

The full-year Headstart day care center is in coordination with the county welfare department, guidance clinic, county health department, city health department, State board of health, and is being controlled through our office.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Rather than through the school system?

Mr. FLANDERS. That is correct.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Fine.

Now how do you feel in your respective areas as to whether there should be increased flexibility on the local level relative to priority of programs versus we on the Federal level, either through legislation or through the administering department, establishing the allocation of projects? Do you feel there should be more local control over priority of programs in your respective areas or a continuation of designation on the Federal level?

Mr. TEMPLETON. Yes, I do think there should be more local flexibility in all the programs.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mrs. Small?

Mrs. SMALL. Yes. If this program is to truly serve the poverty groups, then I think they must have some voice because they know their needs better than others.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. McElroy.

Mr. McELROY. I agree with this. I think the application should document the justification of this program and be subject to scrutiny by the OEO, but I believe the flexibility for defining the program should be with this CAP agency.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You would see the Federal agency, whichever agency it might be, not exercising an arbitrary control but rather being sure that certain standards are met in whatever program you select on the local level?

Mr. McELROY. That is right.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Day.

Mr. DAY. I agree with what has been said. I do think we would do a better job with more local control and less restriction from OEO, especially as to priorities.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Flanders?

Mr. FLANDERS. I agree 100 percent.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Now, if this is to be the case, and without going off into a long discussion, are you able to answer it in a word or two, if we should end up increasing the control on the local level for selection of programs and determination of priorities, do you think it would make a very significant difference whether the Federal agency with which you are dealing and which is making sure your program met certain standards was OEO or was HEW or maybe some other Federal agency? Mr. Templeton?

Mr. TEMPLETON. I suppose I would be partial because of working in the last 15 months with OEO and being familiar with it starting in 1964 and going from an infant to at least walking now. So I would be partial in saying that.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Have you ever had a chance to deal with HEW at any department?

Mr. TEMPLETON. Yes, sir, several of the bureaus of HEW I have.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would you say on the basis of these dealings do you feel that OEO would do a superior job to HEW in working with you?