MINUTES
HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING
- Special Meeting -
June 15, 1959
Veterans' Service Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Present:
Moose Lake  Fergus Falls  St. Peter  Central Office
Hastings  Cambridge  Mr. Hursh
Anoka  Faribault  Dr. Cameron
Willmar  Owatonna  Dr. Vail
Rochester  Gillette  Mr. Chapado
Owatonna  (represented by Superintendents, Acting Superintendents,
and Business Managers)
State San.

Also represented Association of State Hospital Physicians
and Surgeons (Drs. Samuelson, and Textor)

Absent: Sandstone, Brainerd

There was no formal agenda. The business at hand was to go over
in detail the current expense expectations of the institutions,
to unify them; and to prepare a covering document in the form of
letter or memorandum to messrs. Child and Showell of the Conference
Committee.

Hurs reported that he had talked with Child and Showell and was
informed that the Appropriation Bill for Welfare would be passed
sometime this week. He stated that "there are only two points
they are interested in: merit increases and maintenance allowances....
otherwise it is a closed book." That the Conference Committee
was not willing to meet with the Superintendents.

Cameron expressed the hope that any document prepared today would
go over Hursh's signature and suggested that in the event of
significant differences, there might have to be two documents sent,
one by the Department and the other by the Superintendents' Associa-
tion.

A detailed review of the anticipated maintenance receipts and
anticipated current expense deficits then ensued. Each institution
was advised to make the necessary amendments or corrections.

The proposed covering document was read. Hursh objected that it
was too long. Numerous corrections were made before the letter was
in final form. Hursh indicated that he was willing to sign it.

Hursh indicated that the Governor was sympathetic and wanted a
copy of the documents. He indicated that he (Hursh) was not willing
to make a press release nor participate in a press conference, nor be
willing to be present at a press conference which did not meet
with his approval. He suggested that such an act would be offensive
to the legislature...This is offensive; it hurts the cause...they
refuse to do business with other than the department head."
A vote was taken as to whether the superintendents should have a press conference. Vote: seven ayes, two noes.

It was decided that a different document (from that which had been prepared for Hursh's signature) or material would be used and that the press conference would be called by the Superintendents' Association.

Other Business

Summer trainees are not considered as part of normal personnel complement; psychiatric aide trainees are. In the instance of positions being lost, it is suggested that no employees be released until the new bill is passed, even then it should be possible to reduce by attrition.