

1971

*Organizations working out of the Edmonton 1971
Social Planning Council.*

PROJECT:

WELFARE INFORMATION SERVICE

PURPOSE:

To conduct a continuing program of acquisition of information from all sources, Public and private, pertaining to Health, Welfare, Education & Recreation.
To maintain this information in written form in a system that makes it accessible and easily retrievable.
To make information available through telephone, personal interview, correspondence, talks, written reports, lists, Directory of Services, private consultation on information giving techniques, special publications, etc.
To follow-up when it is deemed necessary to ensure that the caller reaches the required service and to record experience for consideration as to their implication for changes in service, expansion of services or change in W.I.S. procedures.

INITIATED:

January, 1960.

PRESENT STATUS:

Continuing committment.

ADMINISTRATION:

Standing Committee comprised of six persons, two of which are members of the Board of Directors, responsible to the Board of Directors.

CONSULTATION:

With agencies, organizations, students and the general community both locally and in other cities, related to community services, needs and resources relative to planning new services, dissemination of information.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:

As part of the information and referral function, but comprising the major portion of the follow-up function in order to assure that critical situations reach service.

RESEARCH:

Continuous involvement in the process of keeping abreast of changes in present services, services being planned, in legislation affecting services, in order to maintain the social service inventory to fulfil the purpose as outlined above.

SOCIAL ANIMATION:

To individuals in relation to provision of firm information on services and entitlements, thus strengthening their demands. To administrators of services in bringing to attention any indication of service shortcomings or malfunction. To the community as a whole in stressing community needs that are not presently being met.

RESCURCE ACCUMULATION:

Contributions towards extra printing costs. Space for meetings. Limited use of volunteers for advocacy purposes.

PERSONNEL:

Marion Stonell, Eunice, Jeannie, W. Walchuk,
W.I.S. Committee.

PROJECT: DIRECTORY

PURPOSE: To accumulate, publish and sell a comprehensive directory of community services.

INITIATED: 1950.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing annual or semi-annual printing.

ADMINISTRATION: Typing corrections, Draft copy, bookkeeping, mailing.

CONSULTATION: On style of directory to allow optimum use. New categories.

RESEARCH: Constant updating and testing for accuracy of information. New information.

PERSONNEL: Marion, Eunice, Jeannie, W.I.S. committee.

PROJECT: CHRISTMAS BUREAU

PURPOSE: To operate an intake service to co-ordinate Christmas giving.

INITIATED: 1939 (31 years)

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing year to year.

ADMINISTRATION: Office space, telephones, clerical, bookkeeping, meetings, notices, records, audit.

CONSULTATION: With management committee of Bureau re annual operation updating policy and methods.
Public relations and publicity committee structure and members.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:
Since this is an intensive short term program - crisis in constant.

RESOURCE: Campaign through media and public speaking and wide mailing to acquire funds for Bureau.

PERSONNEL: Bette Bresee, Dorothy Bethel, Terry Laing, Mr. Donahue, Rose French.

PROJECT: BLUE BOOK

PURPOSE: A free pamphlet on The Law and Rights designed to interpret legislation and give information in easily understood language on those laws that most frequently cause conflict with police and authorities. Primarily but not exclusively for young people.

INITIATED: June, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS: Second addition due April 1971.

ADMINISTRATION: Clerical, draft copy, mailing.

CONSULTATION: With a number of experts - lawyers, judges, teachers, to determine validity and importance of content and to decide on style. Illustrations and sequence of chapters.

RESEARCH: All new laws pertaining.
All direct references, address, phone #.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Proposal to Human Rights Association to accept their offer of joint sponsorship including funding.

PERSONNEL: Roger, P., Roger S., Bettie.

PROJECT: FREN CENTRE

PURPOSE: An experimental program to allow young people freedom to design and operate their own programs in their own facility.

INITIATED: May 1969.

PRESENT STATUS: Operating month to month pending reports and decisions by city council.

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings, clerical, notices, records, bookkeeping, audit.

CONSULTATION: AWith management committee of centre and other agencies in community re center activitizes, philosophizes program relationships. Currently discussions toward moving centre away from program and into a process of animation of young people.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: With individuals who seek help at Centre.
With centre management in stress situations.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Furnishings, program materials.
Funds for individuals in need.
Funds for operational expenses.

