

Department of the Treasury

District Director

Internal Revenue Service

Date:

In reply refer to:

JUL 30 1971

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The Seed? Inc.
417 N.E. 3rd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Purpose: Charitable

Accounting Period Ending: July 31

Gentlemen:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your exemption application, we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any change in your purposes, character, or method of operation must be reported to us so we may consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. You must also report any change in your name and address.

Pending issuance of regulations under section 509 of the Code, we are unable to make a determination as to whether you are a private foundation as defined in that section. Upon issuance of the regulations we will evaluate your application, make a determination as to your status under section 509 of the Code, and notify you of our decision.

If upon issuance of the regulations we determine that you are a private foundation, you will be required to comply with the provisions of section 508(e), which specifies that a private foundation is not exempt unless its governing instrument includes certain provisions set forth in that section and the regulations thereunder. Failure to comply with the requirements of section 508(e) will result in retroactive revocation of this determination.

Every organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which is required to file a return under section 6033 of the Internal Revenue Code, shall file its annual return on Form 990. Please refer to the instructions accompanying the Form 990 for each year to determine whether or not you are required to file. If filing is required, you must file the Form 990 by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period.

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You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are an unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

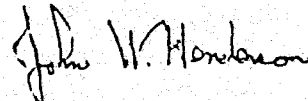
You are not liable for Federal Unemployment taxes. You are liable for Social Security taxes only if you have filed waiver of exemption certificates as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

Contributions made to you are deductible by donors as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under the provisions of section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Every exempt organization is required to have an Employer Identification Number, regardless of whether it has any employees. This number should be entered in the designated space on all Federal returns which should be filed with the Mid-Atlantic Service Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and referred to on all correspondence which should be addressed to the District Director in Atlanta, Georgia. If you do not have such a number, our Service Center will assign one to you in the near future and notify you of the number assigned.

This is a determination letter.

Sincerely yours,



John W. Henderson
District Director
(Acting)



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May 11, 1972

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Honorable Ed Stack
Broward County Sheriff's Office
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

Dear Sheriff Stack:

I recently read the attached article that appeared in the Miami-Herald on April 30, 1972. In your present position and having been instrumental in the development of the Broward County Narcotics Guidance Council, I thought I would pass along my comments.

It greatly concerned me when I read about the apparent disorganization, lack of unified purpose, and 'growing pains' the B.C.N.G.C. is still experiencing. It concerns me even more to know we might be funding \$33,000 in LEAA funds to a group such as "The Seed", that agrees little with the intent of the LEAA grant or the objectives of the B.C.N.G.C..

We both recognize that the drug abuse problem is not going to be solved overnight, and least of all is it going to be solved by one individual or group claiming to have the "answer" to the problem. However, there must exist an open forum in every community for individuals and organizations, within certain minimum standards, to work together, competitively if necessary, in curing the drug ills facing our community.

I still believe the B.C.N.G.C. to be a most viable and effective focus for treating and preventing drug abuse. However, I seriously question if that view is also shared by members and agencies of your council.

We will soon be proceeding with our review for third year LEAA funding of the B.C.N.G.C., and I wonder if we are any further today than we were at the beginning in molding a truly comprehensive community effort against the problem. If the B.C.N.G.C. cannot effect its own purpose and cooperatively reinstate its initial goals, then perhaps we should consider other alternatives to funding drug abuse programs in Broward County. I believe the latter choice to be less appropriate, but its success may be less jeopardized by such reported 'organized' disorganization and disunity.

Honorable Ed Stack
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I would very much like to meet with you in the near future for further discussions on alternatives for the B.C.N.G.C.. As you know, you have my full cooperation and assistance in whatever you feel might effectively motivate the B.C.N.G.C. to its potential success.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Davoli
Criminal Justice Planner
Corrections

CRD:tw

cc: Frank Nelson, Florida Office of Drug Abuse
Dick Adamson, Broward County Narcotics Guidance Council

DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

1350 N. W. 14th STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33125

TELEPHONE 377-0341

MEMORANDUM

Mr. John Eskoff, R.S.

DATE 3-16-73

T. Gonzalez, R.S.

SUBJECT The Seed program at Tropical park.

The facilities at "The Seed", were inspected by me on March 15, 1973. At that time I talked to Mr. Rick Burtaine, charge of affairs who informed me that the program is held 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. daily except Sunday when the hours are from 12:00 noon to 10:00 P.M.

The participants number 150 to 200 during the morning session with approximately 500 in attendance late afternoon. The boy to girl ratio is approximately 50-50. They utilize the following sanitary facilities randomly, never all at one time as during a rest period or a coffee break. There are four rest rooms, 2 for boys, 2 for girls, comprising the following:

	BOYS		GIRL
① commodes	6	—	6
② sinks	5	—	5
③ urinals	6	—	

Near the auditorium, where rap sessions are held, two water coolers are available for all.

