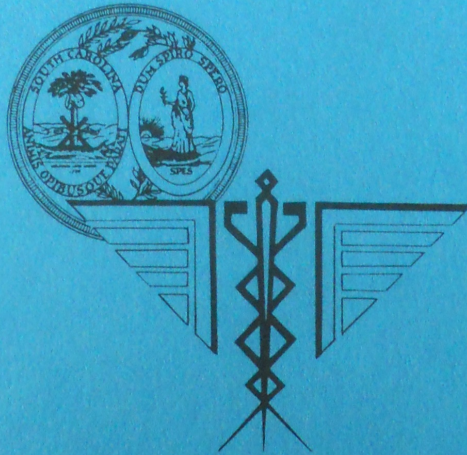


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- E. Accreditation — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals' survey of Psychiatric Programs in October 1981, resulted in a decision of nonaccreditation. This decision was appealed and a one-year accreditation was awarded. The facility will again be surveyed by the Joint Commission in October of 1982. The Joint Commission survey of the medical-surgical program in the James F. Byrnes Clinical Center was very successful, resulting in a three-year accreditation. The staff is to be applauded for this accomplishment.
- F. Canteen Operation — The canteen building was refurbished and contractors from the S. C. Commission for the Blind have operated the canteen very successfully during the fiscal year. This has represented the savings of five State employees with no reduction in service to the patients.
- G. Overcrowding of Patient Buildings — The overcrowding situation has been partially relieved during the fiscal year through several measures: 1) the agreement with the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute was implemented and a unit in the Institute has accepted S. C. State Hospital patients during the year; 2) there was a reduction in census in the Spring of fiscal year '82, accompanying the reorganization. While a cause and effect relationship is not determinable, it is probable that some of the decrease in census is attributable to the reorganization; 3) it was necessary to reopen a portion of the Babcock Building to relieve the overcrowding. This was done as judiciously as possible by utilizing the ground floor for open ward patients. The wards were refurbished to improve the environment as much as possible.
- H. Primary Prevention — Primary prevention efforts continued vigorously during fiscal year '82. Wellness programs were conducted including health screening for employees, health promotion programs such as weight reduction and exercise, and other educational programs related to nutrition and stress management. The S. C. State Personnel Division has endorsed the concept of wellness for employees and the Primary Prevention Program has been in the vanguard of efforts within the department.
- I. Outpatient Forensic Evaluations — This goal has been achieved with relation to the partial implementation of an outpatient program in Lexington, Richland, and Fairfield Counties. This program was also expanded to other counties in the Midlands Area, eleven in all. The number of admissions from these counties has declined as have overall referrals for capacity to stand trial.



## GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR '82-'83

- A. Maintaining of Medicare/Medicaid certification for distinct parts of the S. C. State Hospital. There will be a preliminary certification survey of the admission unit and the children's unit in October of 1982. At that time deficiencies will be reported on an unofficial basis for educational purposes. In December of 1982, a formal survey will be conducted which will result in certification or decertification. Maintenance of certification is of uppermost importance.
- B. Accreditation Survey — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals will survey the facility again in November of 1982. Inasmuch as the facility has received three consecutive one-year decisions, it will be necessary to achieve three-year accreditation, or accreditation may be denied altogether. Although there are serious barriers to success, the staff is making a valiant effort to retain accreditation for the facility.
- C. Outpatient Forensic Evaluation — This program was partially implemented in fiscal year '82; the potential benefit of complete implementation is so great that this remains a high priority goal. The Director of Professional Services is visiting mental health centers in the upper and lower state in an effort to obtain contractual agreements for outpatient evaluations. The potential savings in financial resources are of great significance in these austere times.
- D. Functional Rehabilitation Program — A program is being organized in the newly reoccupied Babcock Building for the rehabilitation of long term hospital residents. Residents have been selected who can function in an open ward situation and who can exercise some responsibility. Special programs are being created for these patients with a goal of achieving an increased functional level leading to successful placement outside the hospital. This program will eventually involve approximately 150 patients. A goal for fiscal year '83 is to have the program fully in place with programs well documented and under way.
- E. Improvement of Facility — Although new construction is not likely for fiscal year '82, it is hoped that the quality of the environment can be improved through the efforts of our Engineering staff.
- F. Long Term Care Program — Because there is a significant number of patients within the facility whose primary need is for long term nursing care, a program is being organized in the facility which will programmatically conform to JCAH long term care standards. The program will involve approximately 80 patients in the fiscal year '83, with the result that services will be more appropriate to the needs of this group of patients.
- G. As fiscal year '81-'82 was drawing to a close, negotiations were



