

Borough to get service agency for retarded

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the city for its residents.

In other action, the council voted unanimously to send a letter to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano, explaining the need of any national health insurance legislation to contain provisions outlining benefits for the chronically disabled person.

Also discussed at yesterday's meeting in the Richmond Occupational Training Center, New Brighton, was the so-called "hepatitis issue."

Dr. Gerald Spielman, a pediatrician who had addressed concerned parents of children attending PS 69, Merrymount Ave., New Springville, expressed, along with others, the need for more public education.

A representative of the school's Parent-Teacher Association said that she felt the parents, at first "highly emotional" about the presence in the school of three pupils deemed hepatitis carriers, were "calming down, a lot better now."

"I think they understand the chances of (others) getting hepatitis are really small," she said, adding that education, not exclusion, was the answer.

The three PS 69 carriers, all mentally retarded, remain in a separate special education class within the school.

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