Food dispensed to the participants consists of peanut butter jelly sandwiches prepared in a Broward Public school, transported to "Seed" in a private car by volunteer parents. No food hazardous to the public. However, in due course, "The Seed Program", would like to take advantage of facilities available to them by former tenants. I have with them a copy of SAN-413 outlining a list of necessary equipment required for preparing meat sandwiches.

MEMORANDUM

TO

DATE

FROM

SUBJECT

In my opinion the facilities at "Seed" are
to handle the people involved. General sanitation
very satisfactorily handled by volunteer workers on
daily basis.....



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BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

March 16, 1973

Hon. Edward Swan
19 West Flagler Street
Miami, Fla. - 33130

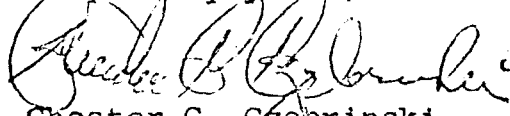
Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge our discussion of this date, relative to THE SEED utilizing the Tropical Race Track property for a drug rehabilitation program and to the effect that the property is now zoned GU (Interim) which does not permit the rehabilitation program as a matter of right and would require a public hearing in order to permit the continued use of the track for that purpose.

However, the use can continue on the property provided that, immediately, an application is filed for public hearing to determine whether or not the use will be permitted to continue on the property.

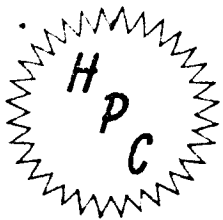
I would suggest that you contact Mr. Harold Pines, of this Department, in reference to the details for the filing of an application for public hearing.

Very truly yours,


Chester C. Czeprinski
Assistant Director

CCC/vp

cc: Tropical Park Racing Ass'n, Inc.
7900 SW 40th Street
Miami, Fla.



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March 27, 1973

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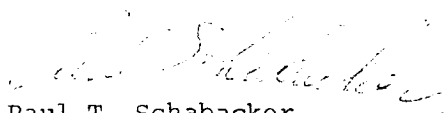
Dear Ed:

Since Mr. Barker has, on several occasions, alluded to the composition of the Drug Abuse Task Force and the special "Seed" Study Committee as being drug agency dominated and prejudicial, I have prepared an identification list of both groups' membership.

I think you will note that, in both instances, the charges are quite unfounded. In the Drug Abuse Task Force, only two persons are employed by other programs, and an additional two are Agency Board members. Thus, only 4 of 19 are identifiable with any drug programs. Of the 10 members of the Special Study Committee, only one was an employee of a drug program. One of the remainder had a drug program contact, the rehabilitated addict; and another was an instructor in drug rehabilitation counselling for any and all agencies. So a minimum of 7, and a maximum of 9 on that Committee of 10 were totally independent of drug abuse programs. On the Task Force, 15 of 19 are independent of drug agencies.

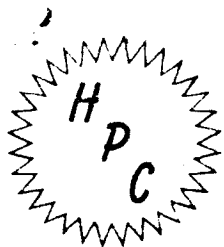
We make considerable effort, and take appropriate pride, in formulating committees whose members are representative of the community and free of vested interests. We also take exception to wild charges that a committee, is prejudicially selected or composed of negative interests to the task before that committee. The Health Planning Council has not achieved its respectable position of spokesman for the community's health interests by haphazard or prejudicial selection of study committee membership, but rather through the opposite - a careful effort at public representation.

Sincerely,


Paul T. Schabacker
Senior Health Planner

PTS/ce
Enclosures

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MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
1-75-000

MODEL CITIES HEALTH
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1-75-0120

A. Individuals Totally Independent of any Drug Program

Dr. Everett Shocket, Chairman, a private surgeon
Mr. Ken Phillips, Family Health Center Director
Mr. Jack Sandstrom, Director of Dade County Jail
Dr. Dan Seckinger, Pathologist, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital
Mr. Robert Skidell, private attorney
Rev. Maurice Steinberg, clergyman
Mrs. Ofelia Tabares, housewife
Mr. Robert Walker, banker
Mr. Karl Zedell, News Editor
Dr. Jeff Elenewski, Psychologist with Youth Services Division
Mr. Bruce Firestone, instructor, Miami-Dade Jr. College North
Mr. Arthur King, a Neighborhood Center Director

B. Individuals with Indirect Connection to Drug Programs

Mr. C.W. Nordwall, Director, Dade Division of Hospitals
(he was, until recently, administratively superior to
Dr. Tom Carroll, Director of the County's Comprehensive
Drug Program)
Mr. Don Samuels, Director of Drug Education for the School
System (but not connected with any rehabilitation program)
Mrs. Anita Somers, works under Don Samuels

C. Individuals on Drug Rehabilitation Agency Boards of Directors

Honorable Judge Murray Goodman
Honorable Judge Francis Knuck

D. Individuals directly related to Drug Programs, elected to Task Force representation by the Agency Committee which is composed of all DATE Center licensed agencies.

Mr. Matt Gissen, Concept House, Inc.
Ms. Marian Siegel, Here's Help, Inc.

