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Position Paper/Dolliver Statement

I was a member of the Washington State Council (on Alcoholism) and it became obvious right away that with the new National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, known as NIAAA, with the founding of NIAAA, large amounts of money started flowing from the government into the field and being dispersed into the states. And it became extremely important who gets to spend that money and for what. All over the United States, there was a consolidation of it in Mental Health, and there was an attempt to do that here.

The Washington State Council had heard my lectures, everybody by then was fully aware by 1972 this alternative, the biogenic view, and it had caught on at Cedar Hills and Olalla and Alcenas and so forth, so it was a pretty big thing by '72. Would I please write a position paper to say why this should not be put in Mental Health, and I did, and that position paper was just called A Position Paper of the Washington State Council.