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MINUTES - CENTER PLANNING COMMITTEE - MARCH 7

The 5th meeting of the Center Planning Committee was held at the Easter Seal Center on March 7 at 10:00. Committee chairperson Lex Frieden opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone. Mr. Frieden reported that the revised Interim Report was sent out to members of the committee as well as to the city council members. Also solicitation for written support letters were sent to 25 foundations and 25 corporations. At this time Dr. Spencer is indisposed and so Mr. Sklan will take over the chairmanship of the Legal sub-committee.

Mr. Kafka reported on the Program sub-committee. The committee has broken the programs into three categories. Agencies (D.H.R., T.R.C., and S.C.B.), Organizations (Lighthouse, T.I.R.R., T.R.I.M.S.), Community Service (I&R, Parks and Recreation, Wheelchair basketball). According to the committee the priority of programs follows this order. Employment, Attendant referral and housing, Health Maintenance Needs, Repair program and Education. This committee will approach the kinds of programs that may be housed in the center, to ask for their level of interest.

Mr. Frieden reported for the Budget sub-committee chairperson, Don Rossi, who could not make it. Three tasks were identified. 1) A proposal should be written for $75,000 to be offered to a corporation for an Executive Director and staff. 2) A budget needs to be projected. 3) Suggestions of prominent community figures are needed to ask for support such as Cullen and Abercromby. A suggestion was made that the budget committee look into a company that will solicit funds for the center on a contract basis.

Mr. Weidemann reported that the Site Selection sub-committee met and has some sites to recommend. They feel the site must be 3½ to 4 acres within the 610 loop.

A. Near Alizean Gale and Hamlin there are eight acres at 1110 sq. ft.
B. At the 2500 block of Benington in the fifth ward are eight acres at 34¢ sq. ft. ($116,000.00)

C. There are five acres on Cullen between Tuam and Drew, at 2.00 sq. ft. (522,000.00)

D. At the corner of S. Main and O.S.T. there is a four acrew tract owned by Tenneco. They are asking 4.00 sq. ft. but we might make an offer of 3.65 with a deal.

E. There is a Rotary Boys Club that is 18,400 sq. ft. for 795,000.00

F. The old Jefferson Davis Hospital is for sale at 43,000.00 (this price is questionable).

G. Plaza del Oro at the corner of O.S.T. and N. Stadium Dr. there is five and 1/2 acres at 3.50 sq. ft. (829,000.00)

It was suggested that the sub-committee look into the Autrey Park. Although it is only two acres it could be built-up.

Mr. Weidemann asked the committee for the authority to give the real estate agent that presents the land the exclusive right to sell the land to the center. It was decided that a corporation was needed before this could be done.

Following a recommendation by the full committee to pursue investigation of the UH site, Mr. Frieden announced that public hearings on the CD plan would be held at City Hall on March 20 and 21. Everyone was urged to attend and testify.

The next planning committee was scheduled for May 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Easter Seals.

AGENDA

I. Opening Remarks - Lex Frieden, Chairperson

A. Review of progress on sub-committees

B. Review of interim report

II. Discussion of Funding Option for the Center for the Handicapped
Lynn Borker

III. Discussion of Administrative and Organizational Alternatives for the Center for the Handicapped

IV. Conclusion - Lex Frieden, Chairperson

Records: States are required to maintain such records as are necessary to enable them to fulfill the reporting requirements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Account Identification: 75-8006-0-7-601; 75-8007-0-7-601.

Obligations: (Grants) FY 77 $92,332,000; FY 78 est $97,872,000; and FY 79 est $103,744,000.

Range and Average of Financial Assistance: $25,000 to $9,204,340; $500,000.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In fiscal year 1977, 133,877 disability beneficiaries were on active caseload with 11,995 rehabilitated in fiscal year 1977. An estimated 135,000 disability beneficiaries are on active caseload with 12,000 estimated beneficiaries to be rehabilitated in fiscal year 1978. In fiscal year 1979 an estimated 136,000 disabled beneficiaries will be served and 12,000 rehabilitated.

REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: 34 CFR 1474.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Regional or Local Office: Regional Office, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. (See appendix of catalog for selected addresses and telephone numbers of HEW regional offices.)

Headquarters Office: Director, Office of Special Programs, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Administration on Handicapped Individuals, Office of Human Development Services, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 245-0150.

RELATED PROGRAMS: 13.624, Rehabilitation Services and Facilities-Basic Support; 13.626, Rehabilitation Services and Facilities–Special Projects.

13.626 REHABILITATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES–SPECIAL PROJECTS

(Rehabilitation Services Projects)

FEDERAL AGENCY: OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

AUTHORIZATION: Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, Sections 112, 120, 301(b)(c), 302(b) (c), 304(b) (2), 304(b)(3), 304(c)(d), 304(e) 305, Public Law 94-230 (1976); 29 U.S.C. 701.

OBJECTIVES: To provide funds to State vocational rehabilitation agencies and public or nonprofit organizations for projects and demonstrations which hold promise of expanding and otherwise improving services for the mentally and physically handicapped over and above those provided by the Basic Support Program Administered by states.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants (Contracts).

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Client assistance, projects with industry, training services, facilities improvement, technical assistance severely disabled, and migrant workers: Grants must substantially contribute to solution of vocational rehabilitation problems common to the total physically and mentally handicapped population. For example: Projects to prepare handicapped individuals for gainful employment in the competitive labor market; payment to cover cost of planning, preparing, and initiating services for the handicapped; cost of recruiting and training individuals for new career opportunities for the handicapped in the fields of rehabilitation, health, welfare, safety, and law enforcement; technical assistance to states in developing programs to fit these criteria. Staffing of facilities: Grants must assure that the facility constructed will be used as a public nonprofit rehabilitation facility for at least 20 years; meets the standards of safety for rehabilitation facilities and specifications established by HEW and the State; and that labor costs, etc., meet HEW and State regulations. Facility improvement: Funds may be awarded when HEW is assured that the purpose of the project is to prepare the handicapped for gainful employment. Funds may be used to analyze, improve, and increase professional services staff, and to provide technical assistance to rehabilitation facilities through the purchase of services of experts and others including per diem, travel expenses, etc. JOINT FUNDING: This program is considered suitable for joint funding with closely related Federal financial assistance programs in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-111. For programs that are not identified as suitable for joint funding, the applicant may consult the headquarters or field office of the appropriate funding agency for further information on statutory or other restrictions involved.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Projects with industry-employers and other organizations, and all other public or private nonprofit institutions or organizations. Grants cannot be made directly to individuals.

Beneficiary Eligibility: Physically, mentally, or emotionally handicapped persons, with emphasis on those with the most severe disabilities.

Credentials/Documentation: Costs will be determined in accordance with FMC 74-4 for State and local governments.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

Preapplication Coordination: Applications must be approved by the State vocational rehabilitation agency before submission to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Regional Office. The standard application forms (HEW-608T) as furnished by the Federal agency and required by OMB Circular No. A-102 must be used for this program. Applications are subject to State and areawide clearinghouses review pursuant to procedures in Part I, Attachment A of OMB Circular No. A-95 (revised).

Application Procedure: State vocational rehabilitation agency approved applications should be submitted to the Office of Human Development Regional Office for project grants or, in certain cases to: Director Division of Grants and Contracts, Office of Human Development, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Room 1427, 330 C St., S.W., Washington, DC 20201. This program is subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-110 and A-102.

Award Procedure: Awards are made on approval of the Director, Office of Rehabilitation Services in the Regional office or the Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration for Central office grants. Notification of awards must be made to the designated State Central Information Reception Agency in accordance with Treasury Circular 1082.