E. Recently dropped or resigned for non-participation were five persons, one of whom would be in category "D" above, and the other four in category "A". These will be replaced from among interested citizens of the community, and presumably primarily of persons not related to any programs. The resigned members are:

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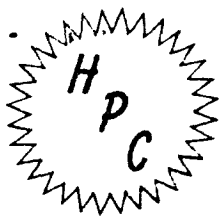
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Dr. Carl Chambers, Dade County Comprehensive Program
Dr. James Henry, local citizen
Mrs. Evelyn Mader, local citizen
Ms. Georginna Cruz, Catholic Social Service Bureau
Mr. Warren Walters, local citizen, pharmacist

SUMMATION:

Of 19 current Drug Abuse Task Force members:

A. Totally independent, representative of the community	- 12
B. Employed in activities related to drug abuse but not engaged in any rehabilitation program	- 3
C. Board members of DATE Center agencies	- 2
D. Employed staff members of DATE Center agencies	- 2
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TOTAL:	19



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In anticipation of suggestions of bias, the Committee was very carefully selected to reflect the community and to not select any majority from one direction or another, nor more than one representative from any community point of view.

Rev. Maurice Steinberg, Chairman, Clergyman, Task Force member
Ms. Blanche August, housewife, mother of teenagers, PTA leader, attorney's wife

Mr. Tom Cahill, instructor in drug counselling at University of Miami

Ms. Melanie Cohen, a rehabilitated addict, college student

Mr. Richard Garnett, psychologist, completing studies at University of Miami

Mr. David Gersh, Program Director at Concept House, Inc.

Mr. John Harrison, businessman, Rotary Club members, Health Planning Council Board member

Mr. Castle Jordan, businessman, Chamber of Commerce member

Ms. Julia Papper, housewife, mother, civic leader, wife of Medical School Dean

Dr. Daniel Seckinger, M.D., pathologist

SUMMARY:

Two Task Force members, both independent of other programs.

One Health Planning Council Board member also independent of other programs.

Two independent housewives, who are mothers and community leaders.

One rehabilitated "junkie".

Two businessmen, with no program allegiances.

A University instructor, with no program allegiances.

A Clergyman, with no program allegiances.

A physician, with no program allegiances.

One representative of another treatment program.

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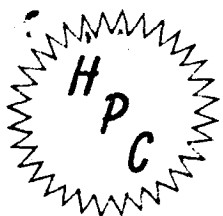
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SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Ed Swan, Mr. Art Barker, and others.

At the request of the State Drug Abuse Program I called Mr. Ed Swan at 11:30 a.m. on March 22, requesting that he attempt to arrange a meeting later that afternoon or the next day between himself Mr. Barker and some persons from HPC and the State Drug Abuse Program in order to present to those Seed officials a partially completed 1973 license application form with the request that they complete the remainder of it and return it to the local office of the State Drug Abuse Program at the latest on March 30, for review at the April 5 meeting of the Drug Abuse Task Force.

Approximately 2:30 p.m. Mr. Swan returned my call and indicated he would attempt to make that arrangement with Mr. Barker and would inform me. At approximately 1:00 on March 23, Mr. Swan returned the call and indicated Mr. Barker would be in his (Mr. Swan's) office at 3:00 p.m. to meet with us. I requested that Mr. Michael Shores, Board member of HPC accompany the staff members to that meeting. Staff members in attendance were Alex Miller, State Drug Abuse Program and Paul Schabacker HPC staff member, in addition to Mr. Shores, Mr. Swan, Mr. Barker. Mr. Shores was able to be present only until 3:30 p.m. and was not present for the final remarks made at the close of the meeting at about 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Swan attempted to be cooperative, sought answers to numerous questions relative to procedure and missing information and what could be done for the application form. His questions were about the form itself and its necessity for certain items under dispute and the methodology of the review before the Drug Abuse Task Force and the procedures that followed such review. Mr. Shores attempted to mediate difficulties and attempted to explain to Mr. Swan that an audit report as required was different than an additional financial statement that was likewise required.

Mr. Barker was generally quiet and at the request of Mr. Swan did not extensively participate in the conversation. However, his attitude was one of quiet displeasure and on more than one occasion he indicated that he did not wish to participate and cooperate with the Drug Abuse Task Force which both he and Mr. Swan felt was made up entirely of other Drug Abuse

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Program representatives as was the committee that had prepared the evaluation of The Seed in October of last year. He further indicated that he did not wish his financial materials to be reviewed by the Drug Abuse Task Force which was composed of other Drug Agencies. He also indicated on several occasions that he felt that he had been misled as to the nature of this meeting.

The role of Alex Miller and Paul Schabacker was essentially to explain the elements of the application form and to indicate why these had to be accomplished and to respond to questions from Mr. Swan, Mr. Barker concerning the methodology of the review. In answer to questions they were assured that the site-visit as required by local procedures was not by the Drug Abuse Task Force that would be conducted by employees of the State Drug Abuse Program. We also conceded that the law did not provide for local review or on-site visits but that these were procedural determinations by the Secretary of Health and Rehabilitative Services for the purposed of advising him concerning local programs and that this is not an uncommon practice in many activities of government to have a local advisory body to an out of city major official and that these local reviews were the same for all drug abuse programs in this community.

