PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: Mr. Errickson, chairman; Mrs. Blomquist, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Madow, Mr. Nelson, Chaplain Streufert, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Wangeness, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Finstuen, Mr. Knack, Mr. McHugo, Mr. Hormel, Mr. Welsandt, Mrs. Stabbert, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Heskott

Absent: Mr. Krafve, Mr. Berg, Mrs. Nethery, Mrs. Goodwin

Mrs. Stabbert announced that she would be attending a joint meeting of the Volunteer Coordinators from the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin which will be held on February 10-11 at the Holiday Inn, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. At this meeting consideration will be given to the use of volunteers in both Mental Health and Mortal Retardation settings within the institution and in the community. In addition, a problem-solving session for coordinators will also be held.

Dr. Johnson has plans to hold meetings periodically with program directors on an individual basis. The purpose is to discuss objectives, duties and methods of accomplishing goals.

Mr. Nelson suggested a need for our staff to be given the privilege of touring the hospital areas to better acquaint themselves with the institution. He said he has plans to hire a social worker to coordinate and be in charge of these tours. This coincides with the request that Mr. Errickson has received from DPW asking for just such a tour of our institution for their secretarial staff. The secretaries will be coming here to tour on April 24.

Dr. Travis Thompson, Psychologist, is a new doctor that we have hired. He will be working in Grandview Unit at Hickory and Dakota, holding classes with technicians from those buildings. He will begin work in February 4th and be here on Mondays and Thursdays.

Mr. Errickson and Mr. Berg met with DVR personnel on January 31 and the following were discussed:

1. Faribault State Hospital will recruit and hire a DVR Counselor on a cooperative basis.
2. The suitability of Project 40 was established— it will be funded July 1.
3. At the next DVR Cabinet meeting, the amount of money to be funded Faribault State Hospital for a CVRP 1969-70 will be discussed. Once this amount of money is determined then complimentary planning will begin, CVRP and Workshop extension, to develop vocational services at Faribault State Hospital.

Resident Workers: We have been pretty well controlled to 40 hours a week. The median pay is $10 per month—there are 8 residents receiving $10, none on $5 and most get $2. Mr. Errickson said we are allowed to use salary savings to give our residents a better pay. A need for a systematic form of scheduling and keeping record of the days and hours to work and have worked was requested. Mr. Hormel will add Mr. Welsandt to his committee that is studying hours and pay of our residents.

Restraint and Seclusion: Mrs. Blomquist gave the following totals:

1. October—30 patients in seclusion for a total of 4264½ hours.
2. November—41 patients in seclusion for a total of 3488½ hours.
3. December—36 patients in seclusion for a total of 3077½ hours.

Six patients created the majority of these seclusion hours.