PERSONNEL: Ev, David Crawley. Rodger S., Dick, Loretta F.

PROJECT: TRANSIENT YOUTH

PURPOSE: Collaboration with youth sewing organizations and workers to design and operate a network of services to assist transient youth - accommodation, information, health care, counselling.

INITIATED: December 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing priority through August.

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings notices, records.

CONSULTATION: With U.C.F., Teen Centre, Y.M., Y.W. toward developing a feasible plan. Plan submitted to youth, agencies and government departments and accepted. Presently attempting to collaborate with Federal government plans to work out a compromise - small hostels, crashing facilities, information, kiosks, cleaning house. Applied to Provincial Department of Youth to provide a co-ordinator and group homes.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Request of Provincial government for a salary for a co-ordinator. Proposals to "Youth Opportunities" for information workers.

PERSONNEL: Dick, Ev, Joe.

PROJECT:

EDMONTON CITIZENS FOR BETTER HOUSING

PURPOSE:

Citizens membership to accomplish the following:
Public education and awareness of the critical housing situation.
Housing Registry
Examination of legislation - change
Accumulation of data related to housing.
Initiating of model projects

INITIATED:

September, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS:

Continuing involvement
High priority.

ADMINISTRATION:

Meetings, notices, records.

CONSULTATION:

Briefs to government at all levels
"Toward the Development of Community"
"Community Probes"
Design and operation of Housing Charette and report.
Development of Registry, Meetings with aldermen and other officials - Housing Authority, A.H.C., C. of C., Federal Housing Dept. C.M.H.C. Religious groups and others. Housing workshop, Housing Month. Tenant Book.

RESEARCH:

Data accumulation on all aspects of Housing Legislation. Discrimination, statistics re limited dividend. Landlord tenant legislation. C.M.H.C. regulations.

SOCIAL ANIMATION:

With numerous groups: native, elderly, Coalition for Development, Women in shelter, Transient men, church organizations.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATIONS:

Funds from Federal government through C.M.H.C. for Charette.
Funds from Citizenship branch for Registry.
Seeking funds through City and private sources.

PERSONNEL:

Team. Bonnie S., Marg Souch, D. King.

PROJECT: HOUSING CO-OP

PURPOSE: To develop an alternative to available forms of housing and also to design and allow flexibility in style of living in a new community.

INITIATED: June, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing liaison - minimal staff time at present.

ADMINISTRATION: Telephone (occasional)

CONSULTATION: Charette plan, May, June, 1970.
Continuing relationship between E.C.B.H. and Co-op.
Consultation re acquisition of land.
Meetings with officials of St. Albert and Oblate order.
Incorporation of Co-op., July, 1970.

RESEARCH: Legislation re Co-ops.
Legislation re C.M.H.C. mortgages for housing co-operatives.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:
Acquisition of option on land.

PERSONNEL: Marc, Lynn, Alice.

PROJECT: HOUSING REGISTRY

PURPOSE: A direct service to assist those in need of housing.
Information by phone or through a tenant handbook.
Legal advice. Data collection for action by E.C.B.H.

INITIATED: July, 1970;

PRESENT STATUS: Possible termination due to lack of funds.

ADMINISTRATION: Office space, clerical help.

CONSULTATION: In design and operation of registry. To write
and publish a Tenant Handbook. Distribution
of Book.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: With individuals in crisis situations in housing.

RESEARCH: Data collection re legislation
Data collection re available housing
Data collection re calls for aid and circumstances

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Funds for continuing registry operation.
Volunteer recruitment.

PERSONNEL: Alice, Lynn, Joe, Marg S., David King.

PROJECT; HOUSING MONTH (May, 1971)

PURPOSE: To stimulate community awareness and involve people
in developing alternatives in the housing situation.

INITIATED: February, 1971.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing involvement.

ADMINISTRATION: Notices, Press releases.

CONSULTATION: Staff team work to develop a total scheme for month.
Work with other housing groups, churches and organizations
who wish to become informed and involved.
Speakers bureau, Public meetings, Media coverage.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:

It will be necessary to secure funds for expenses
and materials for displays etc.

PERSONNEL: Team - E.C.B.H. Executive committee.