Toward the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Barker quite emphatically stated that he did not intend to submit his application form to any local office of the Health Planning Council the Drug Abuse Task Force or the State Drug Abuse Program; That he was applying for license from the state and that therefore his application would go directly to the state office. He further said that he was not interested in a site visit if that was a product of a local review process and he also indicated that he had no intention of either submitting a request to the local Drug Abuse Task Force for consideration of his license or to attend and be available for questioning at the review of his license application before the local Drug Abuse Task Force. In order to make sure that these points of his were properly heard and clearly understood by all parties present, I repeated those questions and my understanding of his response in the negative, and he affirmed that that was his stance. Alex Miller reported after the meeting that included in his statements was Mr. Barker's statement that he would go to court about this. I did not hear that statement made but it may have been made outside my hearing or while I was in conversation with Mr. Swan.

Paul Schabacker

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DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

April 12, 1977

To: The Health Planning Council

Dear Sirs:

This statement is made to relate the experience we and our son have had with the drug program known as "The Seed".

Our son, Jon, was probated to the Seed program by the Court of Judge Ellen Morphonious Rowe on February 2nd, 1973. We feel sure that the judge did what she considered was in the best interests of our son and at that time we were 100% for it. Now, however, we wonder, whether or not, any of the judges who are sending boys and girls to the Seed really are aware of the conditions they are putting these young people in.

The Seed is a program where the only "treatment" or therapy given the youthful drug addict is one of intense ridicule on a practically constant basis, 8 to 10 hours a day, 7 days a week. This apparently does work for some. The pressures put on the child from the very first day he enters the Seed are great. We feel that what actually happens to most of the kids is that, if they are fortunate enough to break their drug habit it is substituted for a dependency upon the Seed. In other words a dependency upon the Seed is substituted for their dependency on drugs. From what we observed the Seed has no useful work projects or training projects to prepare the child for his or her re-entrance into society and many of them upon leaving the Seed return to their drug associations.

It seems that the main and indeed the only qualification for becoming a staff member of the Seed is that the person be an ex-addict. We feel that some ex-addicts are useful and should be utilized. There should also be some professional, trained and educated social and psychiatric personnel.

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When a young person enters the Seed he is immediately separated from his family and home and sent to a foster home for an indefinite period of time of several weeks. As the parents, you do not know where, or under what conditions your child is living. Our son was sent to a foster home where there were four boys made to sleep in one room. Two of them had to sleep on the floor in sleeping bags. As parents you have absolutely no communication with your child except at the open meetings held on Monday and Friday nights.

At the three open meetings that we attended in Broward County there were approximately 400 parents and relatives and some 300 or so kids. A microphone was passed from one kid to the next until all had had a chance to talk. Each was supposed to stand up in front of the assembly and tell what drugs he had used and how he was doing. After each child had spoken the microphone was then passed among the parents and relatives until all of them had had the opportunity to speak. You were supposed to keep your remarks very brief. Monitors from the Seed staff patrolled the aisles. You never really knew just how your own child was doing. Each of the three meetings that we attended lasted until about one-thirty A.M.

The Seed subjects the young person to a great deal of pressure and little understanding that at least in the beginning a very severe change is being forced upon the individual. While some can stand it, others cannot. There certainly is more than one school of psychology and what works for one, may or may not, work for another. The Seed program did not work for our son.

On the morning of February 15, 1973, at approximately four A.M. we received a telephone call from an Officer Courtney of the Dade County Sheriffs Dept. He had found our son laying beside the Palmetto Expressway with both wrists cut. He immediately gave him first aid and rushed him to the emergency ward of Jackson Memorial Hospital

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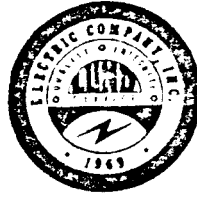
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where his wrist were sewed up. Officer Courtney then called us. We thank God that this officer happened along when he did. He undoubtedly saved our sons life and we will be eternally grateful to him. Officer Courtney told us that when he found our son he had no identification on him at all (one of the requirements of the Seed is that no ID is to be carried) and that it was some time before our son was able to give him our telephone number so he could call us. We, of course, rushed to the hospital arriving there at about five A.M.

