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Dear Mr. Shealy:

Attorney General McLeod has asked me to respond to your recent request for an Opinion. You have asked if the Board Members of a County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission can have access to the names of individuals who are attending County Substance Abuse Programs.

I have contacted Mr. Jerry McCord and Bill Routh at the State Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and they have advised me that your question has been recently answered by their Agency. At the December 15, 1977 meeting of Program Directors, the State Commission advised that County Board Members could have access to the records in question on a need to know basis. Therefore, access depends on the facts of each case, but generally access should be allowed when there is a valid need.

Should your Commission have any additional questions on this subject, please have your local Director, Ken Riebe, contact Bill Routh directly and he will be happy to be of help.

Sincerely,

George C. Beighley
Assistant Attorney General

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