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Director's Report

Training highly competent mental health professionals and furthering knowledge of neuropsychiatry and behavioral science through research while concurrently providing quality patient care served as the focus for our Fiscal Year 1987 goals. Continued support in these efforts has been provided by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. The following trainees were in programs at the Institute during the year:

General psychiatry residents	23
Child psychiatry fellows	7
Forensic psychiatry fellow	1
Psychology interns	4
Nursing students	146
Clinical pastoral trainees	19
Social work placements	9
Clinical pharmacy trainees	40
Recreational therapy interns	11
Occupational therapy interns	2
Art therapy intern	1
Music therapy interns	4
USC medical student clinical psychiatry clerkships	61
USC medical student clinical neurology clerkships	53
USC summer student clerkships	12
Behavioral science and psychiatry electives	6
Continuing medical education program participants	200
UNC-Duke psychoanalytic program	3
Administrative resident	1

Highlights of the year included the Department's transfer of the forensic, child and adolescent psychiatry units, formerly operated by the South Carolina State Hospital, into the Institute's services on October 1, 1986; the opening of the Shearouse Pavilion in January, 1987; and the establishment of an Alzheimer's Day Care Center in March, 1987. Formerly a 130-bed facility, the Institute has expanded to a 243-bed facility with increased out-patient/day care services. While increasing the patient services within the Institute, these programs also offer additional training and research potential as reflected in the Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program in the Forensic Service and providing psychiatrists in training experience in a private practice setting in the Shearouse Pavilion. Patient treatment statistics for each service are provided in the following individual service reports.

Institute faculty members continue to be very active in research and publications. The area of research is an excellent example of the mutual benefits of the affiliation of the Institute with the USC School of Medicine. We have continued

Psychiatrists (1987). Verona D. Lawson, M.D., was awarded the APA/Mead Johnson Fellowship.

Shearouse Pavilion:

The Shearouse Pavilion is a 20-bed unit of the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute for treatment and care of adults experiencing acute psychiatric disorders. The Shearouse Pavilion was opened on January 5, 1987, following a dedication ceremony attended by Governor Riley, USC School of Medicine Dean J. O'Neil Humphries, Mental Health Commissioner Joseph Bevilacqua and Mr. Marshall A. Shearouse and members of his family.

The Pavilion is building referral sources and operating smoothly. In an effort to monitor quality of care, an anonymous patient satisfaction questionnaire was developed which provides useful feedback regarding the patient treatment programs.

The Shearouse Pavilion is a collaborative effort between the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the USC School of Medicine Department of Neuropsychiatry. It is operating at essentially a break even point at the end of the fiscal year, less than 6 months after opening.

A total of 72 patients have been admitted, and the average length of stay is 17 days. We look forward to much success in the future for both the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the USC School of Medicine in delivering excellent care to patients of South Carolina.

Medical students and residents are working with patients in this area and additional rotations are scheduled for next year. Nursing students and RN's returning to nursing are currently rotating through the pavilion.

Forensic Psychiatry Service:

The mission of the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute Forensic Psychiatry Service is to conduct research and training in the area of forensic psychiatry to include, but not be limited to, training of forensic psychiatry fellows, general psychiatry residents, child psychiatry fellows, and medical students.

The services provided include the evaluation for competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility as ordered by circuit or family court judges; provision of psychiatric evaluation and treatment for prisoners in pretrial confinement in any jail in the State of South Carolina, when this person is admitted through the probate court system; and functioning as a resource to the Department of Mental Health in cooperation with Court Administration and other agencies interested in forensic psychiatry issues.

The base for this program is the 95-bed inpatient facility located at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.

Patients who require evaluation but are not in pretrial confinement are evaluated on an outpatient basis. Also, teams are available to evaluate prisoners in jails and prisons who are deemed too much of an escape or security risk to be transferred to the hospital. The team consists of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and security officers supported by administrative staff.

During the period of this report, there was a total of 424 admissions to the Forensic Psychiatry Service. Of this number, there were 253 general sessions court commitments; 168 emergency admissions; 2 family court commitments, and 1 probate court commitment. There was a total of 392 discharges. Outpatient evaluations were conducted on 55 patients, and there were 25 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service.

Peter L. Jenkins, M.R.C., Psych., completed his one-year Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship and returned to England where he accepted a position at the University of Wales College of Medicine. Five general psychiatry residents and two medical students rotated through the Forensic Psychiatry Service since October 1st. An additional medical student completed an eight-week summer clerkship on the Forensic Service and forty-nine medical students attended forensic psychiatry lectures.

The paper, "Guilty But Mentally Ill: The South Carolina Experience," was accepted for publication by the Bulletin of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service

The major development in the Child and Adolescent (C&A) Psychiatry Service was the transition and merging of the C&A Inpatient Services of South Carolina State Hospital into the C&A Service of Hall Institute effective October 1, 1986, with planning commencing in July, 1986. This report will summarize the transition/merger phase and evolving child and adolescent program for the period July 1, 1986, to June 30, 1987.

Overview of Transition/Merger:

The major mission of the C&A Psychiatry Service historically had been to provide research and training opportunities through its clinical services. As of October 1, 1986, at the direction of Commissioner Joseph J. Bevilacqua, a larger service component - the C&A Service formerly at the South Carolina State Hospital - was transferred to the management of Hall Institute. These 40 inpatient beds serve as a catchment area for inpatient services for most of the state. Approximately 90 staff transferred from South Carolina State Hospital, C&A Inpatient Service, to William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, C&A Services.