

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - Faribault State Hospital - Nov. 9, 1967

Members Present:

For the Governing Body: David J. Vail, M. D.
Medical Director
Department of Public Welfare

For the Medical Staff: Edward J. Engberg, M. D.
Superintendent
Faribault State Hospital

For the Administration:

Place: Faribault State Hospital

Meetings opened 2:30 P. M. and 5:00 P.M.
 closed 3:10 P.M. 5:15 P.M.

Minutes

1. The minutes of the previous Joint Conference Committee were approved.
2. Medical staff matters were discussed briefly. The Joint Conference Committee reviewed the present roster of physicians who are approaching **or** are in retirement age, with regard to their personal health.
3. Dr. Engberg gave to Dr. Vail the program entitled "Preparing Instructional Objectives"; this was a workshop for the nursing staff held under the tutelage of Dr. Nancy Crewe, an educational psychologist.
4. Dr. Engberg gave to Dr. Vail the report in the Skinner Unit Team meeting dated November 21, 1967, concerning the Institutional Assembly of October 11 from Mrs. Hotakainen. This report is available in the official file for Faribault State Hospital in the Medical Services Division. The report by Mrs. Hotakainen as presented appears to be an accurate representation of the content of the October 11 meeting. It appears that Mrs. Hotakainen's report was well received by the Skinner Unit Team.

5. Future plans for the institution were discussed. These will be summarized in a separate memorandum from Dr. Vail to Dr. Engberg.
6. The Conference Committee discussed the prospects for appointing an Institutional Programs Coordinator. Mr. Ardo Wrobel from the Mental Retardation Program Office will be visiting Dr. Engberg soon to discuss this further.
7. Dr. Engberg stated that a Steering Committee has been appointed for planning the transfers of patients to the St. Peter State Hospital and Hastings State Hospital, and related matters.
8. The prospects for the appointment of an Assistant Hospital Superintendent were discussed. Dr. Vail will follow through on this.
9. Dr. Engberg reported that the American Association on Mental Deficiency survey team visited Faribault State Hospital recently. The surveyors expressed concern about the lack of adequate coverage in the Psychology Department.
10. Following Dr. Vail's visit to the Green Acres Unit, problems in relation to this unit were discussed. It would appear on the face of it that the Unit has not been adequately provided for by the institutional supporting services. For example, there are many problems which could be dealt with promptly through attention by the Maintenance Department. In addition, the heterogeneity of the Unit and of the Linden Building in particular are very striking. One is impressed by the vast diversity of different patient types in this Unit, and as a consequence the difficulty of developing uniform programs.

David J. Vail

David J. Vail, M. D.
Medical Director
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Minutes dictated by
David J. Vail, M. D.
Nov. 28, 1967

cc - Mr. Morris Hursh
Mental Health Medical Policy Committee
Task Force