Seed not be licensed in Dade County. They indicated that documentation for their decision would be forthcoming both to our office and to the Executive Board of the Health Planning Council in Dade County.

This Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, April 18 to consider the recommendations of the Task Force and will present its decision immediately thereafter to our office.

Attached is the documentation as forwarded to us, with various individuals stating their feelings concerning the Seed program. There is one letter that causes more concern from Mrs. Mabel Wade who secured the services of a law firm to prevent the Seed from harrassment of her daughter. The balance of the documentation seems to be personal opinions without identifying names.

Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew
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I had hoped that this matter might be resolved if the Task Force had recommended licensing, as the Seed had complied generally with the State's criteria. If they had done so, I would have directed the Office of Drug Abuse to issue the license. Hopefully the matter will be resolved at this meeting Wednesday. But it is my feeling that I should await the outcome of that meeting in order not to create any ill will on the part of the Health Planning Council by pre-empting them in a decision before they have an opportunity to act.

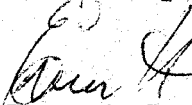
Should the Council uphold the Task Force recommendation, then the licensing of the Seed will be a problem, as it would be necessary to override these local recommendations.

I had felt that we had made progress by having the Seed comply with the State's requirements. His application was formally submitted and an onsite inspection made; he had complied with zoning and fire inspections. Although there are still differences of opinion in the value of the program, and with no other documentation presented, the program should be licensed.

The committee you are appointing will still have the problem of reconciling local differences regarding this program.

Unless you direct otherwise, we shall await the Council meeting on Wednesday night before making a final decision about the license.

Sincerely,



Emmett S. Roberts
Secretary

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April 25, 1973

Honorable Edwin S. Muskie, Chairman
Subcommittee on Inter-Governmental Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

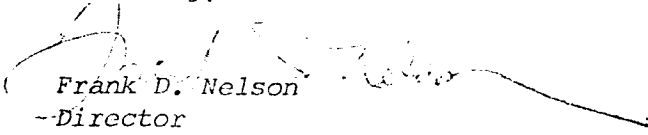
Dear Senator Muskie:

This letter and attached response is in reference to your April 10th request to fill out a questionnaire regarding the functioning of the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention. We have compiled this information through discussions with other staff members and have drawn heavily on written reports that were already at hand in our office. Some of the material, particularly in the area of funding, is outdated, but is the most current information that we have.

In summary, the state authority is generally pleased with the responsiveness and flexibility of the Special Action Office. At least three major projects in the state of Florida have been implemented as a direct result of their existence and support. We would encourage a continuing shift in the areas of prevention, training, and provision of services to poly-drug abusers, although we feel that will come as the "heroin crisis" is met. The creation of the Special Action Office did enhance the role to the State Drug Abuse Program by identifying it as the single state authority, and this concept has proved valuable to us in coordination of the many programs on the state and local level.

We, as a state, appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and evaluation on a federal project of this nature and feel that it reflects a new responsiveness of the federal government to the needs of the individual states and programs within the state. Should you desire any information please feel free to contact me or any of my staff.

Sincerely,


Frank D. Nelson
-Director

FDN/RHW/bg

cc: Mr. Lawton Chiles
Mr. Emmett S. Roberts

Enclosures

From The Desk of:
FRANK D. NELSON

May 7, 1973

Mr. Jim Apthorpe,

For your information:


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October 24th, 1973

The Honorable Herboth Ryder
Chamber of Circuit Judge
13th Judicial Circuit of Florida
Courthouse Annex
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Judge Ryder,

Since I wrote you last, the meeting of the Dade County legislative delegation was held and Mr. Barker made his presentation. I was in attendance at the meeting and spoke with him at length before his presentation. We discussed several issues, including his interest in returning to Dade County.

He indicated a willingness to cooperate with me, but refused to have anything to do with the other licensed programs. He became very hostile when I suggested that they were working together and that I was enthusiastic about the success of their most recent joint efforts. In addition, he accused the other programs of having drugs on their premises, of being too lenient with their clients, and of being "out to get him". When I suggested that if he were on the inter-agency councils and committees his "enemies" couldn't control them, he called me a "nice little idealistic fool."

During the presentation itself, he accused the County government and the Health Planning Council of driving him out-of-town. The legislators asked him fiscal questions and he agreed to a legislative audit, but started shouting about how the other programs should be audited, as well. Finally, Senator Jack Gordon asked what it was exactly that the legislature could do for him and the Seed. Representative Baumgartner answered for Mr. Barker saying it was the legislature's responsibility to fund the best drug program doing the best job. Senator Myers then argued that the legislature funds the State Drug Abuse Program and it determines which programs share in the grant-in-aid funding. Representative Elaine Gordon tried to ask me questions concerning the SDAP's role, but the chairman (Rep. Dubbin) said that time was limited.

It was then suggested and decided to set up a subcommittee to study drug programs, in general, in Dade and not just the Seed. This has been done and the group is scheduled to have a hearing on November 5th. The following Senators and Representatives are on the subcommittee: Senators Poston (chairman), Gruber, Myers and Graham; Rep's Baumgartner (Vice-Chairman), Fontana, Gordon, Becker and Papy.

As a State employee, I have offered my services to Senator Poston and met with his aide, John Fraser, this morning to compile a list of presentors for the hearing. In addition, I plan to be the last speaker in order to summarize and present the State Drug Abuse Program's perspective. I will not, however, place myself in a debate posture with Mr. Barker, but rather speak only to those factual issues relevant to this office's activities.

The Dade County Commission has also set up a committee to study the Seed and to investigate the County's treatment of the program. The Commissioners participating on the committee are: Mayor Jack Orr, Rev. Edward Graham, Edward Fogg and Joyce Goldberg. Enclosed is the letter and materials provided to this Committee, as well as the remainder of the Commission, by the Health Planning Council. Arrangements are being considered for the Health Planning Council staff and myself to meet with the Special Study Committee.

Again, I will keep you posted as to further developments and activities of my office as they relate to the Seed Program.

Sincerely,



LINDA R. SLOTE
Regional Coordinator

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cc: George H. Sheldon
Frank D. Nelson