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TO: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christenson
Mrs. Mary Dalldorf
Mr. Dick Dean
Mr. Dave Josten
Mr. Charles Turnbull

SUBJECT: Meeting held September 7 with the Governor's Staff

Attendees: Mr and Mrs John Ball
Representative Orville Birnstihl, District 24B (Faribault)
E. J. Dirkswager, Commissioner of Public Welfare
Phil Griffin, Staff Assistant to the Governor
Mr and Mrs John Herbst
John LeMay, State President, Minnesota ARC
Abby Struck, Program Director, Minnesota ARC
Robert Tuttle, Executive Director, Minnesota ARC

The subject meeting was held as a result of a letter written by John LeMay, to. Governor Perpich. At the August 19 State ARC Board Meeting discussion with Mr and Mrs John Ball, Mr. LeMay had learned of the parent's concern for the state of affairs at Cedar STP.

The following are some ideas that came across during discussion at the 9/7/78 meeting. These are NOT quotes.

Commissioner Dirkswager reiterated that Governor Perpich had asked for the Staff/Patient ratios to be 1 to 8 during waking hours, 1 to 16 during sleeping hours, and 1 to 6.5 during programs. This was not passed at the last session.

Some additional CETA aid may or may not be available for October 1 - December 31. (1978) CETA aid is guaranteed for only one quarter at a time. They are not sure they want CETA aid for a short time only,

"We" tried to be creative with part-time employees, scheduling them to work during peak hours, and have shifts overlap 15-20 minutes or half-hour during the peak times, thus causing some split shifts.

Some of the discontent among staff may be caused by requiring them to begin shifts at unusual hours.

There is too large a turnover of human resource techs.

Examine Staff; more staff may be available October 1.

LAC meets end of November, any legislation passed (if passed) would not be effective until July 1, 1979.

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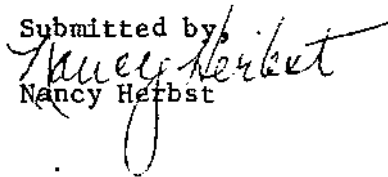
Representative Birnstihl was very knowledgeable about the state of affairs at the Faribault location. He questioned Commissioner Dirkswager if there was some emergency aid (funds) that they could "shake loose" to help in this situation. It was answered that there is not,

Mr, Griffin, the Governor's Staff Assistant, was a sympathetic listener,

We parents tried to convey some examples of problems caused by lack of staff, or lack of properly trained staff. We emphasized the dedication of many of the staff members caring for our children. We pointed out the improvement in the physical housing for our children,

The meeting lasted about an hour and a half,

After the meeting we parents and MARC members concluded that we had not accomplished 'a great deal'. We were heard,

Submitted by

Nancy Herbst