

Mr. QUIE. I was asking a question about programs that were not funded or delegated by OEO.

Mr. CARTER. I am giving you an example. I will get to that, if you will give me an opportunity.

Mr. QUIE. All right.

Mr. CARTER. The neighborhood health center is fundamentally a mechanism for the delivery of health services. Now we have a number of programs in HEW which provide support for health services. We have crippled children's programs, maternity infant care, youth project, title 19, and so on and on. The important thing though is to see that these programs get to the people for whom they are intended and somebody concentrates on that problem, of how do we get the services to the people who need them most.

Now OEO has come to HEW and we have worked out with them an agreement between the Secretary of HEW and the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, which provides for our making a maximum effort to help put our money and program, integrate them with the health services in the center. They are playing a definite role there in terms of delivering services to the poor and assuring that the poor get the kind of help they need even though they have no control over the programs I have mentioned.

Mr. QUIE. They do have control over the neighborhood health centers.

Mr. CARTER. They have control over neighborhood health centers, but we are talking about providing the kind of health support for a comprehensive health program. They would not be able with the funds available from the neighborhood health center to support it by themselves, in addition to which it is obviously most desirable to get all of the various kinds of programs into this kind of mechanism that it is possible.

Mr. QUIE. Do you feel that all of the programs that HEW is involved in to help people come out of poverty are more extensive than OEO is involved in and amount of money?

Mr. CARTER. So far as the amount of money.

Mr. QUIE. Do you feel that OEO ought to move in and give that same kind, assume the primary responsibility over those programs?

Mr. CARTER. I interpret this, anything I have said as far as the kind of relationship between OEO and HEW on health services, as assuming the primary responsibility. What they are assuming the primary responsibility for is identifying the particular problems we have in meeting the needs of the poor and then trying to devise the mechanisms through which those needs can be better met, and then seeking the participation of other Federal programs in meeting those needs.

I think in the regard I have mentioned they have played this role adequately; I think they need to continue to play it.

Mr. QUIE. Does Welfare have other responsibilities than helping the poor?

Mr. CARTER. When you say "Welfare," do you mean the Welfare Administration?

Mr. QUIE. Yes, that is right.

Mr. CARTER. Yes, they do.

Mr. QUIE. What is the other role it plays than helping the poor?