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NEW LOCATION FOR ANGELINA OPC

The Angelina County Outpatient Clinic opened on Monday, March 1, at its new location at 911 South Chestnut Street, Suite 566, in Lufkin. Entrance to the Clinic is on the Ralph Street side. The additional space in the new location will allow the staff to provide more services to clients and increase the caseload.

Originally located on North Raguet in Lufkin, the Clinic was one of the first organizational units to begin operation (October, 1974) as a program of DETRMHMRS.

The Clinic currently has an active caseload of 281 clients.



ANGELINA OUTPATIENT CLINIC
AT 911 SOUTH CHESTNUT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEMINAR HELD

An all day seminar and planning session was held at the Tilman Martin home on Lake Sam Rayburn in San Augustine County on March 8. Major items on the agenda included a discussion on public education by Trinity County Trustee V. B. Woods; a discussion of Board composition, responsibilities and Board committees; a discussion of external standards and agencies; and planning of priorities for 1977.

LUFKIN SITE OF BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services' Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 24, in Lufkin at the Commissioners Courtroom of the Angelina County Courthouse.

At this meeting the Board discussed the Construction Building Grant Application for a Central Office and Day Treatment Complex to be located in Lufkin, and selected the architectural and engineering firm of Kent, Marsellos & Scott.

Other items for consideration were discussions concerning general and professional liability and premises insurance coverage; consideration of criteria for admission to Sunrise Manor, a halfway house for retarded males in Lufkin; discussion of a proposed Board Seminar; consideration of proposed revisions in the Fee Schedule; and discussion of a Board Workshop by Ward R. Burke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and V. B. Woods, Board Member from Trinity County.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS

Dr. Wayne Lawrence, Executive Director, accepted two awards presented to DETRMHMRS' Angelina County employees at the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Angelina County United Fund. One was the campaign award for Excellence in Participation and the other was a Citation for Community Service. This award was for 100% employee participation. Angelina County employees are to be commended for their fine community spirit.



LINDA BROOKS, PERSONNEL CLERK

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETI[illegible]

San Jacinto County

The San Jacinto County Advisory Council met at the Developmental Center in Coldspring on March 1, 1976 at 4:30 p.m.

Members present included Bessie Sanders, who presided, Betsy Jackson, Marcelene Williams, and Minnie Thomas.

Others present included Judge K. P. Bryant, Commissioner Ray Lewis, Board Member R. B. Hille, and Fred Wahl.

Items of business included the recommendation that Mrs. Kathryn Crumley be appointed to the Council, a report on Center activities by Marcelene Williams, and the election of officers.

Officers elected for the coming year were Bessie Sanders, Chairperson; Minnie Thomas, Vice Chairperson; and Marcelene Williams, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Council set the next meeting for March 29, 1976 at 4:30 p.m. in Coldspring.



(l to r) MARCELENE WILLIAMS, MINNIE THOMAS, BESSIE SANDERS

Jasper County

The Jasper County Advisory Council met at the Jasper County Developmental Center in Jasper on February 19, at 1:30 p.m.

Those present included Chairman Martha Thomason, Jasper-Newton County Trustee George Gee and Mrs. Gee, Zelma Childers, Lucy Colvin, P. V. Malone, Jack Murray, and Ken Poston. Staff present included Sally Navarre, Janis Smith, Marty Walker and Russ Burbank.

More than 40 interested citizens from the Newton, Kirbyville, Jasper area attended the meeting.

The group unanimously approved the formation of an association for retarded citizens. They also discussed the need for a sheltered workshop in Jasper and the possibility of applying for a grant for that purpose.

The group agreed to meet again on March 4, 1976.

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Nacogdoches County

The Nacogdoches County Advisory Council met at the Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop on February 27, 1976, at 4:30 p.m.

Betty Loflin, Chairperson, presided. Other members present included Molly Brasher, Marion Goodrum, and Florence Anderson. Others present included Dr. Earl Morrison, Dr. Jerry Self , and Al Warr.

Allen Micheletti and Russ Burbank reported on the status of the Nacogdoches Workshop and other mental retardation programs.

Other business included discussion by Dr. Lawrence concerning the possible acquisition of property. Also discussed was the possibility of holding a seminar for the public in Nacogdoches in the near future.

The Council recommended that Mr. Al Warr be appointed as a member of the Council.

