

*Minnesota School and Colony*

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Engberg \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

From: Raymond Roach \_\_\_\_\_ April 12, 1954

Re: Report of Committee- on Patient Privileges.

It is the concensus of this committee that adoption of a grounds privilege system for patients, organized along the lines described below, would be entirely feasible and a highly desirable adjunct to the present institution program.

1. Grounds privilege shall mean granting to patients the opportunity to go about certain prescribed areas unattended.
2. The exercise of grounds privilege shall be limited to off-duty hours, i.e. times when the patient is not scheduled for school, work, special therapy, or central activities.
3. Except in the case of those patients who possess off-campus privilege (as defined below), exercise of grounds privilege shall be limited to the daylight hours.
4. Three types of grounds privilege should be recognized:
  - a. Area
    - 1) This shall refer to a specified, limited area in the vicinity of the patient's cottage.
    - 2) Each building's rules should specify the boundaries of its outside area for privilege purposes.
    - 3) All patients should possess area privilege unless specifically denied it by the physicians in charge\*
  - b. Campus
    - 1) This shall refer to large campus areas, separately defined for males and females. (Certain areas should be reserved from both sexes, as the baseball field, auditorium, campus periphery, and areas reserved for central activities.)
    - 2) Certain selected patients should be granted campus privilege.
    - 3) Patients granted campus privilege should be identifiable by a card which they shall carry on their person, and by an armband.
  - c. Off-campus
    - 1) This shall refer to certain designated areas within the city of Faribault.
    - 2) From among those patients who already possess campus privilege, certain ones should be selected to exercise off-campus privilege.
    - 3) Off-campus privilege should be operative only if the patient has the direct approval of the person in charge of his building for the time and purpose specified.
    - 4) Off-campus privilege should extend only to 10 p.m., except as the Division supervisor may grant extensions beyond that time, but in no event extending past midnight,
    - 5) Separate days for the exercise of off-campus privilege should be allotted to male and female patients. (It is suggested that Tuesdays and alternate Sundays be allotted to females, Thursdays and alternate Sundays to males.) Further designation of days should be made only on order of the physicians in charge.

5. The organization, supervision, and periodic revision of a grounds privilege system should be made the responsibility of a committee of senior staff members. The members of that committee, in consultation with aides, recreation workers, teachers, and other employees having direct contact with patients, should be responsible for the actual classification of patients according to the degree of privilege they should possess.

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