TO: All Institutions
Attention: Medical Directors
Administrators
Directors of Nursing Services
Personnel

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Medical Director

SUBJECT: Visits by Dr. Russell Barton

The work schedule for Dr. Barton's consultations with the Department of Public Welfare and the institutions in the Medical Services Division is as follows:

Phase I — Between now and June 24, inclusive

1. Institutional Assemblies.
   Dr. Barton will participate in the May 21 and June 4, 1965, Assemblies, according the format used on May 14.

2. Institutional Visits
   2.1 Dr. Barton and I will visit various institutions according to the schedule shown below. We will be accompanied by Joe Lucero, who will coordinate details at this end.

   2.2 The format will be
      -- Arrive 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.
      -- Balance of the morning spent in tours, informal discussions with staff, etc., so that Dr. Barton can get a "feel" of the institution.
      -- Lunch at institution.
      -- Didactic presentation 1:00 - 3:30 P.M.*

   2.3 The didactic presentation will consist of the talks used at the final three Institutional Assemblies. To-wit:

      VAIL: "The Theory of Dehumanization and the Total Institution" — one hour.

*This could vary slightly, provided that 2½ hours are set aside. See Item 2.1.

Plus time for break, questions, etc.

2.4 Those attending the presentations at the Institution Visits should be as many as possible personnel, including night staff, who have not or will not have attended the Institutional Assemblies. Through this means we hope to get the Dehumanization message to all hands, or as many as we can. For this reason, the talks are scheduled at a time of day that will give the best chance for including personnel on the morning and evening shifts. Attendance open to all hospital employees including those who have already been to Institutional Assembly and may want to hear Dr. Barton.

2.5 The schedule of visits is as follows (subject to change):

May 19: Hastings
June 2: Anoka (includes personnel from Minnesota Residential Treatment Center)
June 3: Cambridge
June 10: Willmar
June 14: Fergus Falls
June 15: Brainerd
June 16: Moose Lake
June 21: Rochester
June 23: Faribault (includes personnel from Owatonna State School)
June 24: St. Peter (includes personnel from both St. Peter State Hospital and Minnesota Security Hospital)

(NOTE: Personnel from other DPW institutions and corrections are also cordially invited. I suggest:

Gillette: June 3 at Cambridge
Ah-Gwah-Ching: June 15 at Brainerd
Deaf, Braille: June 23 at Faribault
Prison: June 2 at Anoka
Reformatory: June 10 at Willmar)
2.6 Coordination

Could each institution please designate some one person to be the contact man at the institution and to keep in touch with Joe Lucero as to details.

Phase II —

During the last five weeks (June 24 to July 31) of Dr. Barton's visit, he and Joe Lucero will work intensively with certain wards in various institutions in the system. This study will try to further validate the Institutional Neurosis measurement scales and test the applicability of the Institutional Neurosis concept as a working instrument in upgrading hospital wards. The exact methodology has not been worked out yet.

These matters will be reviewed at the June 18, 1965, Superintendents' meeting.

cc - Mr. Morris Hursh

DPW Cabinet

Mental Health Medical Policy Committee
I would suggest the following tour to save time (not being in order of Program Listing):

Leave Rogers, go to Osage (male) Program III; to Oaks (female) Program VI; to Pine (male) Program II; to Spruce (female) Program I; to Cedar (female) Program V; to Birch (female) Program IV; Hospital South III and Hospital 4th floor (rehabilitation).