Deadlines: Applications must be received by dates announced in Federal Register, to be considered for funding within that fiscal year.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: 45 to 60 days.

Appeals: No formal procedures.

Renewals: Project may be continued based on annual review of accomplishments. Renewals are available through the regular new application process.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

Formula and Matching Requirements: Matching rate is determined by the type of project funded. Projects with industry and new career opportunities which have no set matching requirement and are open to negotiation, training, services, and expansion grants have an initial maximum 90 percent Federal share with the expectation of increased grantee participation; initial staffing grants have a 75 percent Federal matching for the first 15 months; 60 percent Federal, second 12 months; 45 percent Federal, third 12 months; 30 percent Federal, fourth 12 months. Facility improvement grants have an 80 percent matching requirement.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Projects for expansion, training services and facility improvement are for a maximum of 3 years. Initial staffing is 51 months.

POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Reports: Annual fiscal reports are required, and progress reports must be submitted as prescribed by grant award specification.

Audits: Audits are made by HEW audit agency.

Records: Fiscal records must be maintained for the periods of time specified in the grants award.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Account Identification: 75-1636-0-1-500.

Obligations: (Grants) FY 77 $29,291,000; FY 78 est $30,053,000; and FY 79 est $29,830,000.

Range and Average of Financial Assistance: Variable.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Rehabilitation services projects because they support basic State grant programs are essential to the overall program accomplishment of the rehabilitation services and facilities programs. In fiscal year 1977, 1,740,000 persons received services, and 291,202 were rehabilitated. Estimates for fiscal year 1978 indicate that 1,545,000 persons will receive services and approximately 283,000 persons will be rehabilitated. In addition, the rehabilitation services projects are being directed toward rehabilitation of the severely handicapped and the disabled public. It is estimated that 1,720,000 persons will receive services in fiscal year 1979, and it is estimated that 277,000 persons will be rehabilitated in fiscal year 1979.

REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: Regulations-Federal Register, November 25, 1975. Specific guidelines and literature may be obtained from the OHD Regional Offices or the headquarters offices.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Regional or Local Office: State Vocational Rehabilitation Offices or the RSA Regional Offices (see appendix for list of regional offices).

Headquarters Office: Director, Division of Project Grants and Contract Management, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Human Development Services, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: (202) 245-0474.

RELATED PROGRAMS: 13.624, Rehabilitation Services and Facilities-Basic Support; 13.625, Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Social Security Disability Beneficiaries; 13.807, Supplemental Security Income.

13.627 REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATIONS

(Rehabilitation Research)

FEDERAL AGENCY: OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

AUTHORIZATION: Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 202 of Public Law 93-112; Public Law 94-230 (1976); 29 U.S.C. 701.

OBJECTIVES: To discover, test, demonstrate, and promote utilization of information on new concepts and devices which will improve rehabilitation services to handicapped individuals.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants; Research Contracts.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Grants and contracts are awarded for innovative research and demonstrations of regional and national significance that are responsive to Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) program priorities. All applications must meet standard of excellence in research or evaluation design. JOINT FUNDING: This program is considered suitable for joint funding with closely related Federal financial assistance programs in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-111. For programs that are not identified as suitable for joint funding, the applicant may consult the headquarters or field office of the appropriate funding agency for further information on statutory or other restrictions involved.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: Grants and contracts may be made to states and nonprofit organizations. Grants cannot be made directly to individuals.

Beneficiary Eligibility: The mentally and physically handicapped.

Credentials/Documentation: Applicants should present written evidence of other agencies' willingness to cooperate when the project involves their cooperation or the utilization of their facilities or services. Costs will be determined in accordance with FMC 74-4 for State and local governments. Proof of nonprofit status.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

Preapplication Coordination: The RSA research and evaluation strategy for each fiscal year is publicized through central and regional office meetings, "Federal Register," issuance of grant guidelines and requests for proposals, and other appropriate means. Some funds are reserved for creative, unsolicited proposals. Applicants should maintain contact with Regional Research and Demonstration Specialists (see appendix). Projects involving direct services to handicapped individuals must be approved by the appropriate State vocational rehabilitation agency. The standard application forms as furnished by the Federal agency and required by OMB Circular No. A-102 must be used by this program.

Application Procedure: Application forms are submitted to Director, Division of Grants and Contracts Management, RSA, HEW, Room 1427, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20201. This program is subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-110, and A-102.

Award Procedure: Official notice of approved applications is made through issuance of a Notice of Grant Awarded. Grants are awarded by the Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Deadlines: Established when grants and contracts are solicited by Grant Guidelines and Requests for Proposals. Unsolicited applications may be submitted any time.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Range from 30 to 365 days. Generally solicited grants and contracts will be acted upon within 60 days.

Appeals: No formal appeals procedures. If an application is disapproved, the reasons for disapproval will be fully stated. In the case of unsolicited proposals, applicants are free to resubmit applications with attention to the changes suggested by the reasons for disapproval.

Renewals: Extensions and renewals are available if formally applied for and approved. In most cases, renewals must compete with new applications on the basis of program relevance as well as standard requirements for excellence in design. If an application is recommended for approval for 2 or more years, the grantee or contractor must submit each year a formal request for continuation accompanied by a progress report which will be evaluated prior to a recommendation of continuation.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

Formula and Matching Requirements: Grantees are required to share in the cost of projects. The average cost sharing is 10 percent of total project costs.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Funds are granted on a 12-month basis, with support beyond the first year contingent upon acceptable evidence of satisfactory progress, continuing program relevance, and availability of funds. Projects may be extended for a maximum of 5 years.

POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Reports: Annual reports of progress and annual expenditures are required on all projects. Comprehensive final reports are due 90 days after the end of the project.

Audits: All fiscal transactions identifiable to Federal financial assistance are subject to audit by HEW audit agency.

Records: Proper accounting records, identifiable by grant or contract number and including all receipts and expenditures, must be maintained for 3 years. Subsequent to audit, they must be maintained until all questions are resolved.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Account Identification: 75-1636-0-1-500.

Obligations: (Grants and research contracts) FY 77 $28,944,000; FY 78 est $31,500,000; and FY 79 est $31,500,000.

PROPOSAL FOR A HOUSTON CENTER FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING

Prepared by the Coalition
for Barrier Free Living

CENTER FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare estimates that one out of every eleven Americans has a substantial degree of mobility impairment due to physical or mental handicaps. U.S. Census figures for 1970 indicated that over 96,000 persons residing within Harris County and between the ages of 16 and 60 were classified as totally disabled.

This large population suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates of any job-ready group in the United States. Because current forms of mass transit (except the new and extremely limited PICK-ME-UP bus service) are inaccessible to severely handicapped people, a chronic lack of transport has helped create the high rate of joblessness. Social attitudes and physical barriers combine with lack of transport and unemployment to raise formidable obstacles for substantially handicapped people who hope to live in mainstream Houston society.

While there are a number of institutions and groups dealing with various aspects of this situation, there is no facility or agency that integrates social, psychological, legal, financial, and transport services for disabled people. There are no recreational centers in Houston designed for the disabled, no public pools in which they can swim, and no accessible public social center in which they can congregate.

In addition, we believe that the people who understand best the needs of the disabled are disabled people themselves. This proposed center, through a board of directors in which disabled people are in the majority, will be run by and for disabled people-the physically disabled, the deaf, and the blind. On the following pages we will detail proposed building features, services, preferred locations, and management arrangements for a center to serve the needs of the disabled citizens of Houston.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Attendant Referral and Training
   At present handicapped persons in Houston have no such resource for obtaining the services of qualified attendants. This will be a referral service that will match experienced and competant attendants with disabled persons who require this service in order to lead independent lives. This service will also include interpreter training and a referral center for the deaf.

