

MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF THERAPY DEPARTMENTS, FEBRUARY 2, 1954

Present; Dr. Engberg, presiding	Miss Fetjland (for Miss Perkins)	Miss Herbert
Mr. Krafve	Mr. Roewer	Mrs. Blomquist
Dr. Kennedy	Mr. Madow	Rev. Streufert
		Mr. Roach

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were approved.

Unfinished Matters:

Special Chairs in Dakota: For those who had not seen the chairs, Dr. Engberg explained that some years ago Dakota had benches only because the patients are hyperactive and many very destructive. As money became available for improvements in the mental health program, we replaced benches with chairs in Dakota as well as in other buildings. However, so many chairs were broken in Dakota that it was almost impossible to keep a sufficient number in repair and consideration of return to benches was being given when Dr. Beddie, Superintendent, The Saskatchewan Training School in the Province of Saskatchewan at Weyburn, Canada visited here last year and stated that they had been using chairs they had built themselves for a similar type of patients and found them to be accepted because of their attractive appearance and comfort. He agreed to send us the drawings of the chairs, and with only a few changes Mr. Hanson built six chairs in our cabinet shop for trial. Mrs. Blomquist reported that the chairs have proven successful, but no definite report can be made until more chairs are available. Mr. Krafve will discuss this further with Mr. Hanson to see that more chairs are made to give them further trial. Dr. Engberg stated that St. Cloud may want this as one of the items they manufacture and requested Mr. Krafve to discuss this with Supt. Jackson when he attends the conference there tomorrow. Miss Ferbert suggested using aluminum chairs. but because of their lightness they would not be safe for Dakota building. They will be kept in mind for use in some of the other buildings, however.

Equalisation of Population: Mr. Madow suggested that there should be a definite rule set up with regard to each patient transferred to the hospital, as to whether he should continue to be carried on the division population or transferred to hospital. Mr. Madow, Mrs. Blomquist and Miss Perkins will discuss this with Miss Dobner. Dr. Engberg stated that the patient population should be kept at an average of not less than 3200 and to assure this it appears that our book population may have to be increased to 3220.

Clothing Needs for Dakota: Mrs. Blomquist reported current needs now are being met. Dr. Engberg stated that this subject will be dropped with the understanding that Mrs. Blomquist will report to the Superintendent if any serious difficulties occur,

Record of Doctor's Orders in regard to Patients: Receiving further study. Mrs. Blomquist will report at the next meeting any matters that are not satisfactory. Dr. Kennedy should review with Mrs. Blomquist anything he thinks is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the medical staff.

Mr. Krafve Joined the group at this time.

Pood Delivery to Dakota; Dr. Engberg suggested that Mr. Krafve write Mr. Zelzer's office reminding them of plans promised but not yet received.

Written Orders from doctors on special foods going to buildings other than hospital: Miss Ferbert stated that only one order for a special food (eggs) was received since the last meeting and a doctor's order accompanied it. Miss Ferbert will give Mrs. Blomquist the list of special foods that are now going out and she will check to see if foods are still needed and in those instances have Division Supervisor get the doctor's prescription for same. The prescription should also indicate the length of time food should be sent to the building for each patient and no prescription to be for more than three months and new prescription required if renewal is indicated.

Items Considered from list of Deferred Matters:

Time and Use of Television Sets: Mr. Poach made a preliminary report on this. Dr. Engberg stated that Mr. Roach's department will review with the Division Supervisors so that changes will be made if desirable.

Classification of Patients: Mr. Roach stated that the committee had met and they felt that suitable privilege cards should be issued and are considering the necessary plans. To be transferred to Deferred List until report is completed.

Dietall: Mr. Krafve stated that the requisition is being processed and as soon as the Dietall arrives Miss Ferbert will be notified so that the further trial of this product may be made.

Use of Old Vegetable Boom: Mr. Krafve reported that changes have been approved by Mr. Holtan and will be completed as soon as possible.

Scuffs (Product designed by Mental Hospital Service of American Psychiatric Association)
Sample: Dr. Engberg passed around two sample pairs to the group and explained they will be tried in areas where shoe pacs are being used for patients who are not issued shoes either because of deformed feet or who may injure others by kicking them. Mrs. Blomquist will arrange for a small number of scuffs to be issued at a time in order to evaluate their serviceability and relative cost as compared to the pacs which we have used for years.

Television Sets: Mr. Poach reported that most of the buildings now are provided with sets. A few more gifts will completely fill our need for this wonderful service to patients.

Student Council: Mr. Poach stated that the committee met and it was decided that ten males and ten females would be selected to represent the various buildings. They would meet possibly once a month. The committee decided that the agenda for the first meeting would be concerned with recreation. Mr. Roach will preside over the first meeting and if this plan is successful will be of great value.

Unfinished Business:

Chiropodist: Dr. Engberg announced that we now have a consultant Chiropodist, Dr. Goldsworthy. He will be here the first and third week of each month.

Review of Orders from Various Divisions and Units: Dr. Engberg suggested that Mrs. Blomquist review the rules with the division supervisors to determine

what changes should be made so that all will be revised as of July 1, 1954.

Report by Mr. Roach on volunteer Services: Deferred until next meeting,

Birthday Parties; Deferred until next meeting.

Guests to Staff Dining Room: Kiss Ferbert suggested improvement in arrangements for seating guests is desirable whether coming as individuals or in a group. Dr. Engberg requested Mr. Krafve and Mr. Roach to discuss this with Mrs. Salisbury.

Patient Store; Mr. Krafve reported that because of the confined space of the patients store, Miss Uggren can conveniently take care of only eighteen patients at one time. He continued, however, that one building is insisting on sending a larger group each time. Mr. Krafve will discuss this further with Mrs. Blomquist. Question was brought up as to who will determine how much a patient should spend. Dr. Engberg appointed Mr. Krafve, Miss Perkins and Dr. Kennedy as a committee to study this and report recommendations.