TRC REVIEWS LUFKIN WORKSHOP

On December 17, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC) conducted an annual review of the Lufkin Workshop and Opportunity Center in line with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission Standards. It was the consensus of the review team which consisted of Milton Lege', TRC Program Specialist, Austin; T. C. Walker, Supervisor, Lufkin District Office; and George Moore, Counselor, Lufkin District Office; that the Center is providing quality Work Adjustment and Personal-Social Adjustment Training. All these programs have been certified by the State Agency as Level I Training Programs according to the State Standards which gives the workshop the highest certification possible.

Also approved for certification at this time was the new Vocational Evaluation Program which complied with Level II Vocational Evaluation Programs according to the TRC Standards. A very special thanks goes to Carol Coats, Vocational Evaluator, for the excellent progress with this new program.

Other TRC visitors during the survey were Bob Marx, Regional Director, Dallas Regional Office, and Bob Goodspeed, Program Officer, Dallas Regional Office.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB HEARS DR. VANCE

An important part of the work done by DETRMHMRS' personnel is public education. Robert E. Vance, Ed.D., Counseling Psychologist, gave a talk to the Home Demonstration Club on the topic "Coping With Crisis" recently at the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan office in Lufkin.

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ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT HAPPENINGS

Trinity County Outpatient Clinic

March is "decorate the clinic" month in Groveton! Needlework made by the clients, pictures, potted plants, and other bits of bric-a-brac make things brighter.

The caseload has grown considerably in the past two months, and local nursing home patients have made things easier by donating jigsaw puzzles for clients to work on while waiting for appointments.

Volunteer Reginald Bowers, an Angelina College student and resident of Groveton, has been a big help donating as much as 12 hours of his time each week.

Newton County Developmental Center

Part of the fun at the Center last month was preparing for a Valentine's party by making original Valentines. Each student received candy, and Valentines were exchanged. Part of the fun was seeing Sherry Lathan again. She was an Aide in the program last year.

Director Janis Smith and four parents attended a joint parents' meeting held at Jasper County Developmental Center, where the establishment of a Sheltered Workshop for Jasper was the major topic of discussion. Mr. James Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Newton County Advisory Council, also attended the meeting.

With Spring baseball right around the corner, the students are really grateful to Mrs. Aleen Lewis who replaced a baseball that had been lost.

Jasper County Developmental Center

Helping others makes life happier these days at the Jasper Center. Some of the adult clients are participating in a physical therapy program for one of the new clients; others have started a Spring garden, and the plants are already coming up.

Meig's Building Materials Company has hired the adult class as a cleanup crew for their carpenters. Some of their recent projects have been cleaning the new Cinema, a private residence, and the Jasper Radio and T.V. Shop.

The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority donated some much needed items to the Center recently. Each member brought at least two articles, ranging from toys to window shades.

Parents provided cupcakes and cookies for the Early Childhood and Adult

(Cont.)

UNIT HAPPENINGS (Cont.)

Classes for their Valentine party. Refreshments for the adults' party were bought with some of the money made from a cake sale that was sponsored by mothers of the clients, headed by Bobbie Newman.

Shelby County Sheltered Workshop

The Workshop gained nine new clients in recent weeks making a total of 21. All are anticipating the arrival of St. Patrick's day and the Womens League party for the clients on that day. Birthdays of clients are celebrated, too.

It's not all play, though--the Center is happy to have a new contract for making potholders. Also, clients are now in the process of learning to weave placemats.

Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop

Director Allen Micheletti and a client, Danny Abercrombie, participated in the March of Dimes 15 mile Walk-a-thon held in Nacogdoches on January 31. Danny was pushed in his wheelchair by Allen over a 15 mile course during a thunderstorm. They both reported only mild cases of sore muscles. Their combined efforts raised $298 in contributions to the March of Dimes.

Shelbyville Developmental Center

The Center atmosphere is bright these days with a new mural on the front wall featuring The Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, and The Gingerbread Man. The mural was painted by Teacher Marye Danley. Learning is fun there, too, with games made by Mrs. Danley and Mrs. Boykin--a new Snoopy game, Bunny Rabbit, Porky Pig, and Kitty Kat matching games. These are used to help the children learn colors, numbers, and letters.

Houston County Developmental Center

Thirteen excited clients from this Center will participate in the Special Olympics to be held in Brenham on March 10. Sponsors for the contestants include Perry Brothers, Morrow Furniture, Knox Furniture, Roberts Pharmacy, and J. T. Hicks. Additional sponsors are Ruth Dabney, Richard Graham, Sandra Bridges, Oscar Sanders, W. J. Gentry, and Danny Hatfield.

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