2. Social Functions
   This facility will be available for meetings, social affairs, or recreation. One important aspect of the center would be its role as a social focus for the Houston handicapped community. Included will be special play facilities for children.

3. Financial Advocacy
   Counselors would provide information to disabled people concerning local, state, federal and private financial programs. This will also include counseling concerning public assistance programs for medical care. For example, medicaid.

4. Legal Advocacy
   Free legal aid and counseling concerning legislation in the areas of equal employment, the right to an appropriate education and the removal of architectural barriers. The director of such a program could be either a lawyer or a trained organizer who would organize volunteer legal services. Another alternative would be to have an existing legal advocacy program establish an office at the center dealing exclusively in legal counseling for the disabled. Special efforts will be made to secure medical and automoblie insurance for disabled persons.

5. Peer Counseling
   Counselors with the experience of living with a disability counsel other disabled persons. Discussions and consciousness raising groups allow disabled people, their mates and relatives to share experiences and discuss problems.

6. Health Maintenance
   Classes and peer groups emphasize personal health care. Preventive medicine has a high priority for disabled people because of their vulnerability to skin, respiratory infection, bowel and bladder complications. Babysitting classes to teach people how to care for handicapped children. Physician referral dealing with problems unique to different disabilities.

7. Vocational Sign Classes
   To assist professionals (lawyers, doctors) in communicating with the deaf community by conducting sign classes dealing specifically with practices and techniques unique to their profession.

8. Continuing Education for M.D.'s
   Classes would be conducted by T.I.R.R. or Baylor College of Medicine staff aimed at providing continuing education for area physicians on the most

recent developments in medical care for the disabled.

9. Housing
Free apartment and real estate locator service to assist in pinpointing accessible housing. This would include locator services for the deaf and the blind. For example, a light for the doorbell and a seeing-eye dog.

10. Transportation Services
Although this service could have almost unlimited possibilities (Berkeley Center for Independent Living has a van fleet) initially it will be a service to bring center activity participants to and from their places of work and residence. A van with a wheelchair lift and a simple two-way dispatching system could be the first aquisition.

11. Home Modification
Architectural assistance will be provided for disabled people in order to make their homes more accessible. For example, bathroom specifications.

12. Daycare Facility
A program to provide daycare for handicapped children and the children of handicapped parents. This facility will also be provided for the deaf and the blind.

13. Equipment Repair Classes
An instructor will teach disabled persons how to maintain their equipment and make minor repairs. A repair service could also be run from the center. This could include hearing aid and TTY repairs.

14. Job Bank
This will be an employment center where their are current job openings that will be matched with disabled persons.

15. Public Education Consciousness
This will include a resource library, a media collection and a speakers bureau designed to educate the general public on the rights of the handicapped and the advantages of mainstreaming the disabled into society.

16. Computer Terminal
The participants would operate this computer terminal like a television set. There would be an educational component and a recreational one. By interacting with the computer handicapped individuals could take courses in algebra, accounting,etc. or play computer games such as ping-pong.

PROPOSED BUILDING FEATURES

1. Recreational Facilities

Gymnasium

A. Swimming pool with lift and ramping
B. Basketball court (full length for wheelchair basketball, one of the most popular wheelchair team games.)
C. Self supervised physical therapy area with equipment.
D. Bowling alley, utilizing donated equipment and lanes.
E. Locker Rooms for wheelchairs

Outdoor Recreational Area

A. A play area for disabled children featu ring playground equipment designed for handicapped use.
B. Picnic area featuring tables high enough for wheelchairs to roll under and grills for cooking.
C. Outdoor track area for wheelchair track events.

Indoor Games Room

A games room to be fitted with computer games modified for use by severely handicapped persons.

2. Office Space

A. Six medium size offices for center director, CBFL, Freewheeling (with adjoining darkroom), and programs to be run out of the center.

3. Classrooms and meeting rooms.

A. At least four large classrooms which can be subdivided into smaller work and study areas by the use of sliding partitions.
B. A large room to be fitted out as a library-study area for center workers and participants.
C. A snack bar area outfitted with cafeteria tables. This should be adjacent to the kitchen area.

4. Auditorium

A 500 seat auditorium with sloping floor leading down to an accessible stage. A combination of fixed seating, temporary chairs, and open spaces for wheelchair occupancy should be built into the design. This facility will be used for concerts, movies, large meetings, and conventions. It, like many of the other features of this center, have never been available in Houston before.

5. Kitchen area- A totally accessible kitchen area with cooking, storage, and refrigeration equipment designed for use by the disabled.

6. Model living areas for use in programs to teach newly disabled persons to live in independent settings. (Optional)
Since the center already contains a totally accessible kitchen, these model living areas would consist of two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and perhaps a joint living room in a suite type arrangement. The living area would feature the most innovative furnishings and designs in barrier free living.

7. Equipment Repair Facilities

A. A self-service equipment room for repair of wheelchairs and other equipment. It would also be a service program area where disabled people could learn to work on their wheelchairs and other equipment. An instructor could make more complicated repairs on a cost-only basis.

B. Van Repair- This service, which would include classes in van and lift maintenance as well as repair, would be housed in a garage facility.

8. Garage

This facility could be built in stages. Initially it should include space for storage of two vans and work areas to accomodate at least two other vans. The design should also allow for substantial future expansion.

9. Covered Parking- This could be built into the facility design in a number of ways. It is a high priority for disabled persons who are exposed to the elements for substantial amounts of time while entering or leaving a vehicle.

PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS- HOUSTON CENTER FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING

The Houston Center for Barrier Free Living will be operated by a Board of Directors to consist of 11 individuals.

The Coalition for Barrier Free Living will appoint 6 members to this board who will meet the following criteria.

1. Active membership in the CBFL
2. Two appointees must be orthopedically impaired
3. One appointee must be visually impaired
4. One appointee must be hearing impaired

The other 5 board members will be selected from other community organizations who have provided services to the handicapped. They will be selected from the following groups:

1. Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
2. Goodwill Industries
3. Easter Seals
4. United Cerebral Palsy
5. Lighthouse for the Blind
6. MH-MR
7. HARC
8. Muscular Dystrophy Society
9. Multiple Sclerosis
10. HCCR
11. HARA

The Board of Directors will be the body which determines all policies concerning the creation and operation of the Houston Center for Barrier Free Living. Each board member will serve for a term of one year. At least six members of the board must be physically disabled.

CENTER LOCATION

Preferred Location

The preferred center location is in an area bounded by Montrose- Bagby-West Gray-West Alabama. This location is located in a developing area just southwest of the downtown area. It is a central location highly accessible to the downtown area, the agency complex along West Dallas serving the handicapped, the Medical Center, the T.I.R.R. annex on Drew Street, and other facilities serving the disabled.

Land values in this area are estimated by local realtors in the $8-$10 a square foot range.

Alternate Locations

A. West Dallas near Shepherd - This location is near the complex of agencies serving the handicapped, including Easter Seals, Lighthouse for the Blind, Harris County Center for the Retarded, etc. This area would provide a central location similar to the preferred location. One drawback is that it would contribute to a "ghettoization" effect of clustering services for disabled people.

B. MacGregor in a strip from the Hermann Park area to the University of Houston. This location is near the Medical center, near UH, and offers a physically attractive setting along the bayou.

C. The Binz area just south of downtown and north of Hermann Park. This area is near downtown, the medical center, and with easy access to major freeways. Land values are also relatively inexpensive, with estimates running $4-$6 per square foot.

COST AND SPACE ESTIMATES

Cost Estimate - A tentative estimate for this facility would be in the $3.5-$4 million dollar range.

