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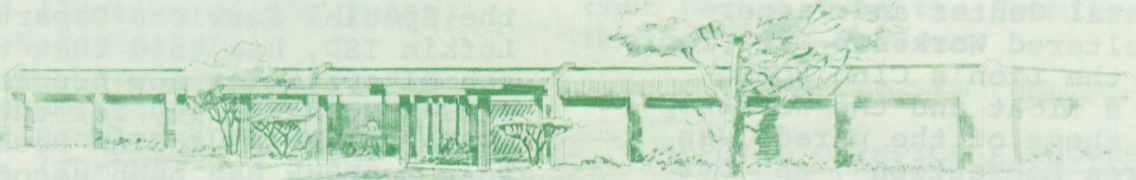
DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES

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DAY TREATMENT FACILITY CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY



Construction has begun on the Mental Health Day Treatment Facility. The building is expected to be completed by the first of the year.

Cost of the facility will be \$300,000 with \$225,000 coming from Federal funds and the additional \$75,000 coming from a \$45,000 grant from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation and \$30,000 from local funds.

The facility will serve emotionally disturbed persons who do not require hospitalization, but cannot be served on an outpatient basis by clinics. Persons using the facility will be supervised for about six hours per day and then return to their homes in the area.

MAY BOARD MEETING HELD IN NACOGDOCHES

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services (MHMR) held its regular monthly meeting at the Texas Power & Light Company in Nacogdoches on May 24, 1977, at 5:30 p.m.

Items for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee included a discussion of status of Day Treatment/ Administration Facility, discussion of FY 1978 Budget Review Cycle, and consideration of proposed policy concerning meals for visitors at residential units.

Items for consideration by the Program Committee included a discussion of proposed 24-hour Emergency/Crisis Line System, consideration of proposed Respite Care Program, and consideration of participation in the Texas Nursing Facility Vendor Program.

Items for consideration by the Personnel and Public Education Committee included consideration of proposed revision in Travel and Leave Policies, consideration of proposed Summer Intern Program and consideration of personnel matters.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on June 14, 1977, in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building.

COOPERATION IS DOING WITH A SMILE
WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO ANYWAY.

RESPITE CARE PROGRAM TO BEGIN

The Deep East Texas Regional MHMR Services will begin a program of Respite Care. The program will be operated from the Sunrise Manor Halfway House located in Lufkin, Texas.

Currently, the nearest Respite Care Program is located in the Beaumont State Center for Human Development. This program will allow the parents of a retarded individual living within the thirteen county region a brief period of rest and relief. The program is available on an "as available" basis with the length of stay for any one individual limited to thirty days.

Interested persons will need to make application to Mr. Byron Crawford, Director of Follow-Along Services, 303 Angelina Bldg., Lufkin, Texas 75901, (713/634-2241). Applicants must meet all qualifications as any other admission. Fees will be charged at the same rate as the other clients. Presently, Sunrise Manor can accommodate only male residents.

UNIT HAPPENINGSNEWTON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

The week of May 9th was Western Week, celebrating the beginning of the Jasper Lions Club Rodeo which was held on May 11th. Clients enjoyed the cowboys and cowgirls in their western costumes and the sight of horses and buggies on the streets.

Welcomed guests at our Unit this month were Mr. George Gee and Judge Lee Roy Fillyaw.

Clients were surprised with an End-of-School Party furnished by the developmental staff.

JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER
JASPER-NEWTON SHELTERED WORKSHOP

Last month the Jasper County Developmental Center and Jasper-Newton Sheltered Workshop were represented in the Lion's Club Rodeo Parade by a float and the Workshop van. The theme of the parade was "Jasper Area Recreation", and our float had sand and a wading pool with clients in it. Our entry won second prize.

Also, Developmental Center clients took a field trip to the Lufkin zoo and had a very good time. Early Childhood had an end of school picnic sponsored by clients' mothers.

KIRBYVILLE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

The clients and staff at the Developmental Center were treated to a school party given by the mothers. The lunch consisted of grilled hamburgers and homemade ice cream. The clients enjoyed themselves tremendously.

The Center also went on several outings this month. One day the center went to Sally Navarre's house for hot dogs and cake. Afterwards, the clients and staff went to a nearby creek for fun-frolicking in the sand. Other outings included weekly trips to a local cafe for lunch.

HARDIN COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP OPEN

The official opening of Hardin County Sheltered Workshop took place on March 15, 1977, with seven clients and expanded to ten by the end of May.

The clients are engaged in such jobs as cutting rags for resale, refinishing furniture, rewebbing lawn chairs, collating forms and brochures for MHMR, doing yard work, making pot-holders and salvaging parts from transformers for the Jasper-Newton Co-op.

The Hardin County Sheltered Workshop has enjoyed the support of the local Association For Retarded Citizens, the surrounding community, parents of the clients and lots of volunteers.

TWO DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS PHASING OUT

Two of the Developmental Centers currently sponsored by MHMR will be assumed by local school systems in the fall. The Angelina County Developmental Center will become a part of the Hackney School in Lufkin ISD. The other transition will be made by the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation Developmental Center. This center will be picked up by a local school system in the area.

Developmental Centers are usually opened in an area where the local school system is unable to serve clients with certain needs. These centers continue to operate under MHMR until they can be assumed by the local district. Mr. Al Strickland, head of the Special Services Department of Lufkin ISD, has said that the local school system is now prepared to assume responsibility for the Angelina Center. At the Indian Reservation, Russ Burbank has been negotiating with Roland Poncho concerning the transfer of this class to a local school system.

