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Pledging her loyalty to his Administration's policies, former Rep. Margaret M. Heckler (R-MA) has been selected by President Reagan to succeed Richard S. Schweiker as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at a time when domestic programs have become a prime target for trimming the federal budget deficit. Schweiker, who had battled successfully against many OMB proposed cuts in the HHS budget, resigned to accept a reported six-figure salary as president of the American Council of Life Insurance.

Schweiker's departure from HHS caught federal alcoholism and drug abuse officials by surprise Jan. 11, as they were anticipating an announcement solely on the successor to Undersecretary David Swoap, who had left recently to head the California State Department of Health and Welfare under the new Republican governor, George Deukmejian. Reports had been circulating that Secretary Schweiker was pushing for the nomination of Assistant Secretary for Health Edward Brandt as Undersecretary, and that William Mayer, Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) and NIAAA Acting Director, would be moved up to succeed Brandt.

The President instead nominated Social Security Commissioner, John Svahn to be the new HHS Undersecretary. Svahn, 39, had served as California's health and welfare director when Reagan was governor in the early 70's.

Constituency interests, apprehensive over the potential impact of Schweiker's resignation on the federal alcoholism and drug abuse efforts, received public and private assurances that Schweiker's teenage alcohol initiative would be carried on by his successor, and that no reshuffling of top alcohol and drug abuse officials was in the works, with Mayer remaining on in his dual role. (See story below.)

The Alcoholism Report is moving to new quarters from the National Press Building, which is undergoing extensive renovations. Effective Jan. 24, we will be located at Suite 312, 1100 17th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Our new phone number will be: 202/293-2734.

At the press briefing where the President introduced his nominee, Heckler, a moderate Republican who lost a bid for a ninth term in a redistricted Congressional seat in November, told him: "Indeed, it is with a sense of faith in your vision and your goals for America, faith in President Reagan, that I accept what I think is the hardest assignment in Washington."

The nominations of Heckler and Svahn are scheduled to go before the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. Robert Dole (R-KS), for confirmation hearings within a few weeks. The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, headed by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and which includes the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Subcommittee, is expected to hear the nominees also. The Finance Committee, with primary jurisdiction over Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other HHS areas, is formally responsible for reporting the nomination, but the Labor and Human Resources panel, with jurisdiction over authorizing legislation for the discretionary programs of HHS, traditionally conducts hearings on top HHS nominations and makes its own report to the Senate.

Following the naming of Heckler, 51, a lawyer with little managerial or health field experience, alcoholism and drug abuse field interests, unfamiliar with her Congressional record in their area, were busy placing calls to Capitol Hill, but largely drew a blank except for a few limited activities.

What was known of her background was encouraging, however. While serving on the House Agriculture Committee in the mid-70s, Heckler was the chief sponsor of a successful amendment extending food stamps to alcoholism rehabilitation centers, including halfway houses, in addition to one of her pet concerns, battered women's shelters. Active on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Heckler was recalled by staffers as supportive of appropriations for alcoholism units at VA geriatric facilities. And, most recently, she was one of the co-sponsors of the joint Congressional resolution designating "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week."

In Massachusetts, one alcoholism professional who worked at the state level with Heckler, said she had always been willing to provide assistance when asked. Her close attention to constituency needs made her a demanding boss, who was widely known on Capitol Hill for experiencing difficulty in retaining her Congressional staff.

Schweiker, who said his decision to leave HHS had nothing to do with political battles over his Department, was the 14th Secretary to oversee it since 1953. In accepting his resignation, Reagan said: "Dick Schweiker had proven himself in a job that has ground down lesser individuals. I can say without hesitation that we are proud of the job that he has done."

The former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania was only the second head of the Department to have demonstrated a personal and official commitment to the federal alcoholism effort--the first being Joseph A. Califano, Jr. This commitment was being carried out through Schweiker's teenage alcohol initiative, first announced last September, the centerpiece of which is a Secretarial Conference convening youth leaders to Washington in March.

According to reports received by AR, Heckler met with Schweiker after she was named by the President, and assured him that she is committed to carrying out the conference on teenage alcohol abuse.

ADAMHA Administrator William Mayer, Acting NIAAA Director, told AR after Heckler's appointment that he intended to stay on the job and saw no reason to fear a diminution of attention to alcoholism as a result of the transition. He said:

"I hope soon to be able to identify a new Director for NIAAA. We are actively pursuing those activities and initiatives that Secretary Schweiker was so supportive of, and we have reason to expect that the incoming Secretary, when she learns of the progress and the advancement and the great spirit of the people in this field, will be equally supportive."

"We have had really quite wonderful expressions of support from the highest levels--the White House," Mayer said. While the incoming Secretary faces more immediate and massive problems, Mayer predicted that the federal alcoholism effort "will continue to be a bright spot of emerging medical excellence."

"The national attention that has been paid to these problems is substantial and measurable," he said. "We have every reason to expect that this will continue, and I intend to stay right here to see that it does."

In an earlier appointment, President Reagan named Elizabeth Hanford Dole, White House assistant for liaison to special interest groups, to replace Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis, who resigned to become head of Warner-Amex Cable Communication, Inc. Dole, the wife of Sen. Robert Dole (R-KA), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving, would not reveal her plans for DOT, except that she planned to take action on drunk driving.

Mrs. Dole's nomination is expected to go before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, chaired by Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR), for confirmation hearings in late January or early February.