Land Estimate- 150,000-200,000 square feet.

Building Space - 40,000- 60,000 square feet.

OPERATIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

The following sources will be utilized in securing operating funds, program sponsors, and program management:

Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
Easter Seals
Goodwill Industries
Texas Rehabilitation Commission
Foundation grants
Paralyzed Veterans Association
U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
LEAA monies
National Association of the Deaf
Texas State Commission for the Blind
Urban Mass Transit Authority
City of Houston

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The Center Planning Committee met on May 2, 1979. Lex Frieden opened the meeting at 10:00. He reviewed the letters of support and the Hearings held with City Council in March. There was much concern over the poor attendance on the parts of both Coalition members and members of the Council.

Twenty-five letters to corporations and 25 to foundations were sent out. Fifteen corporations said they would support the center as well as five foundations.

If the city builds the center then private organizations can not contribute, if the Coalition builds it we will have to provide administrative costs. The conflict seems to be that we can not mingle public funds with private funds.

Mark Sclan reported for the Legal Sub-committee. He is setting up a non-profit corporation exempt from local, state and federal taxes. He has drafted articles of incorporation entitled "Articles of Incorporation: Houston multi-service center for Handicapped persons". Further work by the Legal sub-committee depends largely on who owns the center, but to attain the tax exempt status, by-laws must be written. This sub-committee will work on them.

The Budget Sub-committee has put together a grant proposal for financing an Executive Director and Staff Support. Once

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it has been decided who will own the center the committee will have a much better idea of what other monies are needed.

Bob Kafka reported for the Program sub-committee. They have sent out forty letters for potential usage of space and requesting support. They have recieved ten replies and are meeting with agencies such as T.R.C., D.H.R., and H.I.S.D..

The site selection committee has done all that is possible at this point. Dr. Santos from Rice has been looking at the suggested sites.

The next meeting will be to discuss the Articles of Incorporation and the city's decision. This should be early in June.

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To proposed:

V W Steen — Refine management idea

V W MAB — Outline prospective budget

MAB Steen — Discuss operation and maintenance

MAB — Revise and elaborate list → funding sources

Peter — Site report

Carol — Get plans of Santos

— copy of from Mendocino Funding guide

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO:

PROPOSAL FOR A HOUSTON CENTER FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING

Under "STATEMENT OF NEED:"

ADD AT END OF THIRD PARAGRAPH:
The U. S. Census figures cited above substantiate a need for a remedy to this situation.

Under "PROPOSED COMMUNITY SERVICES"

Should indicate the status of each service proposed, i.e., non-existent, exists but is very limited, exists but should be centralized, etc. This is done for the first two proposed services but not for the rest.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES

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PROPOSAL FOR A HOUSTON CENTER FOR BARRIER FREE LIVING

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

The chosen board of directors shall ultimately be responsible for operation and maintenance of the Center.

Space rental fees charged to agencies and providers ~~of services~~ leasing space in the Center will be the primary source of income for the operation and maintenance of the Center. Grants from public and private agencies and foundations will be sought to supplement income received from space rental fees, and to develop and support needed services and programs which are not available through other providers.

United Fund will be considered as a primary source of ongoing funding for the Center. Also, donations will be solicited, if needed, to supplement the sources of income ~~previously~~ listed above.

CBFL is now in the process of soliciting letters of intent to rent space in the Center and letters of intent to fund programs offered by the Center.

INTERIM PLANNING REPORT

FOR THE

HOUSTON CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED

JANUARY 17, 1979

INTRODUCTION

The Coalition for Barrier Free Living (CBFL) proposes to establish a Center for the Handicapped in Houston. This report describes the purpose and plans for the Center, and documents progress on the project to date.

HISTORY

The CBFL is a non-profit advocacy organization representing disabled people in Houston, Texas (a detailed description of CBFL is attached). Recognizing the need to have a multi-service center where handicapped people could meet, socialize, recreate, exchange information, obtain heretofore unavailable or difficult to access services, and develop new service delivery methods, representatives of CBFL met with representatives of the City of Houston Community Development Division on September 29,1977 to discuss the need for a Center for the Handicapped. Community Development Block Grant funds were authorized to establish Centers for the Handicapped under the U. S. Housing Authorization Act of 1976 (see attached notice and rules). On December 13, 1977, the Director of the Houston C. D. Division, Edwin Becnel, requested that CBFL submit a written proposal to his department by January 15, 1978. CBFL delivered the desired proposal (see attached proposal), and following approval by the C. D. Commissioners in early 1978, it was incorporated into the proposed long range C. D. plan for Houston.

Public hearings on the plan were conducted by City Council on March 14 and 15, 1978. Disabled citizens representing various organizations and directors of several local rehabilitation programs urged the Council to approve that section of the plan which would set aside $3 million for the Center (see attached clippings). On May 17, 1978, City Council approved the plan and sent it to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which granted it final approval on July 31, 1978.

PRESENT STATUS

Although the Center has been approved in long range plans, it must be approved again before funds can actually be spent on the project beginning August 1, 1979. In order to refine the proposal so that it may be approved for funding as soon as possible, CBFL suggested the appointment of a Center Planning Committee to make specific recommendations regarding the proposal. Mr. Becnel officially appointed this committee on August 16, 1978, and the committee has been working since then to sharpen plans for the Center. Meetings of the full committee were held on September 6, October 12, November 30, 1978 and January 17, 1979. Twenty persons representing various groups of handicapped people, several city departments, local rehabilitation agencies and centers, possible ongoing funding sources, and others have attended these meetings (see attached list). The full committee has appointed four sub committees to work on specific aspects of the project. These committees are: Site Selection, Program Mix, Legal Issues, and Budgeting and Finances. Each sub committee chairperson belongs to the

full committee and reports to that committee. In addition to the committee members, advice and consultation has frequently been sought from professionals in various fields including real estate, law, building management, engineering, construction, architecture, urban planning, sociology, government, and fundraising. Also, staff persons from both C. D. and CBFL have been assigned to support this planning effort and have contributed to the project by surveying other centers to gather pertinent information, by researching available literature, by documenting committee activities, and by maintaining liason between committee members and other interested persons. Faculty members and students from the Colleges of Architecture at both Rice University and the University of Houston have produced design models for the Center which will be used to shape final plans for construction of the building if that alternative is chosen (see attached design proposals).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The various committees have made several important recommendations relating to the proposed Center. These are summarized below.

A. Regarding the site

1. The location must be near METRO routes and easily accessible to existing freeway system.
2. A centralized location is preferred.
3. The location should be within walking distance of commercial establishments such as drug stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or convenience stores.

4. Renovation of suitable existing facilities would be an acceptable alternative to new construction.
5. Solicitation of grant funds or donations may be necessary to secure earnest money to purchase a site if one is located before August 1, 1979.

B. Regarding legal issues

1. An outright direct grant from C. D. to the operators of the Center for purchasing or building the Center is preferable to the other alternatives.
2. A trusteeship or board should be set up to operate the Center.
3. Letters of intent to use the facilities should be solicited from proposed provider agencies.
4. A new, non-profit, tax exempt corporation should be formed to secure C. D. funds to build on or buy and renovate the Center and to operate it.
5. An outright direct grant from C. D. would absolve the City of continued responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Center unless the grantee/operators failed to maintain the facilities.

C. Regarding programs and services

1. A mixture of services should be planned both to cut across several disability groups, and to meet individual needs of specific disability groups.
2. Scheduling of program activities must involve considerations related to mixing groups of people with different and possibly incompatible disablity types.
3. The Center board should be controlled by handicapped

individuals to insure maximum consumer participation and self direction.