We waited around the hospital waiting room until 11:45 A.M. We spoke to the resident social worker at Jackson who told us that the doctor advised against taking our son back to the Seed. Before leaving home and after arriving at the hospital we tried to contact someone at the Seed for advice. We found it is impossible to contact anyone at the Seed before ten A.M. There is no emergency number or service at the Seed. We were finally able to contact our sons probation officer to notify him what had happened. Finally, around ten-thirty I managed to get through to the Seed. They insisted that we come immediately up to Broward County Seed to discuss the situation with them and to bring our son with us. We were reluctant to go as we were all very tired and exhausted. At their insistence we did go. Upon arriving, we were kept waiting an hour and fifteen minutes before we could see anyone. Finally, a Mr. John Underwood came to interview us. He wanted us to leave our son with him, reminding us that our son had been probated to the Seed by the court. We refused because both the Hospital social worker and our sons probation officer had advised us against putting our son immediately back into a situation that he obviously could not, at that time, tolerate. Mr. Underwood then informed us that the only ones who fail in the Seed program were those whose parents refused to cooperate with them. We had cooperated in every way up to that time. We had donated \$75.00 to the Seed when our son entered the program and another \$20.00 at the next meeting.

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in wastebaskets. We did not feel that Mr. Underwood had the necessary education or qualifications to make the judgements he was attempting to make. We took our son home with us. We did agree to take our son to see a pshchiatrist. Mr. Underwood insisted that we take him to one recommended by the Seed. This was a Dr. Keiser located in Broward County. Dr. Keiser talked to our son for about fifteen minutes and then to us for about ten minutes. His fee was \$40.00. We did not object to paying the \$40.00 but we did feel that we should have at least had our choice of who to see and not have to drive all the way to Broward County.

Our sons clothes were still at the foster home. We called the Seed six different times to try to find out where we could get these returned to us. We finally went to the Seed and had to sign a release for an almost empty suitcase. Most of the clothes were missing including underwear, shirts, sun-glasses, prescription medicine, cigarettes and a \$75.00 llama skin coat. We have continued to call the Seed and even talked to one of the Seed representatives in court regarding the missing items. So far we havent had even the courtesy of a return telephone call telling us that the items are permanently lost. Each time we are assured that they are looking into the matter and that we will hear from them very shortly. We now feel that the items were stolen either by someone at the foster home or, if they were returned, to the Seed by the foster home then some one associated with the staff of the Seed stole them.

Through the good efforts of our sons probation officer, Mr. David Todd, and by the good graces and understanding of Judge Rowe our sons probation was changed so that he could leave the Seed and enter into the Heres Help drug rehabilitation program. To describe the differences between the Seed program and the Heres Help is like describing the difference between black and white or day and night. The Heres Help program have meaningful work programs as well as academic studies that can lead

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to completion of high school education. The Heres Help staff is made up of some professional social and psychiatric workers as well as counselors in many fields to help prepare the young person for his re-entry into society able to stand on his own two feet. There are also on the staff some ex-addicts with whom the kids can relate to. The Heres Help program also have group counseling sessions once a week for the parents. These groups are purposely kept small, no more than 8 or 10 to a group, so the parents can relate to one another. It seems to me that the Heres Help program has correctly deemed that not only the young addict needs help but also the parent to help the young person when he is ready to get back out on his own. We are much in favor of the Heres Help program and staff.

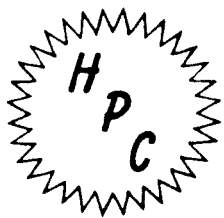
We feel that if the Seed is in the process of trying to obtain a State or County license of any sort a through investigation should be made before the legalizing of such an operation.

We say again that it is our belief that the Seed program is only transferring a persons dependency on a drug to a dependency on the Seed. Does this really prepare the young person for the future. We believe that many of the people who have gone through the Seed go right back to the drug scene because nothing has been done to truly prepare them for their re-entry into society. Many changes and improvements should be made before legalizing The Seed.

Very truly yours,

Don and Marie Lund
Mr. & Mrs. Don Lund

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Mr. Frank Nelson, Director
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Dear Frank:

In response to your urgent plea for the background information on which the Drug Abuse Task Force based its negative recommendation concerning licensing of the Seed, I am enclosing some materials for you and the Secretary.

Please understand, and convey to the Secretary, that our time-table for preparation of the final draft of information was for completion of the materials by the end of the week. Therefore, the enclosed is a preliminary draft, not complete or polished. Thus, we would also appreciate considering these materials as rough drafts and disposing of them when the polished draft is sent you.

You and the Secretary should also be reminded that local recommendations and material are not final or for release until approving, modifying, or disapproving action is taken by the Health Planning Council Board of Directors. In the present issue, that will occur at the specially -called Board meeting on April 18.

A further concern is that not all of the enclosed reasons have documentation at this time. Some of the reasons for the Task Force action were based on publicly expressed statements or telephoned information. We are obtaining written documentation for any of these that are to be presented to the HPC Board.

As I have on several occasions, may I remind you again that while we recognize the pressures for on early decision by the Secretary are very heavy, I fear grave consequences to a successful process here if action is taken prior to completion of local review and advice, or if a final determination of license issuance is based on political pressures without a full consideration of the issues,

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Mr. Frank Nelson, Director

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the recommendations of some very solid citizens who are volunteering their time to community betterment, and the possible consequences to the total drug rehabilitation efforts in Dade County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul".

