

coordinate all of the educational programs within the state, including headstart and migrant projects, and adult education. The state university system should be utilized for teacher training for these special fields. We have already been successful in working out a program between O.E.O. and the State Superintendent, and it should be strengthened and broadened in the months ahead.

One common problem in each county in the 9th District has been the establishment by O.E.O. of programs and agencies which are not local in their interest or support, and the granting of funds to some local committees which have been torn with strife. With the benefit of two years' experience, O.E.O. would be well advised to restructure the entire concept of community action back to the communities themselves and to require results before considering refunding.

Community action boards should consist of county and city officials, united funds, religious councils, business, professional and labor groups and the poor themselves. Boards not representative of the prime movers of a community cannot call on the cooperation and resources of the community.

Since calling these problems to the attention of the various groups concerned and the Office of Economic Opportunity, several changes have been made.

The Community Action Fund, Inc., has been partially reorganized. The former president has resigned and the new president is a resident of the area being served. The board itself has been restructured to give more representation to the counties in which it operates. Efforts are now being made to re-direct the program away from the activities cited as illegal by the General Accounting Office, and to those programs which will more properly assist the migrant population in improving educational, health and housing programs.

The AFL-CIO or any other union has the right to encourage workers to join together for mutual benefit. Such Associations should not, however, be brought about by Federally paid employees. I have no doubt that the labor movement is both willing and able to finance organizational efforts from its own funds.

The Community Action Agency, Inc., of Palm Beach County has also undergone a reorganization of its officials and board.

Migrant Legal Services, Inc., which was started under the sponsorship of the CAF was transferred to a 6 county board of directors which includes representation from the 6 county bar associations and 6 county organizations interested in migrant problems.

We are currently working with local housing authorities to improve housing conditions. In addition, self-help housing groups have been formed to encourage home ownership by the migrants, which will bring them into year round residence and employment in the area, which will help stabilize the availability of farm workers while improving their living conditions.

The State Department of Education has taken over the management of the migrant education program, and will now supervise it in the various counties with migrant populations.

The State Board of Regents will assist, through the university system of the state, in the training of teachers to work with the migrant poor.

Marymount College will continue its worthwhile program of family education and the development of migrant teaching.

One of the most important programs outside the Office of Economic Opportunity has been in the field of health.

The Palm Beach Health Department and others have worked on Federal grants with local supporting funds from public and private sources to improve health conditions, especially in housing camps. Mobile units have been particularly helpful in taking needed health services directly to the migrants in the camp areas.

This program, while outside OEO, is mentioned as a successful program which we were able to have written into law during the 89th Congress. Previously, we had written into the Housing Act special construction loans for farm labor housing, along with the provisions of the Farmers Home Administration housing program, and OEO's self help plan.

These housing programs are all designed to improve the living conditions of the migrant farm family, which is basic to meeting the other problems of this group of people.

Experience has indicated that the expenditure of time and money does not guarantee results. And there is much to be done.

In Palm Beach County alone, there are reported to be almost 10,000 welfare cases active each month the year round. The welfare costs alone, not to assess the cost in terms of economic waste and human suffering, warrant our continued concern and determination to meet the needs of the community.