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**Component: Structured Living Unit**

**Goal:** To evaluate all patients receiving neuroleptic medications in the unit by use of the Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS).

**Status:** All unit Physicians and Family Nurse Practitioners were trained in the use of the AIMS. Patients are currently being assessed.

**Goal:** Provide in-service training to staff of the Structured Living Program.

**Status:** All clinical staff has been involved in ongoing in-service training. This training has included discipline specific topics as well as presentations to unit-wide staff.

**Component: Management Unit**

**Goal:** Staff involvement in more therapies/activities.

**Status:** The Psychology staff complement has been doubled, involving creation of a central lab in the unit where a full program of group activities is conducted. Social Work and Licensed Nursing staff have significantly increased their number of group treatment referrals.

**Goal:** Implement the case manager model for treatment team review.

**Status:** The case manager system is fully operational with regard to the ward-wide behavioral point program.

**Component: Forensic Unit**

**Goal:** Complete renovation of the Cooper Building.

**Status:** Renovation of the building was 90% completed.

**Goal:** Expand therapeutic programs for all forensic cases who are admitted as treatment cases and all who are retained for treatment.

**Status:** The addition of staff members in Psychology and Social Work has enabled the unit to offer a new comprehensive non-medical treatment program. The regular services of a chaplain have been secured for the units, and the Activity Therapy staff has been able to provide more efficient programming following consolidation of the unit.