Dole, 46, a graduate of Harvard law school, worked briefly as a lawyer, became deputy director of the White House Office of Consumer Affairs under the Nixon Administration and later served as a Federal Trade Commissioner.

NIAAA plans to fund two new Alcohol Research Centers (ARCs), focusing on prevention and treatment research, with additional monies provided this fiscal year under the continuing appropriations enacted last month (AR, Dec. 31).

William Mayer, M.D., Acting NIAAA Director and Administrator of ADAMHA, told AR that he will be sending a special notification to the research community late this month or early next spelling out the guidelines for the new awards, which will be funded for a total \$1 million in the first year.

"NIAAA wishes to broaden its program coverage to include centers with a major emphasis on research on the prevention of alcohol abuse and alcoholism, and on the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholic persons and others with alcohol-related problems," NIAAA said.

Designating new ARCs for research in the areas of treatment and prevention is in accord with the new priorities announced by NIAAA last fall for regular research grants (AR, Nov. 15).

Deadline for receiving applications for the new ARCs was set at April 15, in time for the final round of review before the end of the fiscal year next September. To catch the final wave of awards this fiscal year, regular research grant proposals must be submitted by March 1. The ARC grants are reviewed by a separate initial review group operating under a different schedule.

The Johnson Institute has assumed proprietary control of The Alcoholism Report after acquiring JSL Reports from its Editor/Publisher, Jay Lewis. Details on page seven.

NIAAA currently is funding eight ARCs for a total of \$6 million this fiscal year. Of the original nine ARCs funded by NIAAA, three lost their bids for renewal last year when their five-year project periods expired. They were the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of California, Irvine, and Rutgers University. NIAAA staffers said the former grantees were being encouraged to reapply for the new ARCs.

NIAAA awarded a new ARC grant to the University of Florida last fall for research on the effects of alcohol on the elderly (AR, Oct. 14). Another new ARC grant went to Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, for research on how alcohol affects living cells. The six other ARCs are:

The Salk Institute for Biological Studies (alcohol's effects on the central nervous system); University of Connecticut, Farmington (genetic factors in alcoholism); the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, City University of New York (pathological and toxic effects of alcohol); Medical Research Institute, Berkeley, CA (epidemiological factors associated with alcohol abuse and alcoholism); University of Colorado (pharmacogenetics of alcohol sensitivity); and Washington University, St. Louis (genetic risk factors in alcoholism).

For information on the special notification on the new ARC grants, contact: Dr. Albert Pawlowski, Chief, Alcohol Research Center Branch, Room 14C-20 Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; 301/443-4223.

NIAAA officials were urged to set up a new initial review group (IRG) to evaluate grant proposals in the areas of prevention and public policy research.

Dan Beauchamp and James Mosher, Chairperson and Secretary of the Council on Alcohol Policy of the National Assn. of Public Health Policy, met with Acting NIAAA Director William Mayer, who is also ADAMHA Administrator, and other Institute officials on Jan. 5 to stress the importance of prevention policies and research in NIAAA's future agenda.

A top priority of the Council is the composition of the review committees which evaluate grant proposals, according to Mosher. Currently, all proposals related to prevention and policy research are reviewed by the Psychosocial Review Committee.

"The current committee is composed of highly respected researchers in the fields of psychiatry and psychology who are eminently qualified to review proposals in these disciplines," said Mosher. "Policy and prevention research, however, requires professional expertise in the fields of public health, sociology, economics, law, planning, communications, and environmental studies--areas in which the review panel lacks expertise."

"The Council on Alcohol Policy urges NIAAA to establish a new review panel to evaluate prevention and policy proposals for this reason," he added.

Beauchamp and Mosher said that prevention and policy researchers throughout the country are "reluctant to devote their energies to writing and submitting proposals to NIAAA due to the lack of peer review."

"NIAAA cannot fulfill its and Congress' commitment to supporting high quality prevention and policy research without changes in the review structure," they said.

Mosher said that establishment of a separate prevention IRG would be in conformity with Congress' emphasis on prevention. The compromise NIAAA/NIDA reauthorization bill (HR-6458) which died at the adjournment of the last Congress after failing to receive Senate consideration (AR, Dec. 31), would have increased the emphasis on prevention research by establishing a new position of Associate Administrator for Prevention within ADAMHA. The Associate Administrator would have had responsibility for promoting and coordinating prevention activities undertaken by NIMH, NIDA and NIAAA.

The original House version of the bill contained a requirement that each of the three Institutes establish an office to administer prevention research activities. In the final version, these provisions were removed and replaced by an annual report to Congress which would detail prevention and health promotion activities by ADAMHA.

House Health Subcommittee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) said during House consideration of the bill Dec. 16 that if prevention research activities are significantly increased during the two-year authorization period provided by the legislation, "the establishment of individual prevention offices may not be necessary."

Mosher and Beauchamp reported that Mayer expressed concern about the need for a prevention-oriented review panel and promised to study the matter. They also reported that NIAAA officials predicted that policy and prevention research would be funded at increasingly high levels over the next few years if "high quality" proposals are received. NIAAA is soliciting applications for research grants, with prevention and treatment new priorities, following the record \$33,484,000 made available this fiscal year.

Mosher said a letter was sent to Mayer documenting the Council's concerns. (James Mosher, Council on Alcohol Policy, 1816 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709; 415/642-5208)

Despite a similar but little noticed appeal in the Highway Safety Act signed into law by President Reagan on Jan. 6, a joint Congressional resolution that would again urge states to raise the legal drinking age to 21 is gaining support in both Houses from members who want to ensure the message is heard loud and clear.