PROJECT: TRANSIENT MEN - MEN'S HOSTEL

PURPOSE: A continuing examination of and action on the situation facing homeless men in Edmonton. Collaboration with transient men and groups and organizations to develop and act on alternatives.

INITIATED: December, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing involvement,
Increasing staff time.

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings, notices, records.

CONSULTATION: With men from the hostel. With interested citizens and Service agencies. The development of a statement re the Hostel operated by a private firm. Dialogue with government officials about the R.F.P.-S.C. concept (July, August, 1970). The concentration camp diagram. Continuing discussions re alternatives to the hostel concept. Submission to Croll commission on Poverty, June 1970. Membership on Hostel Advisory committee, March 1971.

INFORMATION: Statistics on transiency, unemployment, costs of hostel care, Brutality, R.F.P.-S.C. success or failure in other centres. Study of the culture of transient men.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: With transient men to develop positive alternatives.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: With men and residents in hostel neighborhood.

PERSONNEL: Marc, Lynn, Roger, George, Barry, Bettie.

PROJECT: TRANSIENT MEN'S WORKSHOP

PURPOSE: To work with a core group of transient men to design and operate a two-day workshop as the first step in a continuing dialogue between the men - the service system - the community.

INITIATED: January, 1971.

PRESENT STATUS: Workshop completed, records and recommendations being compiled for distribution.

ADMINISTRATION: Clerical

CONSULTATION: Discussion with staff team as to agenda content, method, arrangements, follow-up.
Action on recommendations.

RESEARCH: Rights under the law.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: Mobilizing the men to move toward planning and organizing workshops and perceiving this as a means of change.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:
Acquisition of funds from Citizenship Branch and others.

PERSONNEL: Marc, Roger.

PROJECT: EMPLOYMENT

PURPOSE: An experimental project to explore potential to secure employment for persons who have experienced difficulties. A personal sensitive accepting service with follow-up and support. Employer education as to the need.

INITIATED: November, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS: Possible completion April, 1971.
(As yet no decision)

ADMINISTRATION: Office space, telephone, clerical, bookkeeping, parking.

CONSULTATION: Re arrangements with Attorney General's Dept.
Re Special cases
Re Monitoring and evaluation

CRISIS INTERVENTION: Re maintenance of program.
For individuals who avail themselves of program

RESEARCH: Data accumulation re access to Canada Manpower and other employment agencies.
Data re numbers served and their circumstances (approx. 50 per month)

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: To maintain support for program through Attorney General.
To operate a loan fund made available through City Centre Churches.

PERSONNEL: Ken, Terry, Bettie, Rose

PROJECT: FORT PROGRAM - WOMEN

PURPOSE: To strengthen and support women in institutions, to prepare them and assist in discharge. To reduce risk of recidivism. To collect information about the circumstances of sentencing. To study conditions within the institution.

INITIATED: March, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing involvement.

ADMINISTRATION: Notices, records.

CONSULTATION: With other individuals and groups who participate to determine objectives and to plan and carry out ongoing program.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:
With women who have been in program when they are discharged into the community.

RESEARCH: A study of Acts relating to Women in Prison.
A Study of pre and post sentence statistics.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: Working with women in prison to help them articulate their concerns and work on alternatives.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:
Study to determine possible sources of funds for a halfway house for Native Women.

PERSONNEL: Marsha, Maureen

PROJECT: FORT PROGRAM (MEIRS)

PURPOSE: To aid in developing self help groups to provide assistance within the institution and aftercare and follow-up upon discharge. Louis Riel Lodge (halfway house for native men) To gather information on the institution.

INITIATED: January, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing.

ADMINISTRATION: Notices, records.

CONSULTATION: Informal planning discussions with staff and workers involved particularly, Native Brotherhood.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: With men upon discharge to find employment, housing.

RESEARCH: Legal requirements, pre sentence and post sentence situations and statistics, cultural and ethnic statistics, Human Rights.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: With men in gaol (native) to organize themselves in a self help group . They have developed an educational program.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Funds for Louis Riel Lodge.
Funds for speakers program in gaol.
Funds for gasoline allowances.

PERSONNEL: Roger, George, Terry, Ken, Maureen.

PROJECT: WOMEN IN CRIME AND CORRECTIONS

PURPOSE: A social action program beginning with a workshop for public education and information. To mobilize individuals and groups to bring about change in legislation, court and police procedures, penal institutions and aftercare programs.

