## [Massachusetts State] Board of Education Meeting December 21, 1999

Testimony by Scott Whiteman (Parents' Rights Coalition)

We shall sodomize your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of your shallow dreams and vulgar lies. We shall seduce them in your schools.

Michael Swift, Gay Community News, Feb. 15, 1987.

On February 10, 1992, the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth was created by William Weld's having signed and authorized Executive Order 325, stating as his predominant reason for the institution of this Commission

that 30% of completed youth suicides annually are by gay and lesbian youth; and ... that suicide is the leading cause of death for gay and lesbian youth.

It is not my purpose to extrapolate fully on why the use of a 1989 Health and Human Services report on Youth Suicide was erroneous, rather to merely point out that the report was speculation then and has since been proven false by the Centers for Disease Control. I point this out for two reasons, which I call the *Double Lie*:

- 1. that there is a high percentage of youth suicide in the gay community
- 2. that the Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth is in the schools to prevent youth suicide

The Governor's Commission was founded on false premises with misrepresentation and disregard of the facts about the homosexual lifestyle. The facts were, and remain that, it is not determinable how many of the 5,000 annual youth suicides are by gays or lesbians. The intent of instituting the Commission on these premises was, and still is, to deceive you as to the nature of homosexuality. The Governor's Commission would have you believe that gay youths are beaten or harassed on a daily basis to the point that they contemplate suicide to escape this terrible lifestyle which they were born into. Fiction is fun, but the reality is that all teens, gays and lesbians alike, are resilient to attacks if they occur. However, where are they occurring? In Massachusetts, how many gays are beaten on a daily basis? How many are killed for being gay? These are the real numbers we need to see before the Governor's Commission should be allowed to continue with its supposed agenda, since the foundational 1989 study on Youth Suicide has been declared inconclusive.

What then, since the suicide rate is not so prevalent that the agents of the Commission save gays, does the Commission, through the Gay Straight Alliances, do? According to the *Recommendations* in <u>Prevention of Health Problems Among Gay & Lesbian Youth</u> given to the Governor in 1994, the Commission has provided "trainings" on "Sexual Orientation and [the] Coming Out Process." Additionally, when dealing with STDs, information about safer sex should be given "as it relates to gay, lesbian and bisexual youth," with the understanding that "[g]ay, lesbian and bisexual youth may not be able to *practice skills* crucial to developing [a healthy homosexual relationship]." Exactly what skills ought we be teaching children to practice? Should it be how to keep their fingernails trimmed so they don't tear their lover's rectum while "fisting" him, as the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prevention of Health Problems Among Gay & Lesbian Youth, p. 21

Color Me Healthy brochure from The Fenway instructs? Maybe they ought to be "practicing" on a New Hampshire lakeside weekend retreat and be paid \$25 to do it at events sponsored by the Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY)? BAGLY itself recognizes that their age ranges from 14 to 22 at its meetings. Have we decided that youths who question their sexuality aren't protected from pæderasts simply because they think they might be gay?

I am 25. If I were to approach any of your 14 or 15 year old daughter or granddaughter to "discuss sex" and give her a chance to "really get to know [me] ... on a much deeper level," you would rightly come against me and prevent me from meeting your daughter in this, or any, atmosphere. You might even seek to punish me criminally. Yet, we allow our young boys to be preyed upon by older men and call it "diversity." Pædophilia is still a crime in Massachusetts, and consensual sex is still rape when it occurs between a child under the age of 16 and an adult above the age of 18. Who will be to blame when an older man and a young boy lie together, facilitated by the GSAs? Keep in mind that homosexuals are too ready to admit that "only" 30% of the pædophilia crimes are committed by homosexuals; stated differently, by 3% of the population.

I have come today not to give you questions to ponder before you allow the Governor's Commission to influence the schools with their call to diversity. Rather, I have come to reveal to you that they are in your schools under the guise of "safety." They have lied to you to get into the schools, lie to parents while in the schools, and you must pray that they are not lying with boys who statutorily cannot consent to sex. If you provide the inroad for these criminal pædophiles, you ought to be held accountable as well for their crimes. I leave you with this thought:

How many gay men, I wonder, would have missed out on a valuable, liberating experience — one that initiated them into their sexuality — if it weren't for so-called molestation?

Carl Maves, "Getting Over It," The Advocate, May 5, 1992, p. 85

This was in a 1992 edition of *The Advocate*, a "mainstream" gay magazine. According to the gays, you don't have to fear that they are pædophiles, you should thank them.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> BAGLY pamphlet announcing meetings and a \$25 stipend for those who attend a lakeside weekend retreat.