Rep. William Goodling (R-PA) has reintroduced the measure he proposed during the lame-duck session to express the sense of Congress that states unify the drinking age, and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) plans to follow suit on Feb. 3. A Goodling aide told AR that the Congressman felt that the sentiment was "buried" in the package enacting the President's new highway gasoline tax and "deserved to get more attention."

"Drinking age controls have traditionally been a states' issue, and we want to encourage states to take action--that it's their baby," the aide said.

Noting "a national trend to make it harder for our youth to buy alcohol," Goodling has lined up 22 co-sponsors so far, and is working on enlisting more. The House resolution (H. Con. Res. 23) has been sent to the Judiciary Committee, chaired by Rep. Peter Rodino (D-NJ), and to the Public Works Committee, chaired by Rep. James Howard (D-NJ). Howard sponsored last year's drunk driving legislation. Rodino sent Goodling a letter expressing his intention to make the drinking age resolution one of the first issues the Judiciary Committee would handle in this Congress, according to the Goodling staffer.

The Goodling/Specter resolution, citing driving fatality statistics for alcohol-related accidents involving youth, says it is "the sense of the Congress that the age for drinking and purchasing all alcoholic beverages should be raised to twenty-one in those thirty-four states and the District of Columbia where the drinking age is now less than 21."

Section 209 of the Highway Safety Act of 1982, reads: "The Congress strongly encourages each State to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons who are less than 21 years of age." The provision, originally only in the House version of the bill, was adopted in conference.

In a related development, AR learned that prior to House passage of the Highway Safety Act, Rep. Bill Nelson (R-FL) considered proposing an amendment that would have cut off some federal highway funding to states that did not have a minimum 21 drinking age. However, Nelson's staff aide said, a committee jurisdiction problem precluded the effort during the waning hours of the last Congress. The amendment would have been fashioned after the 55 m.p.h. speed limit legislation of 1977, which set a precedent for threatening the withdrawal of the multi-billion-dollar Highway Trust Fund for those states not complying. A Nelson spokesperson said the legislator may introduce legislation this spring or summer if there is sufficient support.

Field groups commended the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for according a high rank to treatment/rehabilitation programs and urged that a requirement for such programs be incorporated in the final rule spelling out criteria states must satisfy to receive extra highway safety funds under the new federal drunk driving program.

The National Assn. of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC), the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) and other constituency organizations testified at a public hearing conducted by NHTSA in Atlanta Jan. 11 on its rulemaking to implement the new federal program. In its notice of rulemaking issued early in January, NHTSA ranked treatment/rehabilitation third in importance out of a total 21 criteria for supplemental grants under the federal incentive grant program (AR, Dec. 31). The agency, in its original rulemaking notice in November, had excluded treatment/rehabilitation from a list of criteria deemed "more significant or demonstrable," giving rise to protests by field groups at the initial public hearing in Washington Dec. 13.

At the Atlanta hearing, NAADAC President Tom Claunch said that NHTSA "is due a commendation for its quick, considerate and appropriate responsiveness to the overwhelming support by the alcoholism field, including NAADAC...for the inclusion of much-needed and vitally important treatment/rehabilitation in supplemental grant criteria."

"In ranking treatment/rehabilitation third in importance in the list of criteria, NHTSA has recognized that treatment and rehabilitation are an effective and necessary adjunct to any comprehensive effort against drunk driving," Claunch said.

The NAADAC President said that although treatment and rehabilitation "are not the answer to the drunk driving problem, (they) are unquestionably a proven effective part." For treatment and rehabilitation for drunk drivers to work, Claunch said, guidelines must be established for programs "deemed effective by established and recognized professionals and agencies within the alcoholism field." He added:

"Of particular importance, personnel in these programs must include experienced, professional and, where possible, Certified Alcoholism Counselors. Treatment/rehabilitation opportunity should include both the private and public sector networks with regard to financial and third-party payment considerations...."

"Where treatment/rehabilitation does not work, in a general sense, is where poor treatment is given. Most of the estimated 22,000 alcoholism/drug abuse counselors across the country, many of them NAADAC members, are dedicated to effective and continually improving treatment and rehabilitation."

NCA Board member Eugene McWilliams commended NHTSA for its high ranking of treatment/rehabilitation and said: "Treatment, when appropriately defined and administered, is the most effective approach to reducing recidivism and positively changing drinking patterns. The agency's recognition of this fact will help save the lives of both alcoholics and the potential victims of drunk driving."

At the same time, McWilliams praised the agency for expanding the definition of the basic grant criterion for mandatory sentences to include detention not only in jail but in in-patient alcoholism treatment programs as well. "The understanding of alcoholism as a disease to be treated will be crucial to reducing the tragedy on our nation's highways," he said.

The NCA Board member also urged that pre-sentence screening be included in the final supplemental criteria, testifying that "a mechanism is necessary to screen those convicted of drunk driving to enable incorporation of information gained from such screenings in the sentencing decision, and to allow the most appropriate referrals."

McWilliams proposed that NHTSA merge the treatment/rehabilitation and screening authority criteria into one, explaining: "The existence of one is so interrelated with the other that neither's goal can be successfully accomplished alone."

