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Board of Directors
Centralia-Grand Mount-Rochester
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RE: Primary Health Provider for Kiwanis Boys Home

Dear Board Members:

I have worked with the Kiwanis Boys Home since 1986, and over the years I have tried to provide medical care and other services to the on-campus residents. However, my efforts during these years have been frustrated by the lack of cooperation and any type of leadership at the facility.

When I was president of the Centralia Kiwanis Club upon request for a year end report and budget, the members in the Club became extremely hostile toward me for requesting such information. Since then I have watched the administration and operation of the facility deteriorate to a stage where no one is in control and no one has an understanding of the financial status of the facility.

Most recently this situation became critical when I solicited the help of a professional grant writer to provide assistance in writing grants for the medical facility in the home that was acquired recently for that purpose. We were unable to obtain any data regarding the financial status of the facility, neither have we been able to get a year end report which is required by the Articles of Incorporation. Each time an inquiry was made, Mr. McCarthy became extremely nervous and hostile.

My questions center around one premise - What is there to be hidden?

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Also, why isn't there a year end report? What happened to grant money outside the auspices of Washington State DSHS? Who is actually in charge of the Boy's Home? Why is it necessary to have two Boards functioning as two separate entities? And, why is operation of the facility divided into two separate segments with counselling of the students at the Centralia Kiwanis Boys Home while bookkeeping and all other activities occur only in Thurston County?

I ask these questions because I feel the Boy's Home is an answer for a lot of misdirected and misguided youths and provides a very valuable service to these children and their families.

Regarding the medical aspect of the situation, I find that there are too many mind altering drugs being used to try to channel the student's behavior. Some of the drugs being used in these young boys are extremely dangerous and could cause a very serious problem if used without supervision. It has been very difficult to get the staff at the Boy's Home to understand that they need a fully qualified nurse on hand to provide medical care for these students under the direction of a physician. Furthermore, it is hard for them to understand the liability that goes along with caring for a population of young adolescents where there is absolutely no control.

In writing this letter, I am not attacking anyone. I am simply asking questions that have never been answered since I was president of the Centralia Kiwanis Clubs and I think these questions should be answered. I think the books should be opened to the public for scrutiny regardless of the possible embarrassment.

Also, we all have to understand that at times in our lives we become more of a problem than a help. I think that is the position I now find myself in because I cannot continue to support the Boy's Home under the present administration, especially in the loose manner in which it is presently run.

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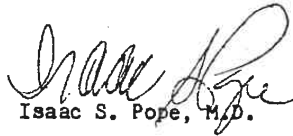
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I hope you take serious consideration in reviewing the situation at the Kiwanis Boys Home, especially since liability extends to each board member and you cannot say you did not know.

With best regards and continued support of the Kiwanis Boys Home and it's concept.

Sincerely,



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