

Placement teamwork showing

By SHERRY KAHAN

"Community placement for retarded people is a must," declared Jimmie Nelson of Southfield at a recent meeting called to make the public more aware of the community placement issue.

A former president of the Plymouth Association for Retarded Citizens (PARC), Mrs. Nelson now visits her 26-year-old retarded son in a community home rather than in the much-publicized Plymouth Center for Human Development.

"The progress he is making is a joy to me," she continued, adding that he has been toilet trained, and has learned to brush his teeth, change his clothes and communicate better.

"I desperately want him not to be denied this opportunity," she said. "I see a smile on his face when he returns from home to his new family. He's happy to be back. Don't deny him that happiness. Put yourself in the place of the handicapped. I think God is where we are today."

THE MEETING to educate the public took place in Royal Oak's Kimball High School. In one way, it could be regarded as a historic occasion because it was sponsored by both the Michigan Department of Mental Health and the local Associations for Retarded Citizens. It was not long ago that the relationship between the two was anything but friendly.

The Plymouth Association for Retarded Citizens and the Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens initiated a suit in 1978 against DMH charging

abuse and neglect of residents at the Plymouth Center for Human Development. Most of the PARC members were parents of residents at this facility maintained by DMH.

The result of this action was widespread attention focused on the center, eventual removal of several DMH officials and staff members, an organizational shakeup within the institution and a landmark decision by U.S. Judge George Joyner.

He ordered the development of community residential alternatives and stated specifically that the Plymouth population must be reduced to no more than 100 by March 31, 1983. At present, the population is 496.

So far 14 group homes for Plymouth residents have been established by the center or placed under its jurisdiction. All house six developmentally disabled persons because a state law rules that local zoning ordinances cannot be used to exclude residential care facilities for six persons or less.

IN THE MIDDLE of these revolutionary changes in the retarded persons' scene, a committee was formed in Wayne County by area associations for retarded citizens. The committee, which was concerned with public awareness about mental retardation, eventually was expanded to include ARCS in Oakland and Macomb counties.

"We were asked in," said Ken Stockton, community relations director of the regional Michigan Department of Mental Health.

"We were asked to sit on this committee," he added. "Also joining were

representatives of the Plymouth center, Macomb Oakland Regional Center, Northville Regional Training Center and Southgate Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities.

Stockton said it was a positive sign that the state and the ARCS could come together to solve mutual problems "because our biggest critics could be advocacy groups and parents concerned about the quality of care and services."

"It reflects well on how well we're conducting ourselves if advocacy groups and parents are working with us."

CAROL PARK, a member of the community placement unit at Northville Residential Training Center, anticipates that the turn toward community placement will result in 17 group homes for retarded adults by Sept. 30. They will be established by the NRTC unit.

"There has been resistance to the placement of the developmentally disabled in the communities," she said, adding that in her opinion opponents of the idea have not had sufficient information to deal with the problem.

"Without understanding there is fear," she said.

"You can't have a public change in attitude without some controversy," stated Dr. Frank Ochberg, DMH director, to an awareness audience made up primarily of retarded care professionals, relatives of the retarded and a few dissenters. "One of our major purposes is change the nature of care (for retarded) in this state, and get away from the way it was done for decades. No matter how we run an institution,

something insidious and inhuman tends to happen. Humans don't thrive when they live in institutions."

Statistics were introduced by Jerry Leisner, deputy master appointed to carry out the Plymouth court order.

"In Michigan three percent of the population, or 273,000, are retarded," he said. "Of this number 4,700 are in 12 state institutions. About 98 percent of the people labeled mentally retarded are already in the community."

"Mentally retarded persons have a right to live in least restrictive, feasible setting. They have the right to return to their home community. They should have the opportunity to live in a normal setting. They are capable of physical, intellectual and social growth, which is stifled in an institution."

A SERIES OF OTHER speakers listed various safeguards imposed by DMH to maintain quality care in group homes. It was part of an effort to answer doubts raised by such critics as the Rev. Ken Griffith of Pontiac who declared after the meeting that group homes were a big business and that administrators of the homes were not qualified to run them.

"They noted that each home will have a community advisory committee to monitor its care. It will also be visited by a regular basis by a health care professionals such as nurses and psychologists. A complaint system is also in place through which residents or members of their families can file complaints through the state Office of Recipient Rights or Protection and Advocacy."

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