

Regular Meeting

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - cont'd

responsible to set rigorous standards governing all aspects of our operation. In that there are several accreditation bodies that set standards for residential treatment (e.g., Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, the New York State Departments of Social Services and Mental Hygiene, CHAMPUS, which is a program providing health services for civilian dependents of military personnel) we must comply with the most stringent of the standards of each accreditation body. Accreditation standards have two purposes:

- a. to insure an acceptable level of quality.
- b. to provide tools for increasing the quality of service offered by a treatment program.

In this past year, our efforts at compliance and utilization of standards for program enhancement have resulted in:

- a. more specific, concretely stated treatment plans with more objective ways of assessing progress in individual cases;
- b. more clearly defined procedures relating to the areas of life safety and the use, administration and control of all types of medication along with more indepth training of staff in these procedures and their clinical implications.

DAY TREATMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

June 12, 1978

The Day Treatment Program has had a challenging and interesting year. The waiting list has been staffed this year, since the loss of Public Orders in January 1977 began to have an impact. Consequently, starting in July, 1977, and continuing through February, 1978 there have been some admissions and discharges every month. Currently there are 41 children in Day Treatment.

Three new sociotherapists joined the staff in September, 1977.

The new admissions, as a group, were somewhat older and also seen as more severely disturbed. Their families underwent many crises during the year, all this made the past six months very demanding.

With the opening of the Mills House, the possibility of using Day Treatment for Group Home candidates became a reality. Communications with community agencies increased.

Objectives for 1978-79

- A. Clinical - Strengthen administrative and clinical direction of program.