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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT - KIWANIS VOCATIONAL HOME FOR YOUTH

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SCOPE:

Numerous Allegations were made against the Administrator and Staff of the Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth by some members of the Kiwanis Club of Tumwater and Kiwanis Club of Chehalis.

MISSION:

An Investigative Committee, Past Governor Allan Wood - Chairman, Past Lt. Governor & Pacific Northwest (PNW) District Chairman for Laws & Regulations Gary McGlothlin and Russ Hobbs PNW District Chairman for Community Services, was appointed by PNW District Governor George Wieman to "be a fact finding, impartial, non-aligned committee" to investigate the allegations, put in operation a healing process to save this important facility and protect the Kiwanis name.

ALLEGATIONS:

1. The Administrator, Charlie McCarthy, was a "liar & a thief".
2. Inequities of management by the Administrator and the Director of Youth Services of KVH.
3. A charge of negligence against the KVH Board of Directors.
4. Building materials to enlarge a⁷ office on the home of the administrator, Charlie McCarthy were paid for by KVH.
5. The Kiwanis Club of Chehalis donated money to purchase a fire truck for KVH. The fire truck was donated to the home and the Chehalis club expected to donated money to be returned to their club. Hard feelings existed when the money was not returned.

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6. The Lewis County Sheriff made an investigation of Charlie McCarthy for missing and mis-appropriated funds.

7. A Member of the Kiwanis Club of Chehalis referred to the Lewis County Youth Enterprises (LCYE) Board of Directors as "nothing but a bunch of castrated puppets" and McCarthy a "thief".

8. The name of Kiwanis was being sullied by activities of the Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth.

9. False entries were made in residents' records.

10. Psychotropic drugs were administered improperly.

11. Sexual abuse was in evidence in the home.

DISCUSSION:

Persons were interviewed, either by telephone, individually or in conference with the three members of the Investigative Committee & correspondence to/from individuals/agencies was reviewed.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED:

1. Dale Shannon, Past Lt. Governor Division 40, & Secretary of the KVH Board of Directors.

2. Andy Anderson, Lt. Governor -Division 40.

3. Don Sattleberg, Lt. Governor - Division 38.

4. Theo Britt, Past Lt. Governor - Division 40 & member of the Kiwanis Club of Tumwater.

5. Charlie McCarthy, Administrator - Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth (KVH).

6. Guy Cornwell, Director of Youth Care - KVH.

7. George Darkenwald, Buzzard, Darkenwald & Allen Attorneys - Attorney for both Lewis County Youth Enterprises (LCYE) and KVH.

8. Ed Hopkins, member Kiwanis Club of Centralia & member KVH Advisory Board.

9. Henry Meister, member Kiwanis Club of Chehalis.

10. Jim Hagen, member Kiwanis Club of Centralia & President LCYE Board.

11. Dr. D.C. Curnel, provides medical care for KVH Youth.

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12. Lou Patton, Past Lt. Governor - Division 40 & Chairman, KVH Advisory Board.

13. Jack Petra, Petra Insurance Agency, Inc. & employer of Henry Meister.

14. DR. I. S. Pope, former provider of medical care services for KVH.

15. Don Conway President - Kiwanis Club of Chehalis.

16. Marv Christensen, Group Care Coordinator, Division of Children & family Services, Region 6.

17. Ben Martin, Donator of land for KVH - FAILED TO APPEAR (FTA).

18. Anita Boucher, Formerly employed at KVH - FAILED TO APPEAR (FTA).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. Quit Claim Deed from Ben Martin to Lewis County Youth Enterprises, a Washington non-profit corporation. This is a valid deed and properly recorded.

2. More than sixty-six (66) letters, memo's, IRS Form 990's, letters of appreciation to KVH, and Part IX, Sec 1101, 903 Chapter 306, RCW 4.24.264.

FINDINGS:

Allegation 1 - Invalid. Written or oral documentation was not provided to substantiate Allegation 1.

Allegation 2 - Invalid. Written or oral documentation was not provided nor was there indications of management inequities.

Allegation 3 - Valid. Interviews with various board members indicated they were not fully aware of their responsibilities nor were they certain of their board affiliation.

Allegation 4 - Valid. Building materials were used to build an office extension on the home of the Administrator, Charlie McCarthy. Minutes of a Board Meeting validate the fact that the Board approved the use of the materials.

Allegation 5 - Invalid. We did not find correspondence which indicated the Kiwanis Club of Chehalis requested the return of the donated money for the Fire Engine.

Allegation 6 - Invalid. We did not find written or

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oral correspondence indicating an investigation had taken place.

Allegation 7 - Valid. Mr. Henry Meister, in an impulsive moment, did make that statement.

Allegation 8 - Invalid. Late entries were made in residents' records. They were made to complete proper validation of counselling sessions.

Allegation 9 - Invalid. Psychotropic drugs were administered by a qualified person after validating the prescription signed by a doctor.

Allegation 10 - Invalid. There were no records which indicated any sexual abuse in the home.

Allegation 11 - Invalid. Written documentation, interviews/letters did not show any actions which could be construed as sulling the name of Kiwanis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That all clubs involved with the support of The Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth review the Six Objects of Kiwanis and comply with their intent.

2. That a separate Board of Directors be established for Lewis County Youth Enterprises (LCYE) and Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth to preclude the possibility of conflict of interest.

3. That each of the Boards have a member from each of the clubs supporting Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth.

4. That each of the Board of Directors review, in detail, the By-Laws of Kiwanis International (KI) Pacific Northwest (PNW) District, LCYE and KVH To ensure compliance at all levels.

5. That the Administrator comply with instructions issued by the LCYE Board of Directors through the KVH Advisory Board.

5. That Board of Directors meetings be conducted on a regular schedule and meeting place. Written notification should be provided to each board member.

6. That the minutes of each Board of Directors' include Members Present, Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, Treasurer's report, Communications, Unfinished Business, Approval of Bills, New Business and Adjournment.

7. That a properly administered lien be placed on the property of the Administrator, Charlie McCarthy or that the Board of Directors and Charlie McCarthy replenish the KVH

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Operating Fund in the amount authorized for the building of the additional office space.

SUMMARY:

The Investigative Committee agrees that except for minor discrepancies in Administrative procedures, (which in most instances have been corrected by Past Lt. Governor Dale Shannon by working with the Home), allegations against the Kiwanis Home for Youth, the Administrator and the Director of Youth activities were based on lack of communication, lack of knowledge about the operation of KVH and inadequate Board of Directors appointments, operation and guidance.

The McCarthy's, when needed have made large monetary donations to the operation of Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth to ensure a quality program has continued to operate.

The Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth is providing a quality program for a most needy group of boys. This is in evidence by letters of appreciation from the community, and continual increase in Contacted Services by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS).

We, the Investigative Committee do not find any reason to withdraw the name of Kiwanis from the Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth and commend their operation.

Yours in Kiwanis,

Allan Wood, Chairman

Gary McGlothlen, Member

Russ Hobbs, Member

cc: Board of Directors - LCYE
Board of Directors - KHV -
Administrator, Mr. Charlie McCarthy
Director of Youth Care - Mr. Guy Cornwell

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