On other points, McWilliams said NCA fully supports the adoption of prevention and education programs, but said the "mission of such programs should be to impart the message that the responsible attitude toward alcohol and driving is that there is no safe limit for drinking and driving, and that the responsible, indeed, the legal decision by underage youth is to refrain from alcohol under all circumstances."

NCA suggested that in establishing the final criteria for supplemental grants, NHTSA weight the criteria according to the rank listed in the rulemaking notice, giving a point score in inverse order to their listing. Scores of 60 would be necessary for the first year of eligibility under the incentive grant program in order to qualify for the full supplemental grant, and 90 the second year. To retain eligibility in the third year, a state must have implemented the first eight criteria listed by NHTSA. These are:

- (1) establishment of 21 years as the minimum age for drinking any alcoholic beverages;
- (2) designation of a single state official as the coordinator of the alcohol highway safety program in the state;
- (3) rehabilitation and treatment programs for those arrested and convicted of alcohol-related offenses;
- (4) establishment of state and local task forces to increase awareness and more effectively apply drunk driving laws;
- (5) a statewide driver record system readily accessible to the courts and public;
- (6) establishment in each major political subdivision of a locally coordinated alcohol traffic safety program;
- (7) prevention and long-term education programs on drunk driving; and
- (8) authorization of courts to conduct screening of convicted drunk drivers.

Other field witnesses included Laura Bass, NCA-Albuquerque, NM; Robert Halford, Metro Atlanta Council on Alcohol and Drugs; and Bill Johnson, Director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Georgia Dept. of Human Resources.

NHTSA Administrator Raymond Peck, who presided at the Atlanta hearing, said the agency was anxious that the incentive grant funds be utilized by the states, commenting that "we would consider it a failure if at the end of the three-year period, we still had money in the bank."

At the same time, Peck said the agency was faced with the problem of resolving two major policy concerns--affording states maximum flexibility in devising comprehensive programs under the incentive grant effort, and following the clear Congressional intent to reward "substantial progress only" toward implementing effective programs.

The incentive grant program, enacted last fall (AR, Oct. 29), authorizes \$125 million over the next three years to spur states to establish comprehensive alcohol safety programs. A two-tiered grant system is provided--basic grants of up to 30 percent of a state's federal highway safety grant allotment (section 402) for satisfying four basic criteria, and supplemental grants of up to an additional 20 percent of the 402 apportionment for meeting criteria to be determined by NHTSA through public hearings and rulemaking.

NHTSA is scheduled to issue a final rule spelling out the implementation of the incentive grant program on Feb. 1, when the regulations for the basic criteria will become effective. The supplemental grant criteria, as determined by NHTSA, would not become effective until April 1. Congress reserved the right to veto the supplemental grant criteria regulations through a resolution of disapproval passed by either House or Senate before April 1.

The Johnson Institute (JI), a non-profit organization engaged in alcoholism and drug abuse education, research and treatment, purchased JSL Reports, publisher of The Alcoholism Report (AR), from its owner, Jay Lewis, on Jan. 1, JI President Peter Brock announced.

"The Johnson Institute is delighted to be acquiring The Alcoholism Report. Jay Lewis has over the last ten years developed a unique and enviable record for excellence, accuracy and objectivity," Brock said. "We will strive to maintain the current high standards since, in large part, the existing quality influenced the decision of the JI Board to embark on this venture."

Lewis, who became Director of the Public Policy Office of the National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) effective Jan. 1 (AR, Sept. 17), said: "I am pleased with the decision by the Johnson Institute to assume publication of The Alcoholism Report. I have the highest regard for the Institute with its national reputation for integrity, competence and capacity for good works. Peter Brock, whom I have known for the past decade, is one of the wisest individuals in the field at the national level. The Alcoholism Report is being left in the most capable of hands, and the information needs of the field will be served more effectively than ever through its new editor and publisher."

Brock named Christine Moore, an experienced Washington, DC, journalist/editor and former Congressional aide, to succeed Lewis as new editor of AR, effective with this edition. Stephen Stewart was designated business manager, a position he has held since coming to AR three years ago. Lewis will serve as a consultant to AR to facilitate the transition.

As a free-lance writer and editor, Moore's articles appeared in The Washington Post; The Miami Herald; Cosmopolitan Magazine; Network News, Inc.; Public Welfare and other publications. A 1971 journalism graduate of the University of Florida, she worked as a newspaper reporter covering government in Florida for The Palm Beach Post, Today, The Fort Lauderdale News and others. Moore's journalism honors include a 1973 Pulitzer Prize nomination in the community service category for an investigative series on employment agencies' abuses, a Today feature writing award in 1974, and a reporting award from the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors in 1974. She also received a Michael Halberstam Memorial Writing Scholarship from Washington Independent Writers in 1980.

In Congress, Moore worked as a press secretary to former U.S. Rep. Bob Eckhardt (D-TX), chairman of the House Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in the 96th Congress, and as a legislative aide and writer for Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) during the 94th Congress.

Stewart is a 1977 graduate of the University of Georgia. He directed the programs for membership and chapters for the Assn. of Labor-Management Administrators and Consultants on Alcoholism (ALMACA) from 1977-1980. He joined AR in 1980 as business manager.

Brock noted: "We are fortunate to have acquired the services of Christine Moore as Editor. Ms. Moore's background and demonstrated skills bode well for continuing the cogent, readable style which Mr. Lewis has always delivered. Mr. Stewart will continue the excellent work he has done for the past three years in servicing the subscribers, managing the office and producing the newsletter.