D. Regarding budgeting and finances

1. A well chosen board will be needed to insure continued operation of the Center.
2. Space rental fees charged to agencies and providers leasing space in the Center should be the primary source of income to offset operating and maintenance expenses.
3. Grants from public and private agencies and foundations should be sought to supplement income received from space rental fees, and to develop and support needed services or programs which are not available through other providers.
4. Donations may need to be sought to supplement income from other sources.
5. United Fund should be considered a primary source of continued funding for the Center.
6. A conservative evaluation of space needs should be made and used to avoid having unused space and high overhead expenses.
7. Center board members should not be expected to have conflicts of interests with other established service providers in the community.

NEXT STEPS

In order to obtain final approval of the Center by City Council and thus secure August 1, 1979 funding from C. D., the

existing proposal is being updated and refined according to the planning committee recommendations. CBFL representatives are presently in the process of forming a new non-profit, tax exempt corporation to receive funds for and manage the Center. This corporation shall be called Houston Independent Living Center, Inc. or HILCI. CBFL is also in the process of soliciting letters of intent to rent space in the Center and letters of intent to fund programs offered by the Center. The planning committee will continue to meet on an ad hoc basis as necessary, and the sub committees will continue the work they have begun. A site must be located as soon as possible. Services must be further defined and planned. Funding proposals must be developed and circulated. HILCI must begin functioning and should consider hiring an Executive Director to implement plans for the Center in an efficient, timely, and organized fashion.

short-term and in-service training) of teachers who are involved in providing instruction to deaf individuals but who are not certified as teachers of deaf individuals, and (ii) funds for such in-service training shall be provided under this section only through funds appropriated under the Education for All Handicapped Children Act; and

20 USC 1401 note.

"(E) contain such other information as the Secretary may require.

"(d) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $34,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, $40,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, $45,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, and $50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982. There are further authorized to be appropriated for each such fiscal year such additional sums as the Congress may determine to be necessary to carry out this section.".

Appropriation authorization.

COMPREHENSIVE CENTERS

SEC. 115. (a) The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is amended by inserting after section 304 the following new section:

Ante, p. 2963.

"COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION CENTERS

"SEC. 305. (a)(1) In order to provide a focal point in communities for the development and delivery of services designed primarily for handicapped persons, the Commissioner may make grants to any designated State unit to establish and operate comprehensive rehabilitation centers. The centers shall be established in order to provide a broad range of services to handicapped individuals, including information and referral services, counseling services, and job placement, health, educational, social, and recreational services, as well as to provide facilities for recreational activities.

Grants. 29 USC 775.

"(2) To the maximum extent practicable, such centers shall provide, upon request, to local governmental units and other public and private nonprofit entities located in the area such information and technical assistance (including support personnel such as interpreters for the deaf) as may be necessary to assist those entities in complying with this Act, particularly the requirements of section 504.

29 USC 794.

"(b) No grant may be made under this section unless an application therefor has been submitted to and approved by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may not approve an application for a grant unless the application—

Application.

"(1) contains assurances that the designated State unit will use funds provided by such grant in accordance with subsections (c) and (d); and

"(2) contains such other information, and is submitted in such form and in accordance with such procedures, as the Commissioner may require.

"(c)(1) The designated State unit may—

"(A) in accordance with subsection (e) make grants to units of general purpose local government or to other public or nonprofit private agencies or organizations and may make contracts with any agency or organization to pay not to exceed 80 percent of the cost of—

"(i) leasing facilities to serve as comprehensive rehabilitation centers;

"(ii) expanding, remodeling, or altering facilities to the extent necessary to adapt them to serve as comprehensive rehabilitation centers;

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"(iii) operating such centers; or

"(iv) carrying out any combination of the activities specified in this subparagraph; and

"(B) directly carry out the activities described in subparagraph (A), except that not more than 80 percent of the costs of providing any comprehensive rehabilitation center may be provided from funds under this section.

"(3) Funds made available to any designated State unit under this section for the purpose of assisting in the operation of a comprehensive rehabilitation center may be used to compensate professional and technical personnel required to operate the center and to deliver services in the center, and to provide equipment for the center.

"(d)(1) The designated State unit may approve a grant or enter into a contract under subsection (c) only if the application for such grant or contract meets the requirements specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5) of section 306(b) and if the application contains assurances that any facility assisted by such grant or contract shall be in reasonably close proximity to the majority of individuals eligible to use the comprehensive rehabilitation center.

29 USC 776.

"(2) Any designated State unit which directly provides for comprehensive rehabilitation centers under subsection (c)(1)(B) shall use funds under this section in the same manner as any other grant recipient is required to use such funds.

"(e) If within 20 years after the completion of any construction project for which funds have been paid under this section—

"(1) the owner of the facility ceases to be a public or nonprofit private agency or organization, or

"(2) the facility ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was leased or constructed (unless the Commissioner determines, in accordance with regulations, that there is good cause for releasing the applicant or other owner from the obligation to do so),

the United States shall be entitled to recover from the grant recipient or other owner of the facility an amount which bears the same ratio to the value of the facility (or so much thereof as constituted an approved project or projects) at the time the United States seeks recovery as the amount of such Federal funds bore to the cost of renovating the facility under subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii). Such value shall be determined by agreement of the parties or by action brought in the United States district court for the district in which such facility is situated.

"(f) The requirements of section 306 shall not apply to funds allotted under this section, except that subsections (g) and (h) of such section shall be applicable with respect to such funds.

Appropriation authorization.

"(g) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, and for the three succeeding fiscal years.".

29 USC 776.

(b) Section 306(a) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is amended by inserting in the first sentence before the period ", except as otherwise provided in section 305(g)".

Supra.

SPECIAL FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

29 USC 770.

SEC. 116. Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is amended—

(1) by inserting after the title heading the following:

"PART A—CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS"

and

(2) by adding after section 306 the following new part:

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1980 Budget Policy- The Centers, to be designated as Comprehensive Community Resource Centers for the Handicapped, will serve as the central resource for the coordination and delivery of services over a designated geographical area. Although centers providing such traditional rehabilitation services as physical restoration, sheltered employment and vocational training are fairly well developed in most sections of the country, there remains a great need for centers that would provide a focal point for the coordination of diverse services and concentrate on the filling of gaps in services and prevention of overlapping and duplicatory services. These centers would be the single coordinating resource to insure that a full range of necessary services would be available to all who need them and also be the source of technical assistance in the geographic area.

Among the key services to be offered would be information and referral services to handicapped individuals and technical assistance to local governmental units and public and private nonprofit organizations planning to develop and expand service programs and work toward the removal of architectural barriers. Support personnel such as interpreters for the deaf required under Section 504 and reader services for the blind and such other technical experts needed in the expansion and development of new services would be provided.

One of the great gaps in existing services is in the area of recreation. These centers would provide facilities for recreational activities as well as the staff to assist in the development of new recreational services.

In FY 1980, $2,000,000 is requested for the development of ten centers (one per region). Proposals will be solicitied from applicants in each region to encourage competition and the development of prototypes that could be replicated in other areas taking into account individual community needs.

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Technical Assistance

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- Proposed 2 yr. cap need remains for this sc/ed/rec center
- 25 member planning com rly since Sr. A. provided plans (a Rice & UH)
- Facil. designed to house offices for com orgs. (like CBFL) & Com. Service agencies (like TRC), meeting rooms and classrooms, a gym, a swimming pool, and an auditorium.

- will be abt 20,000 sq ft.
- located on 3 acre tract near UH with an outdoor park & playground
- will cost bet 3-5 million
- pd. by CD (3rd CD&C) and by grants from private found. & donations
- progs to be offered [illegible] will incl counseling, voc. skills training (job seeking skills training), employment referral, adult / career / interpreter training and referral,

adaptive
planned rec. & sports
activities like WC
olympics, advocacy
and self help training,
drama & theatrical
groups, bowling free
shooting, loc. &
mtg.; home modif.
programs, etc.