4. Purchase of two mobile radios to be installed in the investigator vehicle, which is presently without communication and exchanging vehicle number 165 (an oversized four-wheel drive van) for a more economical stationwagon to be used in out-of-town trips, installing the second radio in said vehicle.
5. Replacement of all high mileage vehicles.
6. Increase the number of Inservice Classes with guest speakers.

## ENGINEERING

The Engineering Division continued to maintain the facilities of the hospital during the fiscal year. The division also provided engineering support to other facilities including William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute and C. M. Tucker Human Resources Center. A minor renovation project was completed at Bryan Psychiatric Hospital under a special agreement.

Engineering Division renovated the canteen building, prepared the bottom floor of the Babcock Building for reoccupancy, and performed modifications necessary to eliminate deficiencies noted by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Additionally work was begun on the new campus public address system which should be completed in FY 82-83.

A major project was continuing at the close of Fiscal year 82 involving the replacement of the energy plant and distribution system. This project will substantially upgrade energy efficiency and reliability for the campus.

## SUPPLY AND SERVICE

Goals accomplished by Supply and Service Division FY 81-82

1. The equipment sections has made much progress towards its project of total property control and is still progressing at a rapid speed.
2. The Supply Branch has made studies of the issue of supplies to all areas and has been able to eliminate much of the excessive use of supplies. As an example we were able to cut back excessive use of juice to wards to the extent that it enabled us to eliminate one position in supply and transfer that person to another section who had a vacancy to fill.
3. We have begun to buy some things in bulk instead of small packages resulting in reducing the cost to less than half of what it was in some cases.
4. The laundry has developed a system of shoe issues and receipts to be processed through the computer which will place much tighter controls and enable us to know exactly how many shoes of each size we have and the cost. With the information that this will provide we



- will have a much better knowledge of what quantities to order and can avoid stock piling.
5. In the laundry, the clothing store has been moved upstairs and the repair unit has been brought downstairs and combined with the Manufacturing Unit. This makes a much more efficient operation.
  6. In the Sorting Area of the laundry, we have installed a conveyor and a carousel sorter. This speeds up the operation allowing us to use less labor and increases our infection control standards.
  7. The Laundry Management Participation Committee was formed as a means for laundry employees to channel their problems and suggestions to management. This has been very effective in opening communications, solving problems, increasing morale and ultimately increasing production.

## HOUSEKEEPING

During the year 1981-82, the Housekeeping Department has faced many difficult days trying to keep the hospital in a pleasant and safe condition for both patients and staff. At the present time we do not have enough employees to cover an area when someone is out sick or on annual leave. Our windows and floors are really suffering for the lack of proper attention, especially in some of the high traffic areas.

The major factors that will determine the success of the Housekeeping future will be: 1) the number of additional custodial workers Housekeeping will be allowed; 2) the amount of cooperation we will receive from each department in helping to keep their personal area clean and in order.

During the past year Housekeeping was not able to totally achieve any of their goals. We requested additional funds to provide adequate custodial services to the various wards. We also anticipated on securing two new wet and dry vacuum cleaners and three upright vacuums for carpet. However, due to the shortage of funds, we were only able to replace a token number of custodial workers. Unfortunately, no new equipment was purchased to replace our broken and unserviceable equipment.

The hospital presently has 36 wards which must be maintained daily. In addition to the above mentioned wards, we are also responsible for trying to provide custodial service for the following buildings: Williams Building, Ensor, Chapel, S. C. State Hospital Administration Building, Babcock first, second, and third floors, Byrnes first floor clinical area, Benet Auditorium and the Department of Mental Health Building.

To maintain the total number of wards and administrative buildings we have only 49 custodians.

In order to meet the goals for the coming year more money would have to be allocated toward providing more employees in the Housekeeping Department, as well as replacing some of our worn-out equipment.