

DEPARTMENT Faribault State Hospital*Office Memorandum*TO : Members of the Steering Committee  
on Transfers

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FROM: Mr. Madow Chairman  
Subcommittee on Space Utilization

SUBJECT:

Two meetings have been held of the Subcommittee on Space Utilization and it is felt that certain recommendations can now be made. In view of the lack of definite information about who is to be transferred to Hastings and St. Peter State Hospitals, as well as the numbers of additional residents who may be discharged within the next year or two, the Subcommittee has been forced to make many assumptions in studying the problems of space allocation. Among these assumptions are the expectation that a full 500 residents will be transferred to the State Hospitals, that they will number in the same proportions by sex as exists in our present population, that residents from programs 5A and 5B will go to St. Peter in the same proportion as currently exists here, and that the number of admissions during the next two years will approximate the number of discharges. The accompanying table is based on all of the above assumptions.

That table shows the correct number of beds and residents in each of our buildings, the rated capacity of the buildings using a standard of 60 square feet of dormitory space, and the anticipated number of residents in each building on July 1, 1969, if no intra-institutional transfers were to occur in the meantime.

Our consideration of this table has, after much discussion, led to the following conclusions:

1. It should be possible to discontinue the use of Springdale for patients' residence within a few months, transferring its remaining residents to Elm, Hickory, Sioux, etc.
2. Unless the institution is willing to continue overcrowding beyond the 60 square feet capacity standard, no other buildings can be reduced significantly below their capacities.
3. Existing crowding beyond capacity is as serious among the female buildings as among the male, and is likely to continue so.

The Subcommittee would like to make the following recommendations for consideration by the Steering Committee.

1. That Springdale be vacated as soon as feasible and that it be converted to some other use, possibly for rehabilitation purposes. Another suggestion is that it continue to house approximately 20 to 30 residents who would live entirely on the main floor, and that some other building, such as Rose, would be given over to additional rehabilitation space.
2. That none of the existing buildings be razed unless and until sufficient replacement dormitories are provided.

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3. That re-distribution of the male and female population following the transfers to the State Hospitals continue to maintain the same proportion of beds for males and females as currently exist. We considered the conversion of Rose to a male building and feel that this would serve no purpose if the projected population figures are correct.
4. In those buildings which house residents who are the most difficult to care for; e.g., Holly, Poppy, Seneca, Dakota, etc., beds vacated by transfer to the mental hospitals should be removed upon transfer until the capacity rated figure is obtained. In other buildings the vacating of beds by transfer should be carefully studied to determine how much of the space might then be discontinued and how much should be allocated to exchanges among the residents of the other buildings. Our objective should be to reduce populations toward capacity in all buildings at an equal rate. We could find no definite criteria for deciding when beds should be removed, except in those buildings that care for highly specialized populations.

CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED POPULATION BY BUILDING

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BUILDING	NO. OF BEDS	RATED CAPACITY @ 60 sq. ft.	CURRENT NO. RESIDENTS	ANTICIPATED NO RESIDENTS ON July 1, 1969
<u>East Grove</u>				
Daisy	62	50	60	46
Poppy	88	61	86	61
Fern	152	115	140	105
Willow	100	100	97	85
<u>Skinner</u>				
Ivy North	80	120	<b>77</b>	72
Ivy South	80		73	72
Holly	94	74	93	65
Iris	45	45	33	33
Oaks	90	90	85	68
<u>Sunnyside</u>				
Chippewa East	74		72	50
Chippewa West	88	120	82	55
Pawnee	112	83	113	71
Hillcrest	70	50	70	44
West Cottage	60	42	58	42
Sioux	63	53	61	54
<u>Green Acres</u>				
Birch	100	100	97	99
Cedar	72	72	65	66
Linden East	60		60	120
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Maple	82	72	81	67
<u>Center</u>				
Rose	36	<b>25</b>	34	39
Laurel	<b>55</b>	40	55	55
Spruce	82	67	79	81
Osage	82	74	78	78
Mohawk	60	53	57	53
Pine	95	67	92	96
<u>Grandview</u>				
Dakota	102	85	102	62
Seneca	100	100	100	89
Elm	100	100	97	69
Hickory	100	100	92	51
Springdale	70	70	53	29
Dairy	20	16	19	14
Hospital	140	<b>55</b>	48	55