- progs. to be supported
by grants from NEW-
RSA, BEH, Bs of Rec,
CSA, HUD, DOL, and
from grants by private
corps. & found. and by
3rd party fee for service

reimb. from public agencies like TRC, State Com. blind & St. Com for deaf, and by United Way.

- Most of org. mentioned have already indic. interest and some have made prospective commitments.
- Center will be managed by a private non profit org. Rep. disabled com.
- Oper. and maint. expenses will be pd.

by revenues generated by space rental.

- pres. prepared grant proposal to be submitted to a local corp. which has already indic an interest in funding the Ctr. to secure funds for hiring an Exec Dir. to supervise final stages of planning and construct; & to begin prog. devt. and to make the initial payment for land.

approval &

- need final Commitment by the City for the 3rd CDBG contrib.

- need cont. support of mayor, council, & CD, and various other City Dpts. which have been engaged in helping us plan the Center thus far.

- Ques.?

MIGHT!
(Mobility Impaired Grappling Hurdles Together)
P.O. Box 5746
Austin, Texas 78763

MIGHT! II, a handicapped advocacy organization, has recently been awarded a grant from the Developmental Disabilities Council to plan a nonresidential independent living center for Austin, Texas.

Applicants for the position of Project Director are being solicited. The responsibilities and basic qualifications of the Project Director are listed on the enclosed job announcement. The salary for the Project Director position is $17,000 annually with fringe benefits. Project goals and objectives are enclosed.

Persons wishing to apply for the position of Project Director should complete the enclosed application and send it, with a resume, to Virginia Roberts, President, MIGHT! II, Box 5746, Austin, TX 78763. Applicants are encouraged to list in their resumes any special skills that would be beneficial in the operation of the project such as ability to communicate in sign language, braille, use telecommunication devices for the deaf, etc.

Applications must be received by July 2, 1979. Top candidates will be contacted by July 7, and invited for an interview during the week of July 9, 1979.

Your interest is appreciated and any assistance you can give in disseminating information about this position will be welcomed. Telephone inquiries may be made to Virginia Roberts, (512) 475-0390 or (512) 459-6654.

Sincerely,

Virginia Roberts

Virginia Roberts

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Goals

1. Overall goals

- Plan and implement a center for independent living in Austin, which provides assistance to developmentally disabled persons in planning for and obtaining the services and training necessary for independent living in the community.

2. First year goals

- Determine the needs of the developmentally disabled in Austin and create a plan for a center for independent living to fill those needs.

3. Second and third year goals

- Implement and expand a center for independent living in Austin.

B. Objectives

1. First year objectives

- Define existing needs and services in Austin
- Prepare a plan for services of the Austin Center for Independent Living
  - Obtain significant consumer input
  - Develop wide community acceptance
  - Recruit social leaders for support
  - Seek and secure funds
- Prepare a plan to provide those services

2. Second and third year objectives

- Implement the plan to provide services
- Seek and secure funds
- Prepare a plan for expansion

MIGHT! II
Job Announcement
Austin Independant Living Center

Position:	Project Director
Salary:	17,000 per year
Hours:	40 hours a week and overtime
Apply to:	Virginia Roberts, President MIGHT II Box 5746 Austin, Texas 78763
Closing Date:	July 2, 1979

Primary Responsibilities

The project director will be primarily responsible for the following functions:

1) Overall and daily direction of project activities.

2) Establishing and maintaining productive working relationhsips with agencies, organizations and potential users of project services.

3) Supervise duties of administrative technician/clerical manager

4) Timely completion of project tasks and adherence to budget limitations.

5) Perform other duties as agreed upon with governing committee.

Basic Qualifications

1) Bachelor of Arts and/or relevant work experience with handicapped populations.

2) Skilled in written and interpersonal communication.

3) Basic skills in:
   a) community organizing
   b) planning and analysis
   c) research
   d) management
   e) marketing

4) Basic grant writing skills.

5) Familiarity with concepts of independent living.

6) Knowledge of and sensitivity concerning various disability groups.

7) Willingness to work over-time and travel as needed.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
PERSONAL DATA SHEET

DATE

JOB PREFERRED

FULL-TIME ☐ PART-TIME ☐ SUMMER ☐

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE SALARY PER MONTH (DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)
$

WHEN WILL YOU BE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT?

ARE YOU SEEKING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT? IF SO, FOR HOW LONG?

PRINT NAME — LAST FIRST MIDDLE

PRESENT ADDRESS — STREET & NUMBER CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME: OFFICE:

DATE OF BIRTH

MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF NO—1. CITIZENSHIP PAPERS FILED? YES ☐ NO ☐ 2. PERMANENT RESIDENT OF U.S.? YES ☐ NO ☐

ARE YOU RELATED BY KINSHIP OR MARRIAGE TO ANY CURRENT EMPLOYEE OR TO ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM? YES ☐ NO ☐ IF YES, GIVE NAME AND RELATIONSHIP.

HAVE YOU BEEN PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM? YES ☐ NO ☐ WHEN?_____

AT WHICH INSTITUTION?_____ JOB TITLE_____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW (OTHER THAN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?_____ HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SUSPENDED OR DISMISSED FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, EITHER AS A STUDENT OR AS AN EMPLOYEE?_____ IF YOUR ANSWER TO EITHER QUESTION ABOVE IS YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN GIVING DATES AND CIRCUMSTANCES BELOW.

PRESENT DRAFT CLASSIFICATION_____
HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES?_____
IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
RANK WHEN RELEASED_____
DATE OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE_____
BRANCH OF SERVICE_____
TYPE OF DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION_____
PRESENT DRAFT CLASSIFICATION_____

EDUCATION—CIRCLE NUMBER OF YEARS COMPLETED (TOTAL ELEMENTARY THROUGH COLLEGE) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM MONTH & YEAR	TO MONTH & YEAR	GRADUATE YES NO	DEGREE OR HOURS OF CREDIT	MAJOR	MINOR
HIGH SCHOOL						
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY						
OTHER SCHOOLS (BUSINESS OR MILITARY) ATTENDED:						

WHO REFERRED YOU TO THIS INSTITUTION?

PERSONAL REFERENCES OTHER THAN RELATIVES AND FORMER EMPLOYERS:

FULL NAME	BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OCCUPATION

EXPERIENCE—START WITH YOUR PRESENT OR LAST POSITION AND WORK BACK. IF YOU WERE EVER EMPLOYED IN ANY POSITION UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME GIVE IN EACH POSITION THE NAME USED (ASK FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET IF NEEDED.)

NAME OF FIRM OR ORGANIZATION

STREET ADDRESS

CITY AND STATE TEL.

NAME & TITLE OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

REASON FOR LEAVING

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JOB DUTIES:

I CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY ME IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN WILL VOID THIS APPLICATION AND ANY ACTIONS BASED ON IT.

DATE SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer

HUGHES TOOL COMPANY
HOUSTON, TEXAS, U.S.A.

FRANK D. POTTER
ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT
FOR ADVERTISING AND
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PLEASE REPLY: P.O. BOX 2539
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77001
TEL: A/C 713 924-2616

March 26, 1979

Mr. Lex Frieden
Chairperson
Center Planning Committee
Coalition for Barrier Free Living
P. O. Box 20803
Houston, TX 77025

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Your request for a financial contribution to the Center for the Handicapped was presented to the Contributions Committee of our company.

