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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER SPOTLIGHTED

This section has been a regular feature of Directions for the past few months. It has introduced the Board Members to the citizens of the region and will end with this issue.

Mr. Cleo Hines is currently serving as DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees member representing Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties.

Mr. Hines was born and raised in Pineland, Texas where he graduated from High School. He later enrolled at Sam Houston State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1956.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He took his Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio and later was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in California; Greenville, South Carolina; Wichita Falls, Texas and Moses Lake, Washington.

Mr. Hines was employed for several years by Temple Industries in the retail lumber business, was in the retail lumber business in Pineland and is currently a Mobil dealer in San Augustine.

Mr. Hines is married to the former Jean Earnest. They have 2 sons; Jon, 17, who is a senior at San Augustine High School and Jason Todd, 5, who is currently enrolled in a pre-school program.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP WINNERS AT SFA OLYMPICS

The Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop was well represented at the District Special Olympics meet on April 16 at Stephen F. Austin State University. Six clients entered the meet and returned with 2 first-place ribbons, 3 second-place ribbons, 3 third-place and 1 ribbon for participation.

The participants practiced and trained for this event for 3 months. Credit goes to the volunteers from SFASU for their help in training, according to Steven K. Willingham, Director of the Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop.

Willingham said, "A special thanks should be given to Dr. Carl Kight of the SFASU Health and Physical Education Department who has been the coordinator for the Olympics for 7 years. The Nacogdoches Jaycees and the Piney Woods Association for Retarded Citizens also gave time and money to help make the event a real success."

DETRMHMRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD AT JASPER

The regular monthly meeting of DETRMHMRS Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Jasper County Courthouse in Jasper. Welcoming the Board was County Judge T. Gilbert Adams.

Representatives of the news media who attended the meeting included: Bill Burnett, Groveton News; John Morrison, Jasper News-Boy; Lynn Dunlap, The Lufkin News; and Ken Poston, Radio Station KTXJ in Jasper.

Action taken by the Board included: approval of an application for a grant for a juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention system; a report on a grant application for 5 vans to provide transportation for clients; appointment of the Board's Executive Committee to study a tax-sheltered annuity program for DETRMHMRS employees; approval of a resolution of appreciation to John C.(Jack) Calhoun for his efforts on behalf of the Polk County Sheltered Workshop.

OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS 460 ATTEND

Open House was held on May 23 in thirteen of DETRMHMRS' eighteen facilities. A total of 460 people attended.

Local Advisory Council members and volunteers served as hosts and hostesses from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guests toured the facilities, were furnished with handouts on mental health, mental retardation, drug abuse and alcoholism, and local programs were explained.

The following is a list of attendance at each facility:

Angelina Co. Outpatient Clinic	44
Houston Co. Developmental Center	55
Jasper Co. Developmental Center	32
Lufkin Workshop & Opportunity Center	26
Nacogdoches Co. Community Counseling Center	12
Nacogdoches Co. Sheltered Workshop	33
Newton Co. Outpatient Clinic	30
Polk Co. Sheltered Workshop	39
San Jacinto Co. Developmental Center	35
Shelby Co. Sheltered Workshop	58
Trinity Co. Outpatient Clinic	35
Tyler Co. Developmental Center	31
Tyler Co. Outpatient Clinic	30

All volunteers, Board members and staff who participated are extended a special expression of gratitude.

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ADVISORY COUNCILS MEET

San Jacinto County

The San Jacinto County Advisory Council met April 30, at Browder's Restaurant.

Members present were Charlotte O'Quinn, who presided; Bessie Sanders, R.N. and Elizabeth Frailey, R.N.

Visitors present included Judge K. P. Bryant, County Judge for San Jacinto County; Board Member Ben Hille, and Minnie Thomas of Shepherd.

Staff members present were Alta Patrick, Juanita Hoot and Si Morrison.

Major topics for discussion included: referral of mental health clients, transportation for clients, and plans for Open House.

