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Dear Doctor Engberg:

Dr. Rossen has outlined his plans for continuation training of our staff members and has recommended the following with respect to our psychologists:

A meeting is to be held every two weeks at Anoka emphasizing the clinical study of an individual patient and stressing the inter-relationships of psychiatry, psychology, social work, food services, O.T., R.T., and other specialties in the approach to a single patient. Part of the meeting time will be spent in discussions among the individual specialty groups and various "guest speakers" will be brought in from time to time. For the present, these meetings will be held every two weeks on Monday with the exception of the next meeting which is to take place on Tuesday, March 20. All institutional psychologists are expected to attend,

With regard to the sessions at Rochester, there has been some misunderstanding. These meetings are held each Wednesday beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the neurology service at the Mayo Annex. Psychologists are expected to attend whenever possible, but Dr. Rossen felt that considerations of distance and travel time made it impractical for personnel at Fergus Falls and Moose Lake to attend oftener than once every two weeks. Arrangements for meals and sleeping accommodations can be made at Rochester State Hospital.

The desirability of out of State trips for purposes of extending professional contacts was stressed at the last meeting, and Dr. Rossen indicated agreement in principle with the idea of paying expenses for our psychologists to at least one and preferably two professional meetings or conventions annually. In so far as the hospital budget will permit, psychologists should be permitted to attend the American Psychological Association convention and that of the Mid-Western Psychological Association. The latter is to be held in Detroit, Michigan on May 4 and 5 of this year immediately following the convention of the American Psychiatric Association. Plans are now under way to enable a representative group of our psychologists to attend and psychologists were advised to discuss the matter with superintendents individually.

Yours very truly,

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