"We are grateful for Jay Lewis' commitment to serve as an advisor through a transition period, assuring continuation, under Ms. Moore and Mr. Stewart, of a valuable, impartial and informative publication."

Launched in 1972, AR will continue to be published in the same format, frequency of publication and scope of coverage under the auspices of the Johnson Institute.

The Gallup Organization has submitted a proposal to NIAAA for funds to conduct a national survey of recovering alcoholics later this year in cooperation with the National Council on Alcoholism and selected groups of Alcoholics Anonymous. Two thousand recovering alcoholics with a minimum of two or more years of sobriety, would be selected for the poll from volunteer and anonymous respondents through the use of standard Gallup methods to ensure proper demographics. A representative number of recovering alcoholics who do not attend A.A. meetings would also be included.

John A. McQuiggan, the Gallup project coordinator, said his organization is exploring all avenues for possible funding sources for the poll. "We are looking for funding from the government, corporations, foundations, individuals and alcoholism organizations," he said.

"The survey would be one of the most extensive and potentially revealing ever conducted by the Gallup Organization. It promises to be among the truly incisive and rewarding survey/research projects produced in response to America's number one health problem."

The study, titled "A National Survey of the Recovering Alcoholic in America," is intended to provide a guide for recovering alcoholics, their families and others significant in their lives. The Gallup Organization hopes the results will be useful in the prevention of alcoholism as well as in the recovery process, and benefit employers, unions and professionals in such fields as medicine, education, law and government in addition to alcoholism.

The survey will consist of 100 questions formulated by Gallup pollsters and a committee of seven to 10 experts from the alcoholism recovery community. Poll subjects will be asked about early behavior patterns and environment in childhood and pre-alcoholic years, the progression of drinking through the surrender experience, the initial recovery period, subsequent changes in behavior pattern and lifestyle, spiritual resolutions, and present and future needs to enhance maintenance and quality of recovery. The survey will include background questions on cultural factors and the history of drinking in the respondents' families, as well as individual medical/health problems.

Contact: John A. McQuiggan, Gallup Organization, 1702 Second Ave., New York, NY 10028; 212/722-8070.

HHS has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the New York State Health Department for activities designed to increase ghetto school children's understanding of problems related to alcohol and drug abuse, violence and early pregnancy. The target population consists of 30,000 children in New York City grade and junior high schools in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Harlem and Queens.

"Healthier habits among our children can make the difference between a lifetime of health and happiness or a lifetime clouded by illness and disability," HHS Secretary Richard S. Schweiker said in an announcement. "We know that many children develop health problems early in life that may later lead to chronic diseases, and we hope to prevent many of these problems through health promotion."

The grant was one of several awarded to states for innovative health promotion and disease prevention projects focusing on children. The funds are part of the 15 per cent set-aside of the maternal and child health block grant program by the Health Resources and Services Administration, one of the five agencies of the Public Health Service.

The Michigan Health Dept. received \$99,215 to devise methods to help children 9-12 years old develop a sense of personal responsibility for their own health care. Another \$100,000 went to the Connecticut Health Dept. for a joint effort with the Hartford Hispanic Council to prevent prenatal and child health problems among low-income Hispanic women and children through the use of midwives.

The National Coalition for Adequate Alcoholism Programs (NCAAP) is in the process of moving to the offices of the Alcohol and Drug Problems Assn. (ADPA) and expanding its services as a result of a new cooperative agreement between the two organizations. Throughout 1983 ADPA will provide the Coalition office and support services, with an emphasis on additional mailings and on facilitating increased sharing among member organizations. The Coalition's new address is: 1101 - 15th St., N.W., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20005. Its present phone number (202/293-2352) will remain the same and be in operation after the move is completed.

The NCAAP Steering Committee will meet Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. and a meeting of the full membership is set for Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at locations to be announced.

Dr. Steve Valle, president of the National Commission on Credentialing of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, has announced that he will be devoting himself full-time to the development of Valle Associates, Inc., consultants to alcoholism providers. Formerly vice president of treatment programs for American International Health Services, Valle will continue as a special consultant to the hospital management company, which operates alcoholism programs in several states. He can be contacted at Valle Associates, 183 N. Common St., Lynn, MA 01905.

The National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) is now accepting application requests from affiliates for its Prevention and Education Meritorious Awards. NCA will present the awards for its sixth year to two to four NCA affiliate programs, based on the quality of their applications, at the President's Luncheon of the Annual Forum in Houston April 14-17.

Criteria used to evaluate participating programs are: uniqueness, alcohol/specific program content, duration of program operation and ability of program to be distributed nationally. The deadline for submission is Feb. 25. Contact: Joanne Yurman, Director, Prevention and Education, National Council on Alcoholism, 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017; 212/986-4433.

Former U.S. Sen. Harold Hughes will be the featured speaker at a testimonial dinner being staged on Jan. 21 in Anaheim, CA by "Friends of Bob Scott," a group pushing the appointment of the alcoholism/drug treatment specialist as the state's new Director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The appointment is expected to be made by Governor-Elect Deukmejian or his newly-appointed Director of Health and Welfare, David Swoap.

"Friends of Bob Scott," which includes Leon Emerson of the Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism among others, has urged other Scott supporters to send a letter or telegram to Deukmejian in addition to attending the dinner to be held at the Sheraton Anaheim Hotel. Contact: Leon Emerson, Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism, 213/922-8642 or Nancy Dresbach at 714/752-5753.