INITIATED: December, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Workshop complete. Reports and recommendations for preparation.

ADMINISTRATION: Clerical, Bookkeeping, notices, advance information, Conference reports.

CONSULTATION: Staff team discussions re conference methods and content.
Workshop held March 12th, 13th and 14th, 1971.

RESEARCH: Acquisition of essential information for conference input. Legal, statistics.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:

Attempts to secure funds from Government and private groups. Films.

PERSONNEL: Marsha, Maureen, Roger, Lynn.

PROJECT:

WOMENS EMERGENCY SHELTER

PURPOSE:

An easily accessible location providing day and night shelter for temporarily or permanently homeless women. No questions asked, open to all, referral and assistance provided if requested or judged necessary.

INITIATED

October, 1969.

PRESENT STATUS:

Continuing involvement to gather information on the numbers and situation of services available to homeless indigent women in order to develop alternatives.

ADMINISTRATION:

Notices, meetings, records, bookkeeping, telephone.

CONSULTATION:

A continuing study with the management committee of the shelter of the needs of homeless women. Development of the plan and operation of the shelter. Relationships between the shelter and other service agencies. Briefs and reports on the shelter to Government, U.C.F. and City.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:

Because of the nature of the operation, the risks of crisis are high and the necessity to aid in dealing with them is constant. This varies from working with individual women to encounters with the police, crisis unit and the landlord.

RESEARCH:

Data accumulation on the statistics re homeless women in Edmonton.

SOCIAL ANIMATION:

With the management committee and the women who use the shelter - mutual respect and understanding and to design alternatives.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:

A constant Public Relation program with the media and church groups etc. to inform and solicit support. Requests to government and to U.C.F. and City. Acquisition of furnishings, clothing, food.

PERSONNEL:

Lynn, Marsha, Marg Souch, Betty Nigro, Daisy Wilson, Maureen, Marilyn, Marion.

PROJECT: MINI-CONFERENCE

PURPOSE: To provide initiative for a continuing platform to discuss and act on situation pertaining to women re - education, legal rights, health, family and home, employment, etc.

INITIATED: September, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: No current committment, possible reinvigoration with committee on the "Status of Women".

ADMINISTRATION: Notices, records, meetings, bookkeeping.

CONSULTATION: Conference plan and content development. Follow-up in January of a week long evening meeting. Status of Women committee.

RESEARCH: Status of Women report
Information on legal rights, educational opportunities, employment and health statistics.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: To activate the women in attendance who organized themselves for follow-up work.

RESEARCH ACCUMULATION:
Funds to provide registration fees
Films and resource personnel.

PERSONNEL: Lynn, Marsha, Marg Souch, Betty Nigro, Alice, Maureen.

PROJECT:

COMMUNITY PROBES

PURPOSE:

An information - action process toward developing positive urban models. To mobilize people within a community to analyze and articulate their situation and collectively to develop and realize urban alternatives.

INITIATED:

September, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS:

Current attempts to secure funds

ADMINISTRATION:

Clerical, records, bookkeeping, notices, telephone, meetings.

CONSULTATION:

Total staff commitment in design and development. Brief prepared and presented to Provincial, Federal and municipal officials for support.

RESEARCH:

Proposed city developments which are influencing urban life, housing, transportation, parks plan. Legislation pertaining to the above.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:

Seeking funds from Federal and Provincial sources as well as city. Meetings already held with Mr. Munro, Mr. Colburne, City aldermen. Possible joint funding.

PERSONNEL:

Team and 12 animators, David King, Marg. Souch Joe Donahue.

PROJECT: BOYLE STREET CO-OP

PURPOSE: To develop a multi-service, co-operative centre providing information, friendship advocacy and a cafeteria of direct services public and private including health care, employment, housing, legal aid etc. This co-op to be operated by a management group made up of citizens and workers.

INITIATED: October, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing High Priority.

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings, notices, records.

CONSULTATION: With representatives of interested city and provincial departments and private organizations who are interested in participation. With citizens on the community, with Federal government. Design and submission of comprehensive proposal for the co-op.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION: Submissions to Federal, Provincial, municipal governments for operational costs for core. Acquisition of facility.

