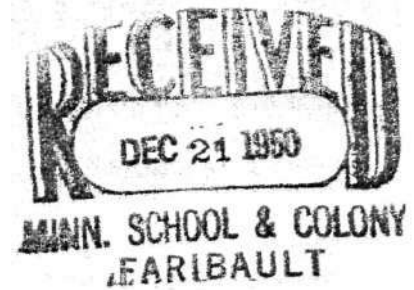




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Dr. E. J. Engberg
Superintendent
Minnesota School and Colony
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Engberg:

This is in answer to your communication of December 5» in which you described some of the manners in which you are integrating your recreational program for the patients. I thought it very commendable that you have organized conferences of key personnel in relation as to how they could better coordinate their duties and understand the objectives of the recreation program and the need to reach all patients within the institution.

You pointed out that you thought your greatest weakness at this time was that % the physicians were not entering into the recreational program in a prescription basis as they might do. I think that this is obviously a need at most of our hospitals and whatever you can do to strengthen the understanding of the physicians to the purpose of recreation and the fact that it is a very important need in the lives of the children, that will be most helpful in furthering our program aims.

... I; did enjoy the recent supervisory conference visitation to your institution and thought that it was particularly commendable that Mr. Hustad and the recreation, department were being made more and more cognizant of medical objectives and aims in the new emphasis. I think it particularly imperative at this time that Mr. Hustad and Mr. Hall discuss how the school department and the recreational departments can be better coordinated. I will certainly look forward to my forth coming meeting with Mr, Hall and Mr. Hustad in this respect.

Upon looking at my calender I find that I will be able to be at Faribault School and Colony on the afternoon of this coming Friday, December 22. If that particular time is convenient to meet with yourself, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hustad or any combination of the three I will be most happy to come to Faribault at that time. Unless there is further word from you regarding any inconvenience in my being there the afternoon of December 22 then I will assume that this date is agreeable.

Yours very truly,

Ralph Rossen, M. D.
Commissioner of Mental Health

Fred M. Chapman, Supervisor
Patient Programs Services

