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RESEARCH AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

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CONFIDENTIAL
ILLEGITIMATE PREGNANCY SURVEY

DEFINITION: "Illegitimate pregnancy" is here defined as any illegitimate pregnancy which the institution presumptively should have prevented, i.e., illegitimate pregnancies in which conception occurred:

- a) On the premises of the institution.
- b) While the patient was on short leave, and the authorization for such leave was shown in retrospect to be ill-advised.
- c) While on unauthorized absence.

CIRCLE ONE

1. This is a report from:

A state mental hospital

1

A psychopathic hospital

2

A school for the mentally retarded

3

2. The administrator of this institution is primarily trained in:

Medicine

1

Psychiatry

2

Education

3

Administration

4

3. Do illegitimate pregnancies constitute a problem for your institution?

YES

1

NO

2

None as defined has occurred

4. Do you keep records and statistics of such pregnancies?

YES

1

NO

2

do.

5. Are the statistics on illegitimate pregnancies in your institution generally available to the public?

YES

1

NO

2

do.

6. If not, have they ever been called for by the press, a grand-jury, or legislative committee?

YES

1

NO

2

do.

7. Have illegitimate pregnancies in your institution been the subject of political campaign discussion in recent years?

YES

1

NO

2

8. Please complete the following statistical table to the best of your knowledge.

	<u>Resident Population at End of Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Illegitimate Pregnancies During the Year</u>
1961	<u>3197</u>	<u>0</u>
1962	<u>3131</u>	<u>0</u>
1963	<u>3030</u>	<u>0</u>
1964	<u>2908</u>	<u>0</u>
1965	<u>2820</u>	<u>0</u>

9. How many unmarried females aged 14-44 years are there in your resident population now, or at some recent date?

610

(This information is important for the construction of an illegitimacy rate.)

10. Will you discuss below the official and unofficial policies of your institution in reference to illegitimate pregnancies? Please use this space also for any further comments.

They would be treated as a pregnancy discovered on admission; that is, regular prenatal care is given under supervision of a consultant and when labor ensues the pt. is transferred to our local civil hospital for delivery conducted by him. Patient's county bears the expenses and assumes custody of the baby; pt. returns to our institution for further care and training necessary.

11. IF CONTRACEPTIVE MEASURES ARE PRESCRIBED FOR RESIDENTS OF YOUR INSTITUTION PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: *None prescribed*

a) Who makes the decision as to whether or not contraceptive measures should be taken?

b) Has the number of illegitimate pregnancies in your institution decreased since these measures began to be taken?

YES	1	NO	2

c) Are oral contraceptives prescribed?

YES	1	NO	2

d) Are intra-uterine devices prescribed?

YES	1	NO	2

e) If so, for what types of residents, or what circumstances are they generally used?

f) Has the use of contraceptive measures changed the therapeutic milieu of your institution? Has it permitted more freedom for residents? Has it reduced staff anxieties? Has it changed the short-term leave policies? Please discuss.

12. Will you discuss the policies of your institution in reference to sterilization?

None has been done in recent years. Procedure requires approval of ^{D.P.W.} ~~professional~~ commission, none of whom have duties relative to the institution, the approval of the state Commission of Public Welfare, and the consent of next of kin. The consent of pt is always sought and obtained, but not required.