Paul T. Schabacker
Senior Health Planner

PTS/nr.

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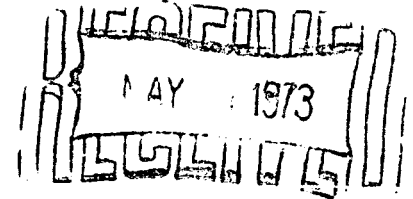
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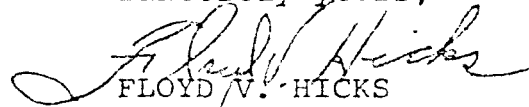
Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Special Studies Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations is holding hearings to investigate the Federal response to the drug abuse problem. In these hearings we are examining the Federal Strategy for drug abuse control, the programs designed to counter drug abuse, and the way in which they are administered. Because of the important role of the states in this process, the Subcommittee is very interested in talking to state directors of drug abuse programs.

The Subcommittee has invited Mr. Raymond Hesse to represent the National Council of State Drug Abuse Program Coordinators. We have asked Mr. Hesse to suggest state directors whose testimony would add to the Subcommittee's consideration. You were one of the two directors Mr. Hesse proposed be invited to appear with him.

I am therefore writing to invite you to appear before the Special Studies Subcommittee on May 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building. If you have any questions regarding the hearings, please contact the Subcommittee's staff director, Mr. Joseph C. Luman.

Sincerely yours,


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May 31, 1973

Frank D. Nelson, Director
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Dear Frank:

On Monday, May 28, 1973, the film "A Seed of Hope" was shown on public television in the Fort Myers - Naples - Punta Gorda viewing area. It was also announced that "The Seed" would soon be opening in the Fort Myers area. I would like to take this moment to express my views on the matter.

To begin with, the program is still claiming its 90% "cure rate" ... a fact unsupportable by any existing data that I know of. What is distressing is not that the program is guilty of excesses in the claim (which I believe to be the case), but the lack of consumer protection extended to the beneficiaries of the services to be rendered. This is a very simple, uncomplicated point. The community is being told an untruth.

I do not, as a program director, begrudge the successes of "The Seed", nor do I fail to recognize many superlative qualities exhibited by the program. However, I believe the Florida Drug Abuse Program has a responsibility to any community served by a licensed DATE Center to protect that locality from improper and misleading advertising by the program. I believe that programs licensed by DAP should not be allowed to raise false hopes in communities already dazed and frightened by the level of its drug problem. I believe, finally, that a dangerous precedent will be established if these claims are allowed to stand unchallenged. Other programs in Florida may be encouraged to "pad" their statistics to ensure a maximum level of community support

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and the basic credibility of all drug programming could conceivably be undermined.

The treatment of situational and compulsive drug abusers is a very complicated and often difficult process. Rehabilitation can not be guaranteed by the program. The broad scale use of alternative sentencing by the courts as a panacea for all drug law violators is also an issue that raises questions in my mind concerning the Seed. I have observed that the aforementioned program encourages the courts to remand all violators to the program, regardless of the level of their drug involvement. The courts are stimulated to place even casual or experimental drug users in a heavy treatment regime without benefit, in my opinion, of sufficient professional, clinical data to support the commitment. The courts are further asked to give the violators only two alternatives - jail or the "successful completion" of the Seed program. I once again suggest that this procedure is unduly restrictive, ruling out a variety of other treatment alternatives, and unrealistic due to the undeniable fact that successful rehabilitation cannot be mandated by anyone.

I agree that drug-involved persons, particularly those in violation of Florida laws governing illegal drug taking behavior, should be examined for behavioral or emotional problems that might be causing the individual's drug use. I do not agree that all individuals using drugs have a definable or treatable behavioral or emotional dysfunction. It seems a very serious matter; therefore, to make assumptions about an individual and set out to change not only his drug-taking behavior, but his value structure, significant relationships, and other aspects of his life that have no bearing whatsoever on his use of drugs.

It is my opinion that these situations can and do occur in the programmatic format of the Seed, because the communities have been told that the program has such a fantastic track record. The courts, given an alternative that almost promises successful treatment outcomes, appear to have no choice but to refer the violator to this modality without thorough diagnosis to determine the needs of the person to be treated. All these outcomes are based on a claim that has no data base.

I strongly urge that the Florida Drug Abuse Program take a

position based upon the observable and provable facts surrounding the Seed program. Someone in government must protect the consumer from misleading and self-seeking advertisement of caregiving services that raise false hopes of solutions to community drug problems. We must pay more than passing attention to the underlying societal causes of drug misuse and reject the "quick answer" alternatives that, while they may provide meaningful help to a group of individuals, seem to cloud our perspective in more basic areas. Finally, we must base our judgments and resulting actions on a professional and ethical foundation without undue and unwarranted attention to political sensitivities that can often obstruct the movement toward a coherent system of service delivery in Florida. I believe a program - if it is all that it says it is - can render the same high quality of care by honestly representing data relative to its treatment success. The Florida Drug Abuse Program may have to be prepared to intervene, however, when one of its licensed programs fails to regulate itself.

