

14882 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

SOLUTIONS IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH OUR YOUTH BUREAU PROFESSIONAL STAFF. THIS ELABORATE SYSTEM OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDES, (IN ADDITION TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS), CENTER COUNCILS, TASK FORCES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS, WORKING WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH BOARD AND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

WE DESCRIBE THIS GRASS-ROOTS VOLUNTEER EFFORT WITH OBVIOUS PRIDE, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE. WITH ALL OF THIS LOCAL COMMUNITY CONCERN AND EFFORT TRANSLATED INTO QUALITY PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, WE WILL ULTIMATELY FAIL TO FREE OURSELVES OF DRUG ABUSE UNLESS INSTITUTIONALIZED FORMS OF DRUG ABUSE ARE ADDRESSED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A VERY SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATION AT THIS TIME. IN FEBRUARY OF 1972, THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON PROVIDED EXPERT TESTIMONY IN THE PERSON OF EDWARD M. GUROWITZ, PH. D., THEN DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES OF THE TOWN'S NARCOTIC GUIDANCE COUNCIL, BEFORE A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE HONORABLE PAUL G. ROGERS, DEALING WITH THE VERY SAME CONCERNS OVER AMPHETAMINE ABUSE WHICH WE ARE ADDRESSING HERE TODAY.

IN THAT TESTIMONY, DR. GUROWITZ REFERRED TO A DOCTOR WITH A "DIET PRACTICE" WITH OFFICES IN THE SAME BUILDING AS OUR TOWN'S COUNSELLING CENTER, AND ALSO HOUSING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINIC. HE SPOKE OF HIS DIFFICULTY IN EXPLAINING THIS