The council appointed Mrs. O'Quinn to meet with the senior citizens group to seek use of the mini-bus for client transportation.

Shelby County

The Shelby County Advisory Council met on April 18, at 10 a.m. on the Excelsior School campus.

Major agenda items included a status report on programs, a report on the public information campaign "Alternatives", status of DETRMHMRS budget in the Legislature, a report on regional and local client services including mental health, mental retardation, drug abuse and alcohol, inpatient and the status of the Community Counseling Centers.

Those present at the meeting were Bobby Collins, Chairperson; Mrs. Pinkie Anderson, Secretary; Doc Floyd Watson and Doyle Watson.

Representing DETRMHMRS were Dr. Wayne Lawrence and Russ Burbank.

Nacogdoches County

The Nacogdoches County Advisory Council met at the Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop on April 18, at 2 p.m.

Council members attending were Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Russell Brashear and Mrs. Phil Goodrum. Also present was Reverend Jerry Self, Board Member for Nacogdoches County.

DETRMHMRS staff members present included Steve Willingham, Russ Burbank, Betty Ecker, and Dr. Wayne Lawrence.

Program status reports were given on the Workshop, the Nacogdoches Community Counseling Center and Inpatient Services at the various hospitals. Other topics of discussion included: number of mental health, drug abuse and alcohol clients served, the number of hours of service being provided in Mental Retardation Programs, a report of conditions of DETRMHMRS' budget request in the legislature and a report on the progress of the public information series "Alternatives".

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GROVETON TO HOST JUNE BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the DETRMHMRS Board of Trustees will be held at the Trinity County Courthouse in Groveton on June 26, at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Trinity County

The Trinity County Advisory Council held its organizational meeting at 11 a.m. April 17, at Trinity High School.

Members present were Joe Ned Dean; Leighnae Hogee, R.N.; Bill Burnett; J. L. Holt; Ann Evans, R.N.; Reverend E. J. Martin and Anna Pfleuger.

Officers elected were as follows: Bill Burnett, Chairperson; Anna Pfleuger, Vice-Chairperson and Joe Ned Dean, Secretary.

Other topics included a presentation of DETRMHMRS' organization and purpose by Bill Burnett, discussion of the use of volunteers, a poster contest to be held among Junior High Students of Trinity County and plans for Open House at the Trinity Outpatient Clinic.

Others present were Mr. V. B. Woods, Trinity County Board member and Si Morrison of the DETRMHMRS staff and Linda Cobb, Director of the Trinity County Outpatient Clinic.

Newton County

The Newton County Advisory Council met on March 27, at Newton High School.

Members present included Gerald Pace, Robert Sneed, James Duncan and Shirley Clark. Agnes Martin, Chairperson, presided over the meeting.

DETRMHMRS staff member Judy Gibson reported on drug and alcohol referrals, Clinic Director Charlotte Wolfe gave a progress report on clients being served and on referral by other agencies. Si Morrison reported overall client service and the ongoing public information campaign. The Council unanimously agreed to meet on the third Thursday of every other month.

Tyler County

The Tyler County Advisory Council met at the Tyler County Courthouse on April 16.

Members present were Sam Sullivan, Brad Smith, Eileen Mason, Betty Bateman, Marge Esler and B. M. Minter, Judge Tom Mann, Chairman presided. Janice Grillot, a visitor, was also present.

Plans for Open House to be held May 23, at both the Tyler County Developmental Center and the Outpatient Clinic were discussed. Brad Smith was selected to list the churches of the county.

Betty Ecker of the DETRMHMRS staff discussed volunteers for the mental health program and Russ Burbank, staff member, discussed short and long range goals for county programs.

Polk County

The Polk county Advisory Council held its recent meeting on April 18 at 10 a.m. at the Polk County Sheltered Workshop in Livingston.

Members present were Peyton Walters, Chairman; Mrs. T. W. Elliott, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Arverta Mosley and Mrs. Fred Hagemeier.