Although members of the Committee gave this request careful consideration at the last meeting, it was their decision that the many other commitments already made by Hughes Tool Company will not allow us to make a contribution to the Center for the Handicapped. We, of course, are aware of this worthwhile project and sincerely wish it were possible for us to make a financial contribution, but our funds can be stretched only so far.

We wish you success with your fund-raising campaign.

Sincerely,

Frank Potter

FDP:smg



THE MOODY FOUNDATION

GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

March 14, 1979

Mr. Lex Frieden, Chairperson
Center Planning Committee
Coalition for Barrier Free Living
P.O. Box 20803
Houston, TX 77025

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Community Development Division of the City of Houston indicating your interest in making a grant application to The Moody Foundation for funds to construct or purchase a Center for the Handicapped.

From the information in your letter, it would be difficult to offer any strong encouragement regarding the possibility of a grant at this time. The Foundation has recently received numerous applications for grants which are far in excess of the limited funds that are available for distribution.

However, if you still wish to pursue an application for funds, we are enclosing a copy of the guidelines for making a grant request. In the meantime we would urge you to explore other potential sources. A convenient source of information in this area is the Foundation Directory, Edition V, printed by Columbia University Press, and which is probably available at your local library. Also there are several resources of Texas foundations such as The Directory of Texas Foundations-1976, edited by Bill Hooper, Austin, Texas and The Guide to Texas Foundations, Southern Resource Center, Dallas.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Moore
Program Officer

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Enclosure

GUIDELINES FOR MAKING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MOODY FOUNDATION

Foundation Objectives and Procedures

The Moody Foundation was established in 1942 by the late Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis Moody, Jr. for the perpetual benefit of the people of Texas. The Foundation grants funds to qualifying organizations and institutions that serve to improve the quality of life in our community. The grant program provides funds for activities in five major categories: Education; Health; Physical, Life, and Social Sciences; the Arts, Humanities, and Religion; and Community and Social Services.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees which determines the operating policies, acts on all business matters and takes action on all grant requests. The Trustees meet at least four times annually. The grant program strives to meet the following objectives:

Advancing educational capabilities by the construction of buildings, the purchase of equipment for instruction, books for libraries, the support of innovative programming, curriculum change and educational reform, the endowment of professorships and chairs, and scholarships at the undergraduate level for needy students.

Enhancing health care programs through grants for the construction of facilities, purchase of equipment for treatment, the development of new treatment modalities, the expansion of health care delivery, and the development of public education programs about health problems.

Sustaining scientific activities through the support of established and recognized programs and projects aimed at acquiring and disseminating greater knowledge in the physical, life, and social sciences; the purchase of equipment and construction of facilities for scientific purposes; and increasing the public's understanding of technical matters.

Encouraging interest in the arts and humanities by assisting the extension of programs in the visual and performing arts, the development of arts and educational activities, the improvement of audience participation, the development of literary works, the increasing of the public's knowledge of our cultural heritage, the construction of facilities, and the restoration of historic structures.

Improving community and social services through grants for rehabilitation programs, community development and human relief, the development of residential care for dependent youth, and the support of programs that address special population groups such as the aging, the mentally ill, and the disadvantaged.

High priority is given to small communities and rural areas which do not have readily available resources to respond to urgent community needs. The Foundation does not provide funds for personal needs, deficit financing, routine operating costs, or programs for which public support is readily available. Because of The Foundation's limited funds, demonstration and developmental projects that cannot establish reasonable evidence of long-term funding commitments are not given priority consideration.

FORMAT FOR GRANT APPLICATION

Grant application should not be lengthy. In order to assist you in the preparation of your application, and to facilitate our consideration and review of your proposal, it is important that you follow the exact format of the outline below.

I. A concise one-page statement summarizing the specific request.

II. Background information on organization requesting funds
- A. Name and purpose of organization
- B. Summary of organization's activities
- C. Names of Board of Directors and their business affiliations
- D. Names of professional staff, position held, and qualifications
- E. Financial information about the organization
  1. Current operating budget
  2. Balance sheet (Not applicable to government agencies)
  3. Analysis of sources of funding (Not applicable to government agencies)
- F. A copy of I.R.S. letter of notification indicating the type of exempt classification the organization has qualified for and all subsequent communications from I.R.S. concerning exempt status
- G. Signed statement from administrator that no funds granted to the organization will be used for activities prohibited by the 1969 Tax Reform Act
- H. Letter of approval from President of Chief Executive Officer if request is initiated by a Division or Department Head of a large institution or organization

III. Summary of proposed activity for which funds are being sought
- A. Nature of the problem
- B. Goals and objectives of the project
- C. Justification for need
- D. Plans for administration and operation of proposed activity
- E. Dates for implementation and conclusion
- F. Plans for evaluating the impact or success of the project
- G. Itemized statement of all budgeted expenditures
- H. Funds on hand or pledged
- I. Other potential sources of funds
- J. Nature and source of long-term funding commitments
- K. Specified amount requested from The Moody Foundation
- L. Photographs, diagrams or other descriptive information (if available)

IV. Other supportive material (if readily available)
- A. Letters of support from local authorities
- B. Letters of support from affiliated national organizations
- C. Names of key persons backing project
- D. Bibliography of research studies or reports justifying need

CENTER PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 1-17-79

The fourth meeting of the Center Planning Committee was held at the Easter Seal Center on January 17, 1979, at 10:00.

Committee Chairman, Lex Frieden opened with a welcome to everyone.

Corrections for the last minutes were acknowledged. Mr. Frieden announced that on January 16 Community Development held a meeting to plan allocation of funds at which they were supportive of the Center.

Dr. Tony Santos was introduced from the Rice School of Architecture. His students worked on plans for the Center last semester. Twelve students developed schemes. Dr. Santos showed six of the twelve schemes. The proposed auditorium would hold 500 people. Indoor recreation facilities included a basketball court, swimming pool, and floor space. Also inside were a day care facility, a group of workshops and hobby rooms, a series of class and meeting rooms and offices. Outdoor facilities included a track. The main objective in those plans was to make the Center a social center that all handicapped people could identify with rather than an institution.

Dr. Santos said that the proposed overall costs of the Center would be $55 - $70 per square foot depending on the materials.

Following Dr. Santos' presentation, Mr. Frieden introduced Jim Veercamp, a lawyer, to report on site location. Accompanying him was Mr. Juan Salazar from First International Bank.

Next, Mr. Frieden passed out a draft version of the Interim report. The following questions were posed:

Q. Maybe the use of the Center should be mentioned?
A. The new proposal will include this and will come with it.

Q. Be careful of the Program mix?
A. We had in mind a Board as well as an advisory committee. The Executive Director would be responsible to a two-part Board, the first part would be consumers who would take care of the programs and the second part would be providers who mainly would be concerned with the budget.

Q. Look carefully at the two-part Board so there is not conflicting input to the Director, the operating board would make top level decisions and the trusteeship would take care of the public interest. If the two are mixed it will cause a mess because you would have people in authority, who do not have the experience to make the decisions. The legal committee could make recommendations of these descriptions of these boards with pros and cons.
A. Yes, the legal committee should be doing this.

Mr. Frieden reported on the prospects of getting an executive on loan from one of the corporations in the city. The outlook is very good.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., March 7 at the Easter Seal Center.

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MEMO

Date: February 5, 1979

To: Planning Committe Members

From: Lex Frieden, Chairman

Please find enclosed a series of items for your information and action. Chairpersons for the respective subcommittees are: Dr. William Spencer, Legal; Mary Ann Board, Budget; Peter Weidemann, Site; Bob Kafka, Program. New subcommittee objectives are; Legal- Plan and draft corporate instruments; Budget- Draw up and annotate hypothetical budget; Site- Investigate and propose sites; Program- Refine and elaborate on proposed programs. I hope each subcommittee can meet before our March 7 meeting and be ready to report at that time.