"Bartending--More than Mixing Drinks" and "Employee Development in the Hospitality Industry" are courses being offered this year by the Division of Continuing Education in cooperation with the Dept. of Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The two-credit courses--designed for managers, owners, and employees of restaurants, taverns and bars--will be conducted by James E. Peters, health educator and restaurant consultant beginning Feb. 1.

The "Bartending" course will examine liquor liability laws, alcohol and its effect on driving, and marketing techniques for protecting against lawsuits while still maintaining profits.

"Employee Development" discusses various stresses unique to the industry with ways of improving employee productivity and morale. The course has an emphasis on an "industry occupational hazard, alcoholism," and methods of developing Employee Assistance Programs for troubled or problem employees. Contact: Division of Continuing Education, University Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; 413/545-3655.

The Alcohol and Drug Problems Assn. (ADPA) is sponsoring a National Conference on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programming for Colleges and Universities March 1-3 in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency-O'Hare.

"This will be an important opportunity for field professionals to work directly with a new community resource," said Eric Scharf, Assistant ADPA Director for Membership Services. According to Scharf, higher education officials have reported an increase in alcohol and drug abuse among college and university students with some schools claiming that as much as 80 percent of the vandalism on their campuses is alcohol-related.

The program will consist of plenary sessions and workshops covering such areas as: setting up campus education programs; intervention skills for faculty, students and staff; and enforcement and discipline of the student alcohol abuser. Contact: Eric Scharf, ADPA, 1101 15th St., N.W., #204, Washington, DC 20005; 202/452-0990.

The 29th International Institute on the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism will be held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, June 27-July 1, organized by the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, Lausanne, Switzerland. Preliminary programs can be obtained by writing: Francis C. Smithers, Deputy President, ICAA, PO Box 489, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

The Cambridge Hospital Dept. of Psychiatry will present its "Sixth Annual Alcoholism Symposium: Progress in Treatment Concepts" in Boston March 5. Harvard Medical School faculty participants include Drs. Margaret Bean, William Clark, Edward Khantzian, George Valliant and Norman Zinberg. Guest speaker will be LeClair Bissell, who will address the topic of special needs of special populations. Contact: Bonnie Cummins, Assistant Director, Continuing Education Division, Dept. of Psychiatry, The Cambridge Hospital, 1493 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02139; 617/864-6165.

Dr. Joyce Brothers is scheduled to keynote the ACCEPT '83 Conference on Education and Preventing Training to be held at Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, NJ, March 20-23. The conference will focus on developing alcohol/drug education and intervention strategies in schools, colleges and universities. Contact: National Council on Alcoholism of Ocean County, 528 River Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701; 201/367-5515.

The Bay Area Coalition on Alcohol Problems will host a conference on "Drinking Driving: Directions for the 80s" March 30-31 at the College of San Mateo, CA. The first day will focus on public policy and system issues; the second on DUI program provider skill development. Contact: John de Miranda, BAYCAP, c/o San Mateo County Alcohol Program, 225 West 37th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403; 415/573-3703.

A. L. Nellum & Associates has entered its second printing of "Program Standards for Alcoholism Treatment" and the companion, "Monitoring Protocol" (AR, Sept. 17). Developed under contract with NIAAA, these documents are available at cost to those placing pre-paid orders. The Standards are \$16.00, including postage and handling. The Monitoring Protocol is \$25. Checks should be mailed to: A. L. Nellum & Associates, 1990 M St., N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036; Attn: Standards Distribution.

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SECRETARIAL INITIATIVE ON TEENAGE ALCOHOL ABUSE

(Major Components)

- o A series of ten regional conferences on prevention and early intervention have been held across the country for school superintendents, principals, school board members, PTAs, and alcohol and drug abuse program personnel. Approximately 1,150 people have attended the conferences. Participants at these prevention conferences examined a variety of program models for educating youth about alcohol and drugs, including classroom education and teacher training and parent education. Technical assistance (primarily on school policy) will be provided, beginning January 1983, to local programs who will be selected based on established criteria. A product of these conferences is a Prevention Guide, "Prevention Plus: Involving Schools, Parents, and the Community in Alcohol and Drug Education," which will be printed early in 1983.
- o A series of 1-day conferences to help communities assess the need for and design comprehensive treatment services for youth will be held beginning the summer of 1983. The number of conferences has not yet been determined, although there will be 12 to 15.
- o A Secretarial Conference will be held March 26, 27 and 28 (a.m.), 1983, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, for young people working to combat drinking and driving.

The foci of the conference are to: 1) examine existing model efforts responsive to youth drinking and driving; 2) identify methods, mechanisms, opportunities and barriers in designing, initiating, implementing and maintaining such programs; and 3) establish a network in communities for sharing program information.

The 400 conference participants will be primarily composed of five students from one school district and their superintendent from each of the States. Selection of the school districts will be made by the State Departments of Education based on suggested selection criteria provided by the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. In addition, teams of students will be invited from the Department of Defense and the Bureau of Indian Affairs educational systems.

The students and others who have run successful programs against drinking and driving will conduct sessions at the conference. The Department of Transportation, which also is cooperating with the Secretary's conference, will run a workshop on the use of safety belts.

- o A number of agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services have been directed by Secretary Schweiker to identify activities in research, education and prevention designed to curb teenage alcohol abuse. In addition, the Secretaries of Education, Agriculture and Transportation have been asked by Secretary Schweiker to participate in this national effort. Also, Secretary Schweiker was involved in the "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week," December 12-18, 1982.

