

National Coalition to Support Sexuality Education  
Meeting - Friday, April 19, 1991

Major focus of the meeting agenda: Building support for sexuality education and responding to the opposition

Over twenty representatives from Coalition member agencies were present. Participants described organizational objectives and activities in support of sexuality education.

Highlights of introductory session:

Planned Parenthood Federation is lobbying for state mandates for sexuality education.

The American Medical Association has a campaign promoting awareness of youth health issues.

The U.S. Conference of Local Health Officers is sponsoring a conference of mayors, and programatic efforts for informational exchanges among local governments.

The International Sexologist Organization promotes research regarding sexology and sponsors plenary sessions which are open to the public.

American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists - The twenty-third annual conference in St. Louis, May 1-5, will be a major meeting on sexuality education. For information, call (312) 644-0828.

SIECUS is a catalyst for various organizations.

Overview of Coalition Activities:

Meeting chair - Debra Haffner - reported that coalition membership has increased to forty. The organizations represent 25 million young people and are considered to be very main stream.

The National Coalition will frame a statement on condom availability - in the context of health education, and the right to know - as part of an educational effort.

With regard to a plan for condom availability in Philadelphia, Debra Haffner noted that it would be helpful for local Coalition chapters to support the plan and encouraged members to get involved.

Small group sessions focused on individual agency commitment, availability of resources, and help needs for confronting opposition to the advancement of sexuality education.

Materials distributed:

"Winning the Battle: Developing Support for Sexuality and HIV/AIDS Education" - A SIECUS publication

Press Release for "Winning the Battle"

National Coalition membership and mailing lists

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After lunch there was a panel presentation and discussion. Organization strategies were discussed at the afternoon session.