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TO: Medical Directors
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FROM: David J. Vail, M.D., Director
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SUBJECT: Research

With the passing of the legislative session, and the resignation of Joe Lucero as Research Coordinator, some adjustments must be made in order to ensure that our Division's research efforts can carry on with minimum disruption.

Appointed as Acting Research Coordinator, in addition to his other responsibilities, is Roland M. Peek, Ph.D., whom you already know as Chief of Psychological Services for the Division.

There were disappointing legislative cut-backs in Central Office research personnel, but no cut-backs in institutional research budgets are contemplated, so institutional research can continue at least at the present level. Action on specific institution requests will be taken after the Mental Health Medical Policy Committee on June 18, 1969; notification of action taken will be made as soon as possible thereafter.

It may be that this is an appropriate time for a review of research clearance methods, with a view toward streamlining the procedures while maintaining or improving accountability and reporting.

We have every right to be proud of the directions research has been taking in Minnesota institutions and of the productivity and creativity shown by our researchers, especially considering that much is contributed by persons having multiple responsibilities. I am aware of the fact, too, that a number of researchers have contributed much of their own time to these many duties, including research, and such truly professional and selfless actions are to be commended, while deploring the short-handedness that sets up the situation that way.

It is my hope and expectation that institutional research will continue and in fact expand, and that further contributions can be made in the study of program effectiveness, improved treatment and program techniques, and in other relevant areas into which the researchers' ingenuity may lead.

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cc: Mental Health Medical Policy Committee
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