

Department of Public Welfare

TO: Mr. Paul Cummings, State Architectural Engineer

Sept. 28, 1966

FROM: David J. Vail, M.D., Medical Director

SUBJECT: 125-bed facility at Faribault State School and Hospital (Glendale Unit)

You recall that after the presentation by Jerry Walsh to the legislative Building Commission last spring, planning on the construction of this unit, for which appropriation was made in 1965, was held up in order to give the Department of Public Welfare a chance to work out some new design approach. (The earlier plan, as you may recall, was to build the Glendale Unit as an attachment to and mirror image of Linden Cottage.)

To help with this task an ad hoc Department of Public Welfare Committee was formed. The committee consists of the following membership:

Mrs. Frances Ames
Mr. Ardo Wrobel
Mr. Joseph Lucero
Mrs. Alvira Hiltz
Mr. Kent Hawkins
Mr. John Buelow
Mr. Ove Wangenstein
David J. Vail, M.D.

I have acted as chairman at the meetings that have been held thus far. These have been quite informal. Actually the meetings have been tripartite, consisting of members of the above committee, Jerry Walsh and others representing the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children, and the administration of the Faribault State School and Hospital.

During the past several weeks, especially at the Design Institute, informal discussions have included Mrs. Sally Luther and John Broady.

I am pleased with the progress we have made as a group with agreements on the program of the facility and design features that we regard as desirable. However, we feel now that we have gone as far as we can without professional help from your office and the consulting architect from the firm of Carl Graffunder and Associates.

I am writing to ask that you initiate contact with the consulting architect and set up a meeting that would include the institution administration, and such members as you may suggest from the above-named Department of Public Welfare Committee. I do not know the protocol, but I suggest also that Mr. Walsh be included, as he has great interest and considerable information at his disposal. Incidentally, I have a stock of very interesting blueprints from the Scandinavian countries that may be useful to you.

I will personally probably be unable to keep up with the work of this committee but will make every attempt to be at the first meeting and will delegate someone to represent me.

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cc: Mr. Morris Hursh
Mrs. Sally Luther
Mr. Gerald Walsh
Mr. John Broady
Dr. E. J. Engberg
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