The Angelina Developmental Center will be transferred intact to Hackney School while the class at the Indian Reservation will most likely remain in its location at the Community Center. All teachers and aides employed in these centers will have the opportunity to remain in their present position. We expect these centers to continue providing good service for the clients enrolled in their program.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Dr. Lawrence announced at May Staff Development that Betty Wetterman was selected as Employee of the Quarter. Mrs. Wetterman has been the secretary at Angelina County OPC. Starting in June, she has moved over to Central Administration as secretary for the Director of Prescreening and After-care and Director of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs. Congratulations, Betty, and good luck in your new position.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Several new employees have joined the MHMR staff over the past month. We would like to extend a big welcome to:

JANICE BARBE, Clerk I, Shelby County Halfway House.

SARA MARTIN, Accounting Clerk II, Business Division.

JOSEPHINE MCKINNEY, Psychologist, Nacogdoches Co. OPC.

WYNELLE NORMAN, Accounting Clerk II, Business Division.

ANN PRINCE, 1/2 Time Secretary, Hardin County Sheltered Workshop.

REBECCA REEDER, Secretary I, Nacogdoches Co. OPC

IRVIN L. SMITH, Accountant II, Business Division.

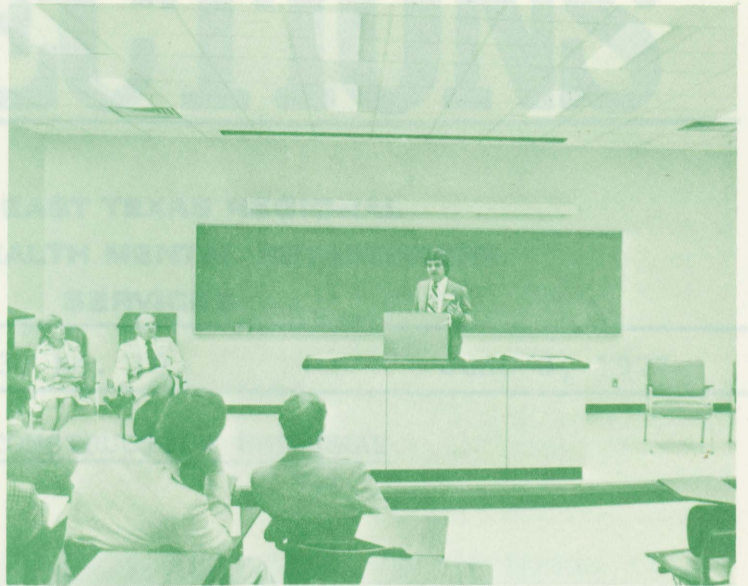
WORKSHOP ON COMMITMENT PROCEDURES

Approximately 30 County Judges, Justices of the Peace, Probation Officers and others from the Deep East Texas Region attended a day-long Workshop on Commitment Procedures of the Mentally Ill on May 18th. The Workshop was held at Angelina College.

Five major areas were discussed during the Workshop. Mr. Kent Johnson from TDMHMR spoke on upcoming changes in the Texas Mental Health Code. Judge David Walker, District Judge, District 159, of Lufkin, discussed the judiciary role of District Courts in the commitment process. Emergency procedures for handling mentally ill persons was discussed by Coyt Hight (Deputy Sheriff, Angelina County), Judge Dan Julian (County Court-At-Law, Crockett), Judge Ocie Westmoreland (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Nacogdoches).

Temporary hospitalization and indefinite commitments was discussed by Dr. Felix Peebles (DETRMHMRS), Dr. Caren Phelan (TDMHMR) and Judge Claude Welch (County Judge, Angelina County). The final topic of discussion was conducted by Deep East Texas Regional MHMR staff and covered the role of MHMR Centers in the commitment process.

Much of the Workshop was spent in questions and interaction among speakers and the audience. Those in attendance felt the programs contained information they could take back to their various work settings and apply.



Angelina County Judge Claude Welch discusses Role of the County Court at recent Workshop on the Commitment of Mentally Ill Persons.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS A SUCCESS

The Fifth Annual Special Olympics held in Austin, Texas, May 25th-27th were a tremendous success according to the four MHMR staff members that attended. Tiny Adams, Kathy Braswell from Jasper and May Beth Hailey, Edwina Long from Crockett all were in Austin for the events.

The Special Olympics are organized to provide mentally retarded youth, eight and over, with opportunities to participate in a variety of sports and games.

The Special Olympics this year were kicked off locally when Trail Riders arrived in Lufkin for a picnic style supper Sunday, May 22nd. The Riders were members of the Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. They rode in continuous shifts from Pittsburg, Texas, to Austin. The purpose of the ride was to develop and strengthen the Special Olympics' Programs in each community.

Eleven youngsters from the Deep East Texas Region participated in the Olympics in Austin. The kids won a total of six medals and four ribbons.

Medal Winners

Gold Medals

DEBRA BEATTY	Long Jump	Jasper
JENNY DAIRD	50 Yd. Dash	Jasper
JACK WASHINGTON	Soft Ball	
	Throw	Crockett

Silver Medals

DEBRA BEATTY	50 Yd. Dash	Jasper
RALPH CARTER	50 Yd. Dash	Jasper
AMMONIA FOBBS	25 Yd. Dash	Crockett

Third place ribbons went to SHEILA CUNNINGHAM, DOROTHY LEWIS, DEBBIE REYNER and JACK WASHINGTON all of Crockett.



NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR NAMED

As of June 1, 1977, Mr. Irvin L. Smith assumed the position of Accountant in the Business Division. Mr. Smith is a graduate of SMU with a B.B.A. in Finance and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.B.A. in Accounting.

Mr. Smith is married and has two children, Julian, 5, and Patrick, 2.

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