Sincerely,



Evan R. Evans
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February 6, 1974

TO: Members of the Dade Legislative Delegation

FROM: Senator Ralph R. Poston, Chairman of the
Sub-committee on Drug Rehabilitation Programs
in Dade County

At the meeting of the Dade Legislative Delegation held on October 17, 1973, a sub-committee was formed to look into the various drug abuse programs in the county and to report their findings to the full delegation.

Those appointed were:

Senator Ralph R. Poston, Chairman
Representative George Baumgartner, Vice-Chairman
Senator Robert Graham
Senator Don Gruber
Senator Kenneth Myers
Representative Alan Becker
Representative Tony Fontana
Representative Elaine Gordon
Representative Charles Papy

Three meetings of the sub-committee have been held. The first was held on November 5, 1973, at the Dade County Health Auditorium. At this meeting approximately 21 people appeared to speak, giving summaries of some of the drug abuse programs in operation in Dade County.

The second meeting was held on January 11, 1974, for the purpose of reviewing the data given and to formulate

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answers to the questions raised by the delegation:

On the issue of the transfer of the Court's intake to the Department of Corrections, the sub-committee has recommended the full delegation. The following report is submitted:

Due to the nature of drug problems which cannot be considered strictly a law enforcement or rehabilitation issue, but must be dealt with in relation to the areas of education, health and rehabilitation services, the criminal justice system, and government involvement with its subsequent control.

The questions raised, together with recommendations, are:

#1. Is legislation needed to permit Central Intake to refer a court-ordered person to another program?

It was decided by the sub-committee that it does not wish to allow Central Intake to take away the Court's authority.

#2. Should fast-food stores be prohibited from selling wine and beer?

Due to the testimony given during the public hearings on November 5, 1973, that the ready availability of alcoholic beverages contributed to the high alcoholic use of young people from these types of stores, the sub-committee recommends to the delegation that legislation be prepared, either collectively or individually, to repeal the right of fast-food stores to sell these alcoholic goods.

#3. Is the distribution of funds adequate to the lower economic groups?

It is recommended that our county government and the Comprehensive Drug Program give special attention to the lower economic groups in the development of effective drug rehabilitation programs to meet their needs.

answers to the questions posed at the previous meeting.

On January 11, 1974, the sub-committee met again to prepare recommendations to be presented to the full delegation. The following report is submitted:

Dade County has a drug problem which cannot be considered simply a matter of treatment and rehabilitation, but must be dealt with in relation to the areas of education, health and rehabilitative services, the criminal justice system, and government involvement with its subsequent control.

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#4. Was the processing of Se-d's application in late 1972 unnecessarily delayed?

It was decided by the sub-committee that it was unnecessarily delayed.

#5. Should a drug program thoroughly scrutinized for a license in one county go through the process again in another county?

The sub-committee feels the answer is "yes", as long as the requirements are not more stringent than required by state law.

#6. Does present statute law satisfactorily provide for interim licensing of drug programs?

The sub-committee recommends that research be made by appropriate Senate and House committees with the idea of possible statutory changes. It might be advisable to consider that a state-licensed program coming into another county could receive an interim within a period of 30 days. A new program would be required to undergo some type of review process.

#7. Was any agency, because of a delay in licensing, denied the opportunity to participate in the Comprehensive Drug Program?

The sub-committee wishes to report that this has been corrected through legislation enacted during the 1973 session by the State Office of Drug Abuse.

Additional recommendations are submitted for the consideration of the Dade Legislative Delegation in the following areas:

Education:

1. In Dade County there have been approximately 300 teachers and educators trained in substance abuse education and prevention, and it is recommended that this be expanded in Dade County, as well as statewide.

2. It is recommended that the Police Standards Board include in their minimum standards requirements, a course in substance abuse education, such course consisting of no less than 10 hours.

Health and Rehabilitative Services:

1. The sub-committee recommends support of legislation filed by the Senate Education and Health and Rehabilitative Services committees providing for comprehensive health screening of all school children.
2. The sub-committee recognizes the necessity to review the needs and increase the funding for additional vocational rehabilitative training.

Criminal Justice:

1. Encourage the judiciary to make use of the TASC Program, Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime.
2. The sub-committee recommends adequate funding of Chapter 73-350 relative to treatment of drug dependent persons in lieu of incarceration.
3. The sub-committee recommends continuation and expansion of the use of community-based facilities by the Division of Corrections by its clients.

Government involvement:

1. Continuation and expansion where necessary is recommended for existing private and government drug abuse programs.
2. Adequate provision should be made for new and innovative programs as community needs indicate.
3. Advisory boards should, in cases where they are solely advisory boards, remain in an advisory capacity and not go beyond state laws.
4. It is recommended that the legislative audit of all drug programs should be pursued.
5. The sub-committee recommends provision be made for drug abuse counsellors with the Division of Corrections prison system, the county Department of Corrections and Rehabilitative Services, and the Division of Youth facilities, together with necessary funding for these services.
6. Support of pending legislation is recommended to stiffen penalties as prescribed under the drug abuse statute, underlining areas of suppliers.