DETRMHMRS staff member, Si Morrison, made a transparency presentation outlining the policies, structure, available services and goals of DETRMHMRS in operation. Assignments were made for the various tasks necessary in preparation for Open House at the Polk County Sheltered Workshop to be held May 23.

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Hardin County

The Hardin County Advisory Council met on April 17 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom at Kountze.

Those present were Judge Emmett Lack, David Digmon, Thomas S. Hooks, Buddy Moore, Tom D. Easley and Mrs. Gladys Williams.

DETRMHMRS staff members present included Dr. Wayne Lawrence, Betty Ecker and Russ Burbank.

Major items discussed were: program needs for Hardin County and attendance of council members at Open House either in Woodville, Jasper or Newton on May 23. The meeting was then adjourned and the group went on to visit a home which could be considered for use as a group living house for Hardin County.

Jasper County

The Jasper County Advisory Council met on April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Jasper Developmental Center in Jasper.

Those attending were Lucy Colvin, Lars Gee, Martha Thomason, Zelma Childers, Ken Poston, Jasper County Board member George Gee and P. V. Malone.

A major item of business included selection of a new chairperson due to the death of Mr. Landon Bradshaw. Mrs. Martha Thomason was elected to fill this position. Other items of business discussed included plans for Open House at the Jasper Center, May 23. Responsibility was assigned to members to provide refreshments, coordinate publicity and to serve as hosts and hostesses for the occasion.

DETRMHMRS personnel present were Dr. Wayne Lawrence, Marty Walker, Kathy Braswell and Betty Ecker.

Houston County

The Houston County Advisory Council met at the Community Center in Crockett at 5:45 p.m. on April 24.

Major items of business were a report on the progress of the Houston County Developmental Center in Crockett and the assignment for members to provide refreshments, help with publicity and serve as hosts and hostesses at the Open House to be held on May 23.

Council members present included Mr. Howard Wooten, Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. W. B. Dabney. Chairman J. T. Hicks of Lovelady presided. Also present was Mr. W. J. Gentry, Board Member for Houston County.

Staff members present were Mae Hailey, Brenda Nichols, Betty Ecker and Si Morrison.

Angelina County

The Angelina County Advisory Council met at the Administrative offices in Lufkin at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17.

Major topics on the agenda included: a report on Mental Health and Mental Retardation Client loads, discussion of volunteers and plans for Open House.

Council members present were Bernice Harris, Secretary, who presided; Ina Mae Townsend and Addie Williams. Pat Cook Baldwin was a guest at the meeting.

Staff members present included Betty Ecker and Si Morrison.

TYLER COUNTY OUTPATIENT CLINIC SERVING SEVERAL COUNTIES

There have been a total of 61 clients to contact the Tyler county Outpatient Clinic since January 20, 1975. Included in this total are 6 clients from Polk County, 2 from Newton County, 11 from Jasper County and 42 from Tyler County.

Currently, there are 50 active client files in the Tyler County Outpatient Clinic. Four clients have been transferred to Newton County Outpatient Clinic; 4 clients are in Jasper County Developmental Center; 1 client is in the Tyler County Developmental Center. The Clinic has also served clients of other DETRMHMRS units by providing psychiatric evaluations. This has aided many of the Community Counselors and Developmental Center Directors to fully evaluate the clients, provide structured environments in their contact with the clients, and aid the clients in attaining reasonable goals.

All fifty clients have received psychiatric evaluations by Dr. Felix Peebles. They are currently receiving individual psychiatric or psychological therapy, medication checks, and counseling by Dr. Peebles and Bob West. Mr. West has provided psychological testing on clients referred by school districts in Tyler and Jasper Counties; Tyler, Polk, and Hardin County Probation Departments. He is currently providing family counseling for families in the area. Mr. West has also had several sessions with school officials in special education departments to provide service for clients. He has lectured to adult education classes in the area.

Staff members have been active making home visits to clients and are working with Department of Public Welfare officials in order to better serve client needs. Being aware of home conditions is a valuable aid to the psychiatrist and psychologist when they counsel with the clients.

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