- o Communication with the World Health Organization (WHO) has been established to develop a collaborative relationship around the issue of teenage alcohol abuse. The United States has reaffirmed to WHO support for certain of its efforts related to alcohol problems among teenagers.
- o A study is being undertaken to examine the medical and development consequences of youthful alcohol consumption for possible inclusion in a Surgeon General's Advisory to the medical community, parents and teenagers.
- o Finally, the President requested and the Congress approved, in the Continuing Resolution providing funds for the Programs of the Institute, a substantial increase in the amount of funds available for Federal research on alcohol abuse and alcoholism in 1983. A portion of these funds will be used for high-quality research projects focused on youth.



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The Honorable Carlton Turner
Director
Drug Abuse Policy Office
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. ~~Turner~~ ^{Carlton} Turner:

It has been brought to my attention by Mr. Loran Archer that at the December 8 meeting of the Oversight Advisory Group, you again expressed concern about the focus of Secretary Schweiker's Initiative on Teenage Alcohol Abuse. Specifically, I understand that you have suggested that insufficient attention is directed to drugs other than alcohol in the implementation of the activities within the scope of the Initiative.

I would like to reiterate that the Secretary has stated explicitly that although alcohol is the primary focus of the Initiative, each of the conference-related components will address both alcohol and other drug-related prevention and treatment issues. For example, the ten regional conferences on prevention and early intervention which were held recently examined a variety of program models for educating youth about alcohol and drugs, including classroom education, teacher training and parent education.

The series of 1-day regional conferences on treatment which will be held beginning in the summer of 1983 will be designed to help communities assess the need for and design comprehensive treatment services for youth, including both alcohol and drugs.

At the Secretary's Conference for Youth on Drinking and Driving, scheduled for March 26-28, 1983, a range of programs will be presented which have been tried across the country to combat drunk driving. The emphases within each program vary as to the amount of attention given to alcohol, drug and other social and emotional problems of youth. Since the primary focus of this conference is on driving-related problems and concerns, factors which affect the drinking behavior and accident rates of youth will be addressed.

Both formal and informal meetings have been held among staff of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and public and private groups to solicit advice and guidance for each of the upcoming activities. Representatives from parent groups, national alcohol and drug organizations and students, themselves, have and will continue to be involved on an on-going basis. And, among Federal programs, NIDA as well as your own staff have been routinely involved and informed of the plans for the Initiative.

Sincerely yours,

William Mayer, M.D.
Administrator



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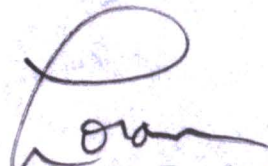
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NOTE TO DONNA KNIGHT:

I strongly support Mrs. Dian Collins' request that President Reagan write a letter of commendation to her husband, Joseph L. Collins.

Joe Collins was a key figure in the development of a statewide system of recovery homes for alcoholics, which served as a more effective and less costly alternative to the services provided through the State mental hospital. This enabled then Governor Reagan to transfer funds from the high-cost treatment services provided by the State hospital to more cost-effective community alcoholism programs, thus increasing the State's capacity to provide treatment for alcoholic persons.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.


Loran D. Archer

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR EDWIN MEESE, III
FROM: EDWIN L. HARPER *ELH*
SUBJECT: ADAMHA Reorganization

By the attached memorandum you'll see that Carlton Turner has proposed to OMB that the Administrative unit to which the three institutes relating to drugs be abolished. Right now the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Mental Health report to ADAMHA.

Turner suggests that instead they report directly to an Assistant Secretary for Health. How would you like us to handle this issue:

- 1) Handle it between HHS, OMB and Carlton Turner.
- 2) Put it in the Cabinet Council on Human Resources.
- 3) Put it in the Cabinet Council on Legal Policy.
- 4) Other _____.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1985

Dear Mac:

Why do we constantly have to deal with these old, old issues?

The government does not have a "state of art" treatment. I believe the money can be expanded in a better way as the grant system seems to be askew.

Why do we still believe people who are addicted to alcohol, marijuana and pills are really not addicted?

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

Dr. Ian Macdonald, Administrator
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental
Health Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1985

Dear Mac:

In my conversation with Deputy Prime Minister Curl Thompson of Belize, I offered our assistance in helping him develop a drug prevention program.

Also, I agreed to stop by Belize on my trip to Panama in early March. It seems that Bill Pollin will be on the same trip to Panama. It would be desirable for Bill to contact Assistant Secretary Jon Thomas at the Department of State and see if he can be of help to us in Belize.

Mac, they will begin spraying cannabis in the near future and need our help. As for me, I am out front, and will appear on Belize's counter to "Face the Nation."

Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
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for Drug Abuse Policy

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Dear Bud:

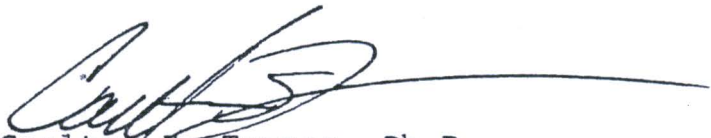
I want to express my appreciation for the good work being done in the area of drug and alcohol abuse education. It is important that we keep high visibility on the prevention efforts and promote a "drug free" environment wherever possible.

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Thank you for your continued support and assistance in the President's overall campaign against drug abuse. I look forward to seeing you on April 23 with Peter Brock and Christine Moore of Alcoholism at the White House Press Correspondents dinner.

