

The next item on the agenda was a report from the President.

Mr. Ehrlich introduced Charles Jones, Director of the Office of Field Services, who explained the proposed structure and function of regional offices and answered questions from Board members.

Following lengthy discussion of the proposed structure of the regional offices, Mr. Cook moved that the regional alignment as presented by the staff be approved. Mr. Broughton seconded the motion.

Mr. Ortique moved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting. Mr. Broughton seconded Mr. Ortique's motion.

The substitute motion by Mr. Ortique carried with Messrs. Cook, Kutak, Broughton, Montejano, Ortique, and Stophel voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Cramton, Smith, and Thurman voting in the negative.

As the next matter on the agenda Mr. Kutak moved and Mr. Smith seconded adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors adopt the following standard for funding current support centers after March 31, 1976:

Support centers may be funded pursuant to Section 1006(a)(1)(A) of the Act by contract for the purpose of providing legal assistance to eligible clients.

Support centers entering into such contracts will be limited to client counseling and representational activities, professional responsibility activities in accordance with the Code of Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association, and such "housekeeping" activities as are normally carried on by law offices.

With minor transitional exceptions specifically authorized by the Corporation, each recipient entering into such a contract will be prohibited from using Corporation funds for activities that Section 1006(a)(3) of the Act authorizes the Corporation to undertake directly but not by grant or contract, namely, research, training, technical assistance, and information clearinghouse activities that relate to but are not a part of providing legal assistance to eligible clients under Section 1006(a)(1)(A).

The motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of an affirmative action plan for the Corporation.

Mr. Ehrlich introduced Charles White, Director of Equal Opportunity for the Corporation, who answered questions concerning the proposed affirmative action plan.

Mr. Stophel moved deletion of the following language from the draft resolution and affirmative action plan: "This policy applies to females and other groups who, by virtue of past discrimination, continue to suffer present effects of that discrimination." Mr. Cook seconded the motion and it was adopted with Messrs. Cook, Stophel, Smith, Kutak, Thurman, and Broughton voting yes; Messrs. Cramton, Montejano, and Ortique voting no.

Following further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene the next day at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m., April 24, 1976.

The Board continued discussion of the proposed affirmative action plan and policies.

Board Resolution

March 5, 1976

Re: Funding of Support Centers

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors proposes to adopt the following standard for funding current support centers after March 31, 1976:

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RESOLVED further, pursuant to Section 1008(e) of the Act, that the foregoing be published in the Federal Register for purposes of receiving public comment.