

PARENT'S GROUP MEETING

Place: San Carlos City Hall - Red Cross Room, 2nd Floor

Date: August 21, 1974, 7:30 P.M.

Speaker: Jeanne Caughlan, Adult Protective Services, Dept. of Public Health

Have your questions ready regarding housing, legal aid, social services, etc., for Jeanne Caughlan.

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Nancy Mathews is conducting a survey of residential care homes for the Mental Health Association. She has asked us to make suggestions, from the parent's viewpoint, of what we consider to be necessary for a good residential care home. Please bring your suggestions to the meeting.

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Four members of our group attended the August 3 meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board. A list was made of long term and short term goals which the Board feels should be recommended. These goals will be discussed and possibly added to at their next meeting. The Community is invited to attend the meetings and make their ideas known. Study these goals and make suggestions at the next meeting so we can have our input into future planning.

Long Term Goals 3-5 years

Improve services for children.

Qualitative evaluation - (There was discussion of the fact that evaluation was mostly by the professionals. Let's make sure we are heard from.)

Isolation of people in the community - how to develop a sense of community.

Health - what makes a community healthy?

Provide better crisis care.

Long term care facility.

The problem of the violent patient - how to resolve it.

Residential care program.

Short term goals - 12-18 months

Make determination for publicly operated mental institutional care. Whether to have one mental hospital in the county or several locations.

Have regional meetings of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Support system - how to of living from the community - activities not necessarily designed to cure but for simple enjoyment.

Services to victims of trauma - crime, rape, bereavement, etc.

Establish larger para professional staff.

Accurate, timely, quantitative data.