On another matter, I hope each committee member will take the time to respond to the enclosed solicitation of letters of support. Also, it would be helpful if you could solicit letters from other organizations or individuals.

A final note-- City Council has scheduled hearings on the proposed Community Development plan to be held in Council Chambers on March 13 and 14. Please plan to be there on one of those dates to speak in behalf of the Center.

Thanks for all of your help with this exciting task.

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Center Planning Committee

INTERIM PLANNING REPORT

FOR THE

HOUSTON CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED

JANUARY 17, 1979

INTRODUCTION

The Coalition for Barrier Free Living (CBFL) proposes to establish a Center for the Handicapped in Houston. This report describes the purpose and plans for the Center, and documents progress on the project to date.

HISTORY

The CBFL is a non-profit advocacy organization representing disabled people in Houston, Texas (a detailed description of CBFL is attached). Recognizing the need to have a multi-service center where handicapped people could meet, socialize, recreate, exchange information, obtain heretofore unavailable or difficult to access services, and develop new service delivery methods, representatives of CBFL met with representatives of the City of Houston Community Development Division on September 29,1977 to discuss the need for a Center for the Handicapped. Community Development Block Grant funds were authorized to establish Centers for the Handicapped under the U. S. Housing Authorization Act of 1976 (see attached notice and rules). On December 13, 1977, the Director of the Houston C. D. Division, Edwin Becnel, requested that CBFL submit a written proposal to his department by January 15, 1978. CBFL delivered the desired proposal (see attached proposal), and following approval by the C. D. Commissioners in early 1978, it was incorporated into the proposed long range C. D. plan for Houston.

Public hearings on the plan were conducted by City Council on March 14 and 15, 1978. Disabled citizens representing various organizations and directors of several local rehabilitation programs urged the Council to approve that section of the plan which would set aside $3 million for the Center (see attached clippings). On May 17, 1978, City Council approved the plan and sent it to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which granted it final approval on July 31, 1978.

PRESENT STATUS

Although the Center has been approved in long range plans, it must be approved again before funds can actually be spent on the project beginning August 1, 1979. In order to refine the proposal so that it may be approved for funding as soon as possible, CBFL suggested the appointment of a Center Planning Committee to make specific recommendations regarding the proposal. Mr. Becnel officially appointed this committee on August 16, 1978, and the committee has been working since then to sharpen plans for the Center. Meetings of the full committee were held on September 6, October 12, November 30, 1978 and January 17, 1979. Twenty persons representing various groups of handicapped people, several city departments, local rehabilitation agencies and centers, possible ongoing funding sources, and others have attended these meetings (see attached list). The full committee has appointed four sub committees to work on specific aspects of the project. These committees are: Site Selection, Program Mix, Legal Issues, and Budgeting and Finances. Each sub committee chairperson belongs to the

full committee and reports to that committee. In addition to the committee members, advice and consultation has frequently been sought from professionals in various fields including real estate, law, building management, engineering, construction, architecture, urban planning, sociology, government, and fundraising. Also, staff persons from both C. D. and CBFL have been assigned to support this planning effort and have contributed to the project by surveying other centers to gather pertinent information, by researching available literature, by documenting committee activities, and by maintaining liason between committee members and other interested persons. Faculty members and students from the Colleges of Architecture at both Rice University and the University of Houston have produced design models for the Center which will be used to shape final plans for construction of the building if that alternative is chosen (see attached design proposals).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The various committees have made several important recommendations relating to the proposed Center. These are summarized below.

A. Regarding the site

1. The location must be near METRO routes and easily accessible to existing freeway system.
2. A centralized location is preferred.
3. The location should be within walking distance of commercial establishments such as drug stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or convenience stores.

4. Renovation of suitable existing facilities would be an acceptable alternative to new construction.
5. Solicitation of grant funds or donations may be necessary to secure earnest money to purchase a site if one is located before August 1, 1979.

B. Regarding legal issues

1. An outright direct grant from C. D. to the operators of the Center for purchasing or building the Center is preferable to the other alternatives.
2. A trusteeship or board should be set up to operate the Center.
3. Letters of intent to use the facilities should be solicited from proposed provider agencies.
4. A new, non-profit, tax exempt corporation should be formed to secure C. D. funds to build on or buy and renovate the Center and to operate it.
5. An outright direct grant from C. D. would absolve the City of continued responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Center unless the grantee/operators failed to maintain the facilities.

C. Regarding programs and services

1. A mixture of services should be planned both to cut across several disability groups, and to meet individual needs of specific disability groups.
2. Scheduling of program activities must involve considerations related to mixing groups of people with different and possibly incompatible disablity types.
3. The Center board should be controlled by handicapped

individuals to insure maximum consumer participation and self direction.

D. Regarding budgeting and finances

1. A well chosen board will be needed to insure continued operation of the Center.
2. Space rental fees charged to agencies and providers leasing space in the Center should be the primary source of income to offset operating and maintenance expenses.
3. Grants from public and private agencies and foundations should be sought to supplement income received from space rental fees, and to develop and support needed services or programs which are not available through other providers.
4. Donations may need to be sought to supplement income from other sources.
5. United Fund should be considered a primary source of continued funding for the Center.
6. A conservative evaluation of space needs should be made and used to avoid having unused space and high overhead expenses.
7. Center board members should not be expected to have conflicts of interests with other established service providers in the community.

NEXT STEPS

In order to obtain final approval of the Center by City Council and thus secure August 1, 1979 funding from C. D., the

existing proposal is being updated and refined according to the planning committee recommendations. CBFL representatives are presently in the process of forming a new non-profit, tax exempt corporation to receive funds for and manage the Center. This corporation shall be called Houston Independent Living Center, Inc. or HILCI. CBFL is also in the process of soliciting letters of intent to rent space in the Center and letters of intent to fund programs offered by the Center. The planning committee will continue to meet on an ad hoc basis as necessary, and the sub committees will continue the work they have begun. A site must be located as soon as possible. Services must be further defined and planned. Funding proposals must be developed and circulated. HILCI must begin functioning and should consider hiring an Executive Director to implement plans for the Center in an efficient, timely, and organized fashion.

FACT SHEET: CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED
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WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED?

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AREN'T THERE OTHER CENTERS LIKE THIS IN HOUSTON?

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HOW LARGE WILL THIS FACILITY BE?

The Center will be approximately 60,000 square feet with a large outdoor park and recreation area on a three-to-four acre tract.

WHERE WILL THE CENTER BE LOCATED?

Several possible sites are under consideration, but no choice has been made.

WHEN WILL THE CENTER BE BUILT?

It is hoped that construction will begin during the last quarter of 1979.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THIS COST?

It is estimated that the Center and the land it rests on will cost between three and five million dollars.

WHO WILL PAY FOR IT?

Three million dollars in Community Development Block Grant funds have been allocated by the City to pay for the Center. Other funds will be solicited from charitable foundations, corporations and individuals who are interested in helping handicapped citizens be more active in our community.

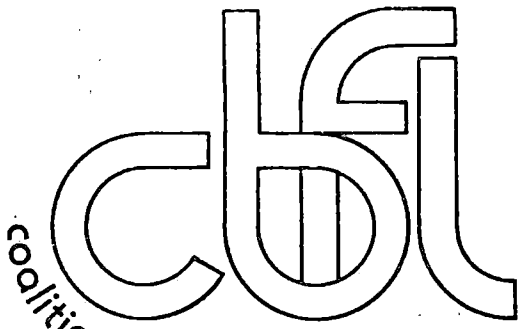
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