

Public Welfare

Faribault School and Hospital

David J. Vail, M. D.
Medical Director

Evaluation

I believe I have mentioned to you in a general way the system of staff evaluation studies of the various institutions. This has developed over the past several years, a procedure whereby at the request of the Mental Health Medical Policy Committee we have provided them with a thorough analysis of the various service departments and programs of the several institutions. The process is a slow one, allowing us to do no more than three a year. We have over the past four years managed to do Rochester, Hasting, St. Peter, Willmar, and Cambridge. Now the Committee has asked that we make a similar study of Faribault State School and Hospital.

This means that -in the next few weeks, prior to the first of the year, our staff will be down there to meet with their counterparts in the institution and make a thorough study and report. I will work directly with you and Mr. Krafve to make a similar analysis of the overall administration and the medical staff; Kent Hawkins will no doubt assist me in this. I will try, though it is difficult, to use this opportunity to combine the evaluation study with a dry-run Accreditation survey (at least a study of the medical staff operation can be carried out quite nicely by using the JCAH techniques). Frances Ames will analyze the hospital-community relationships, handling of intake, work with county welfare departments, and administration of the guardianship law as they pertain to Faribault State School and Hospital.

As your operation is tied very closely to that of the Shakopee Home for Children, we will also include that operation in the study.

If you have any questions, please call me.

DJV:rcj

cc-Mental Health Medical Policy Committee

Task Force

Mrs. Ruby Benson