

DR. CRAWSHAW SEMINAR

Dec 14, 1967

There may have been 40 or more at the seminar. Dr. Crawshaw read his minutes. Washington county agencies were represented by Stan Mosley, welfare; Merle Currington--Education; Coordinators from CAP; Jané Greenwood, sheriff's deputy. Graduate of University of Washington in Police Science. Mc Cloud, detective. E. Van Lidegraf, health dept. Bob Fleming, Welfare ,

Highly disappointing trying to introduce birth control. Welfare poor have availed themselves of the service more than any other segment. Generally the rural poor are more promiscuous.

It was significant that a gal shows up with a friend, because they are afraid--to come alone.

Hugh asked casually how carefully do you check ID.

Merle: A problem in Jr. Hi and others--not especially the poor. It is everybody's problem. As one goes up in the grades the ratio rises in illegitimate pregnancies. There are one or two per 1000 kids. Girls? in Jr. Hi. Asked the philosophy of the educator he said, it is nil. There is no philosophy on the subject. The nitty gritty is thrashed out in the grades. The 9th gr. is too late--because by then some of the girls are pregnant.

Merle brought out the difference between the controlled juvenile and the emancipated juvenile. Their problems are vastly different. The emancipated juvenile can be dealt with, according to Van Lidegraf, with very little chance of exploitation. This is not his work...it is the nearest I can remember what he said. The controlled juvenile must have a parent with them to sign for every minute detail. It is a very touchy thing with the parent.

Mc Cloud does not counsel--by the time a girl is 18 and has had one or more pregnancies, she knows more about it than he ever will. That person is bound to get involved in criminal action anyway. Birds of a feather flock together. He isn't too interested in lewd cohabitation, because, it is a minor offense compared to what they will eventually be involved with. This pattern of living leads to all the other breaking down of morals and character.

Van was asked what the health dept asked of an individual
Introduction--meeting the case worker or nurse.

Registration

Interview

Primary Med Hist

Menstral "

Pregnancy "

Miscarriages "

Organic "

Diseases "

Brief Economic Hist.

Briefly, Married status, but do not pursue it.

"Pregnancy is a woman's problem, her problem with her husband is not their concern." They do not feel it necessary to consult him, because if a woman decided she does not want any more pregnancies, and wants to take measures to escape it, that is her perogative.

If the questioning is too intense the woman leaves with this, "Oh God, they put me through the 3rd degree."

suggested
Merle said to break the questioning into two stages, while he nonchalantly rolled his own cigarette. Gain her confidence.

They are not allowed any leeway of paper handling. Van said it couldn't be done. /They have to report to the state, and it has to come through loud and clear the first trip around. They do not have time or patience. "This is a statistic," someone shouted and, "Are we wanting statistics or to deal with people?"

Van and Hugh Lie. Crawshaw does not lie. Crawshaw doesn't want to play the game "Aint it awful?"--the people next door, but we can't do anything about it. *10* Says everything has to be done in absolute honesty.
Bob Fleming said
Connie Fisher, Negro, Portland, Read them out of existence. White man with a noose in one hand and pills in the other.

It was stressed that the measure is by law brought to the attention of the people who are asking for help financially. This is to ease their burden of responsibility. Hugh said a vital service is available.

I say, that while we worry together on the subject--someone is getting pregnant.