

Office Memorandum

TO : ALL INSTITUTIONS - Medical Directors and Administrators

DATE: July 26, 1966

FROM : David J. Vail, M.D., Medical Director

SUBJECT: Architectural Design Institute

On August 19 and 20, starting at 10 a.m., there will be an Architectural Design Institute, to be held at the MARC Camp Friendship located at Anandale, Minnesota.

Many of us working with patients are becoming increasingly aware of the effect that architectural design has in carrying out programs; allowing for flexibility and change, and influencing the management and behavior of patients. It is for this reason that we feel it important to take the time to sit down together and give careful consideration and planning to the manner in which our public regional and local facilities are going to be constructed or remodeled in the years ahead.

To help us in our deliberations we are bringing to the institute two persons who are knowledgeable and have had considerable experience in this field -- Clyde E. Dorsett, Architectural Consultant, Mental Health Facilities Branch, National Institute of Mental Health and Arnold G. Gangnes, Seattle, Washington, an architect who has been serving as a consultant to the NARC. In addition we are inviting representatives from the Department of Administration, the State Architects Office, the Building Commission, the Governor's Office, and other appropriate and interested persons, to be present.

We sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to attend this important meeting. It will be necessary for us to know in advance if you plan to be present, in order to make the necessary overnight accommodations and other arrangements. Therefore, will you please notify Mrs. Miriam Karlins, Medical Services Division, Department of Public Welfare, as soon as possible as to whether or not you will be attending, and whether you wish her to make an overnight reservation for you for the 19th. We anticipate that the meeting will adjourn by 3 o'clock on Saturday.

P.S. It will be possible for us to accommodate three persons from each institution, therefore if you would care to invite one other person for this workshop such as your chief engineer or building foreman, this will be appropriate.

cc: Mr. Gerald F. Walsh
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