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Dr. Engberg
cc - Mr. Kroger
cc: Mrs. Gate

Department of Public Welfare

State of Minnesota
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : All Institutions for the Mentally Ill and Mentally Retarded

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

RE : Consultation on Patient Councils

Date: June 7, 1966

Patient councils was discussed at the Humane Practices Institute in Brainerd, and guidelines have previously been established by this department through representatives of the institutions.

Since we subscribe to the idea that patient councils should not be identified with a particular department in the institution but rather as an institution-wide facet of programming, and since patient councils can be considered a kind of patients' humane practices committee, I would like to offer assistance in the form of consultation from Central Office staff.

Mrs. Vi Hiltz, Mrs. Miriam Karlins and Mr. Ardo Wrobel have suggested that they would be available as a team to meet with you and your staff. With this in mind, I have asked them to keep me posted on development of patient councils, and they will be discussing possible meeting date with you.

I am very pleased that the discussions at Brainerd included patient councils as a part of the humane practices idea and personally encourage further development along these lines.

I'd appreciate it if you'd bring this to the attention of your staff so they may be familiar with this resource.

cc: Ardo Wrobel

Miriam Karlins

Vi Hiltz

Copy of this sent to Mrs. Gates with note that Dr. Engberg would like to be kept informed as to developments.

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