If I may be of any assistance or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President

Dr. William Mayer
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1982

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Dear ~~Dr.~~ Mayer:

Enclosed is a copy of the film, "Just Along for the Ride" which was made for use by the White House and has been copied with the permission of Darrell Coover of the National Association of Independent Insurers (NAII). This film is to be viewed with the understanding that no parts of it are to be copied for commercial or television use, but used solely by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

For your information, the final product may have minor alterations.

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Director
Drug Abuse Policy Office

Dr. William Mayer
Administrator, ADAMHA
Parklawn Building, Room 12-105
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

cc: Darrell Coover



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NOTE TO JENIFER NELSON

John Keller asked me to send this blank cassette on which to duplicate the new NAII film, "Just Along for the Ride," a copy of which is in your office. Dr. Mayer can then view the film here.

Please send the cassette back to:

Mildred Lehman
Room 12 C-15
ADAMHA
5600 Fishers Lane (Parklawn Building)
Rockville, Maryland 20857

I believe you have a messenger service that stops at this building. Please put our phone number on the package: 443-3783.

With thanks,


Mildred Lehman

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**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
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July 16, 1985

NOTE TO CARLTON E. TURNER, Ph.D.

Dear Carlton:

I am enthusiastic about our trip to the Bahamas. The list of participants in that meeting which you outlined to include Nils Noya, M.D., Raul Jeri, M.D. and others is excellent. ADAMHA and I will indeed support you in the effort.

Donald Ian Macdonald, M.D.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1985

Dear ~~Dr. Jaffe~~:

Welcome to NIDA. You will soon discover that I rely heavily on the many talents of the Institute.

One example is the attached letter from Dr. Luis Roberto Ocon' Rocha. While I do not read Spanish, the letter appears to be about inhalant abuse and other drug abuse. Would you ask someone to translate the letter and prepare a draft response for my signature. Thanks for your assistance.

Again, welcome aboard and I look forward to a close working relationship during your tenure at NIDA.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

Dr. Jerome Jaffe
Acting Director
National Institute on Drug Abuse
5600 Fishers Lane
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Dr. Luis Roberto Ocoñ Rocha.
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Valle del Camestres
León, Cto. 37150
MEXICO

tel. 7-27-87

13 MAY 1985

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Mr. CARTON TURNER
White House
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.-

Señor Turner:

Ante todo disculparme por quitarle tiempo, pero me entere por los periodicos de mi pais, que usted tiene relacion con la lucha que se lleva a cabo contra la FARMACODPENDENCIA en su pais, aqui en esta ciudad me ha tocado formar parte de un comite Local contra la "Farmacodpendencia y delincuencia", como medico Psiquiatra que soy interesado en los problemas de la drogadiccion y sus graves consecuencias, aqui en esta ciudad el problema que tenemos es el de los niños y jovenes inhaladores de thiner; resis tol, cemento, menor proporcion marijuana, ruego a usted muy atenta mente de ser posible me envia informacion, como enfrentan ustedes ese grave problema de salud, al que realmente todos nos enfrenta mos.

Agradeciendole la atencion a mi peticion, dicha informacion me la puede enviar en ingles.

Atentamente

Dr. Luis Roberto Ocoñ Rocha.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1985


Dear Dr. Jaffe:

For your information, enclosed is a letter from Jose E. Valdes forwarding a copy of his script, "The White Killer." Please respond as you deem necessary and send me a copy of your response.

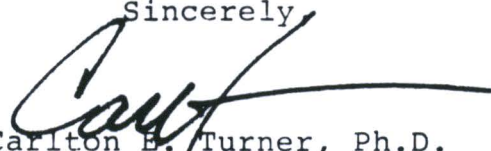
More and more attention is being focused on drug abuse, attitudes, and trends. Therefore, please compile and furnish copies of every survey since 1982 which contain related data. In addition to those sponsored by the government, include those sponsored by non-governmental organizations, for example Roper, Gallup, Who's Who, Weekly Reader, etc.

I would appreciate receiving these surveys by June 1, 1985. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Thanks for all your help.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,


Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

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April 26, 1985

Mrs. Abigail Jenkins - Healy
Liaison for Alcohol Issues
Drug Abuse Policy Office
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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Forward to
NIDA for review
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Dear Mrs. Jenkins - Healy:

I'd like to thank you for your vested interest in my script speaking out against ~~cocaine abuse~~.

As I said in my primary letter, this script is unique because it was written by a teenager; a very talented eighteen year old writer and actor. It speaks to teenagers on their level, and in terms they can comprehend and accept.

Before submitting this script to you, I asked for many critical opinions on it. Some people feel that I'm substituting one evil with another, with the appearance of drinking.

My responses to these arguments are: First, that the people who say this are not the target audience age, and therefore don't understand their mentality. For, I also asked many teenagers to comment on it and they were sincerely moved. Secondly, I feel that if you give a pre-teen or teenage child a series of "don'ts", they will reject them all; whereas if you give them one "don't" at a time, they're more apt to accept it. Thirdly, to say that I condone alcoholism is ludicrous. I lost a girlfriend to a drunk driver, therefore the problem is close to me. I'm also in the process of writing a script against alcoholism and drunk driving, but I feel that one was more important to air at the moment.

If in fact you feel the script needs any changes, I am more than willing to make rewrites.

Again, thank you for your interest and I hope you can help me in helping others.

Respectfully Yours,
Jose E. Valdes
Jose E. Valdes