PERSONNEL: Roger P., George, Lynn, Marc, Dick, Joe.

PROJECT: MEDIA CO-OP, STUDY & WORKSHOP

PURPOSE: To facilitate an awareness of and involvement in.

INITIATED: November, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings, notices, records, clerical.

CONSULTATION: To plan seminar, arrange for speakers, resource persons input, equipment for training, information on co-operative. Writing Brief to C.R.T.C.

RESEARCH: Davey Commission Report
C.R.T.C. Legislation.

RESOURCE ACCUMULATION:
Equipment from A.G.T.
Equipment from N.F.B.
Funds from H.R.D.A.

PERSONNEL: Lynn, Marsha, Roger, Jack Kumlin, Maureen,
Alice, Marc, Ron, Roger, Joe Donahue.

PROJECT: CRISIS CENTRE

PURPOSE: To research need for.
To mobilize resources to provide a comprehensive
24 hour distress centre.

INITIATED: November, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing, increased staff involvement in
study and action.

ADMINISTRATION: Meetings, records.

CONSULTATION: With F.S.A., C.M.H.A. and others. To study need
and develop a plan.

RESEARCH: Information for centres in other cities and their
operation. Information on statistics in Edmonton:
- suicides, crisis emergencies.

PERSONNEL: Marion, Bettie, Ev. Dick, Joe Donahue.

PROJECT: UNWED MOTHERS

PURPOSE: A volunteer group organized to offer after hours assistance through the Welfare Information Service telephone or crisis unit to unwed parents - friendship, support, advocacy, follow-up.

INITIATED: March, 1971 (Welfare Information Service)

PRESENT STATUS: 6 months experiment.

ADMINISTRATION: Telephone, clerical, notices, meetings, volunteer roster.

CONSULTATION: Planning for service since August 1970.
Arrangements for after hours phone.
Volunteer recruitment, training.
Arrangement for follow-up. Referral.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:
After hours and weekend work with girls and families.

RESEARCH: Collection of statistics on numbers and circumstances

PERSONNEL: Marion, Eunice, Jeannie, Betty Walkey, Mary Watt, Betty Farrell.

PROJECT: NURSING HOMES

PURPOSE: To gather a group of interested persons, to study the present situation of people in nursing homes, the legislation pertaining with a view to suggestions for improvement.

INITIATED: August, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing. Committee to be organized.

ADMINISTRATION: Clerical, notices, records, meetings.

CONSULTATION: Possible development of a report on the situation and a brief to the government. Some change already effected.

RESEARCH: Legal information.
Statistics
Information re ownership, profit, etc.

PERSONNEL: Glen Bresee, Bettie.

PROJECT: REHABILITATION STUDY

PURPOSE: To mobilize the adult disabled to determine alternatives in education, employment, accomodation and to act to provide these.

INITIATED: January, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing, increasing staff involvement.

ADMINISTRATION: Notices, meetings.

CONSULTATION: To study situation of persons in the group and select a target project and plan an active program for change and improvement.

RESEARCH: Re health and welfare legislation pertaining to medical and technical developments.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: To mobilize disabled adults to work together on their own problems. To become articulate on their own behalf.

PERSONNEL: Dick, Bettie, Marion, Jeannie.

PROJECT: REHABILITATION

PURPOSE: To research situation of the dependent disabled.
To mobilize a task force to act on information.

INITIATED: January, 1971.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing. Minimal E.S.P.C. involvement
at present.

CONSULTATION: To work with parents and service groups and
organizations. To study situation and possible
development of a brief for presentation to
government, particularly related to those children
for whom no service is presently available.

RESEARCH: Statistics, Telephone and personal interviews and
questionnaires on whereabouts and condition of these
people.

SOCIAL ANIMATION: With the parents and those who must act for the
dependent disabled.

PERSONNEL: Dick, Marion, Bettie, Jeannie.

PROJECT: ANTI-POLLUTION

PURPOSE: An information and research centre.
A volunteer organization providing an ecological
information centre - walk in or phone. Speakers
bureau and study committees. Social action and
briefs.

INITIATED: June, 1970.

PRESENT STATUS: Continuing. No E.S.P.C. direct involvement.

ADMINISTRATION: Office Space.

PERSONNEL: Rose French.