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February 15, 1974

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Dear Mr. Barker:

To confirm our recent conversation and to keep everyone informed, I am sending you a copy of my write-up of our conversation which goes into the Project Folders.

I have also gone back over Special Condition #2h on subgrant 73-24-05. The letter dated June 6, 1973, from Frank Nelson does generally answer this condition, but I believe the wording and the spirit of this condition needs more detail from you.

Accordingly, it would be much appreciated by this Bureau if you could include some detail about how "Seed" is currently meeting this condition in your letter to us.

Rest assured we are anxious to assist you in implementing and administering these subgrants and are awaiting your letter.

Sincerely,

B. G. Munro
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 1974

TO: Control

FROM: B. G. Munro

SUBJECT: 73-21-21 73-24-05 73-22-12

On February 11, 1974, at request of the Bureau Chief, I called Mr. Art Barker to discuss compliance with Special Conditions on 73-24-05 and 73-22-12.

He and his wife discussed in length and detail the provisions already in the subgrants which answered the Special Conditions. I told him they were all basically satisfied except the condition where he was to get prior approval and send a Resume' before hiring Court Counselors (S.C. #7 - 73-24-05). He stated these Counselors had already been hired. Since we have quit imposing this condition in recent months anyhow, I told him to send us the names of the people hired and the general qualifications "Seed" sought in applicants for these jobs. Mr. Barker agreed to do so.

The following was agreed upon:

1. Mr. Barker will write this Bureau requesting the Special Conditions be considered satisfied per his conversation with Helge Swanson and B. G. Munro (See notations made by BGM on Special Conditions on 73-24-05).

2. This Bureau would consider this request and as matters stand as of the phone conversation, we expect to declare the Conditions satisfied. This must be a written answer of this Bureau to a written request of Mr. Barker.

Then, Mr. Barker brought up the Dade County subgrant 73-21-21. I told him the subgrant was not before me and I could call him back or we could discuss it generally. He read me several of the Special Conditions which were exactly like the other two subgrants. I told him my previous conclusions would also apply to 73-21-21.

He then brought up Special Condition # 1 and #2 and I told him he would have to work this out with the Dade MPU and the Broward MPU.

I further reminded Mr. Barker that a continuing requirement of this Bureau is that he maintain his Florida license which he stated this was no problem.

February 19, 1978

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The current status of Special Conditions compliance on these three grants is we are awaiting written requests from Mr. Barker.

BGM/ps

A comprehensive rehabilitation program

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April 13, 1973

Mr. Frank Nelson, Director
Drug Abuse Program
State Department of Health
and Rehabilitative Services
Tallahassee Bank Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Nelson:

There has been considerable controversy in Dade County concerning licensing procedures for drug programs. The state has set guidelines which this agency intends to follow, and, in my opinion, it is the intention of all of the agencies in Dade County to recognize, respect, and follow these guidelines. Unless all agencies adhere to the guidelines, then no agency need adhere to the guidelines. What is policy and procedure for one agency should be for all. Should any agency be exempt from this policy and procedure, then we believe that this licenses all agencies to disregard guidelines and procedures.

At a recent meeting of the Drug Abuse Task Force I stated this agency's position which was, "....I'd like to state for this committee,....anything that this committee does about this program in lieu of what David has said and what Matt has said sets a precedence which should be applicable to every other program in this room. And - if you vote on this without representation, then all of us should leave and I think you should be careful what precedents you as a committee establish."

Any exemption from the state guidelines is, in our opinion, a self-destruction of the state drug abuse office which we honor and respect.

Sincerely yours,

The Rev. Frederick C. Harrison, Jr.
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Dear Steve,

In the past we have talked about the kinds of programs available to young people in terms of self awareness, the development of intra/inter personal skills and the whole concept of affective education. As you know the PRIDE program offers students a peer counseling program as part of its' comprehensive approach to drug education.

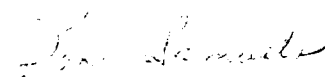
The peer counseling program provides a format in which youngsters are trained in active listening schools, as well as other counseling techniques. The "counselors" are then scheduled to be in rap rooms throughout the school day.

In the rap rooms they counsel with youngsters on a one-to-one basis as well as in group situation. There are 61 secondary schools each one having a substance education specialist. The substance education specialist is responsible for implementation of the program at the school level. Each substance education specialist trains approximately 20 peer counselors. There are therefore in the neighborhood of 1200-1300 trained peer counselors. They have counseled with either individually or in groups with over 5,000 youngsters.

In addition teachers, administrators, and parents have taken part in the peer counseling programs.

I am most enthusiastic about its' implementation to date and feel affective education i.e., peer counseling is the most relevant approach to drug education.

Sincerely yours,



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