RESOLUTION

concerning

ESTABLISHMENT OF FAMILY COUNSELING CLINIC
at
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

August 2, 1979

WHEREAS, The Department of Counseling and School Psychology at Southern Connecticut State College has since its inception been involved in the training of professionals in a variety of clinical areas, and

WHEREAS, The Marriage and Family Counseling subdivision of this Department's Master's and Sixth-Year programs has grown to approximately 125 students, and

WHEREAS, Clinical practicum experiences are required features of the curriculum of these programs, and

WHEREAS, Clinical practicum experiences for these students in off-campus agencies which provide adequate professional supervision are inadequate in number and difficult for College supervisors to visit within the time available, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to authority granted in Sections 10-109b, 10-325c, and 10-116 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a Family Counseling Clinic staffed by faculty of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology is established at Southern Connecticut State College to extend counseling services to members of the public while simultaneously providing faculty-supervised practicum experiences for Master's degree and Sixth-Year Certificate candidates in Counseling.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director
April 26, 1979

To Whom It May Concern:

The West Haven Youth Service Bureau has been extremely fortunate in establishing contractual agreements with Southern Connecticut State College's Family Guidance Clinic for the provision of family counseling services.

As a result of this relationship, our agency has had the opportunity to work closely with both the College's highly trained professional staff and its intern candidates.

We feel that the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic model used by Southern Connecticut State College is an innovative approach to family therapy and has proven itself to be both an effective and successful method in working with our clients.

We look forward to the continuing success of these services and envision the development of stronger ties between Southern's Family Guidance Clinic and our own agency.

It is our sincere hope and with the greatest degree of anticipation that we support and encourage the development and certification of a Masters Degree program in the area of Family Counseling Therapy at Southern Connecticut State College.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Robert S. Morton
Coordinator

RSM:mjm
April 30, 1979

To Whom It May Concern:

The American family is a subject of both questions and concern. It is estimated that two out of every five children born in this decade will live in a single-parent home for at least part of their youth. The number of households headed by women has increased by more than a third this decade, and has more than doubled in one generation. The American family is dying and is becoming an endangered species.

Children are becoming exposed to more inconsistencies because of the absence of parental influence at home. This means that it is increasingly difficult for the growing child to develop clear values of his or her own. There is so much confusion surrounding him or her and so little attention paid to the child's dilemma, and so few people with the time and patience to listen to him, he cannot untangle some of the confusion. As a result, he simply remains without sufficient clarity of feeling or purpose.

In the past few years, the literature on family dynamics and family therapy has grown so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with it. It is clear, however, that the phrase "Family Therapy", does not mean a single, definite, therapeutic-technical arrangement, but rather a number of relatively different methods. These methods have the same subject matter and goal. Their goal being the family conflict instead of solely an individual inner conflict.

Southern Connecticut State College's Counseling Department has been providing the City of West Haven, under Project "SOFTEN", with family counseling. They have provided the families the possibility of dealing with personal problems more courageously and openly, of understanding them more clearly, and reducing the destructive, irrational effects they may have.

I, as Director of Project "SOFTEN", support the efforts of that department. The necessity for a definite and distinctive program in Family Therapy is essential in coping with the family problems of today.

Sincerely,

Beth Ann Sabo
Community Activities Coordinator
April 27, 1979

Dr. Barbara DeFrank
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501 Crescent Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Dr. DeFrank:

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Since that time, Southern Connecticut's Family Guidance Clinic has provided the citizens of this community with professional assistance and guidance. The availability of these services have been unexhaustable, and have been delivered with extreme dedication and efficiency.

I would just like to reiterate by saying that it is with the utmost enthusiasm that I support and encourage the development of a Masters Program in Family Therapy at Southern Connecticut State College, and look forward to its inception.

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Robert A. Johnson
Mayor

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Would you want to include the attached letters in the Trustees' agenda book in connection with the resolutions establishing the Family Counseling Clinic and Clinic Fee Schedule? The letters are certainly relevant to the establishment of the clinic, although they are specifically directed at the proposed masters program in Family Therapy which we are not yet ready to present to the Trustees.

T.A.P.

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