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DR. WADE NAMED TDMHMR COMMISSIONER BY STATE MH/MR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Wade, M.D., Austin psychiatrist, has been named Commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Dr. Wade's appointment, effective immediately, was announced by Ward R. Burke, chairman of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The new Commissioner was formerly director of comprehensive health planning for Governor Preston Smith. Dr. Wade's background in mental health includes 22 years in private practice operating a private psychiatric hospital. He has served as superintendent of the State Psychopathic Hospital in Galveston; Clinical Director for the Texas State Hospital System; and superintendent of Austin State School and Rusk State Hospital.

A native of Arkansas, Dr. Wade holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Arkansas and a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University's School of Medicine. His resident training in psychiatry was at the Galveston Psychopathic Hospital. ■

MILDREN APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE TO STUDY WEST TEXAS HEALTH NEEDS

Larry Mildren, TDMHMR regional coordinator for West Central Texas, has been appointed to the Regional Health Committee of the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The committee, a sub-advisory group to the council's Executive Committee, was formed to strengthen the regional role in administering the health needs of citizens in the council's area.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments is headquartered in Abilene at 205 Fannin Street. Cecil L. Mayes is executive director. ■

BAYSHORE MH/MR CENTER RECEIVES \$102,664 STAFFING GRANT FROM NIMH

The Bayshore MH/MR Center in Baytown has received a \$102,664 continuation grant from the federal government.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare through the National Institute of Mental Health, provides 60 per cent of the center's mental health staffing cost for fiscal year 1971.

The Bayshore Center, operated as an area center of the Harris County MH/MR Center, serves a population area of over 100,000 in Northeast Harris County.

Administrative director of the Bayshore Center is Don Marler. The center was opened in March, 1968.—Sarah Cartsonas. ■

ROLE OF COMMUNITY MH/MR CENTERS STRESSED AT BELTON PROGRESS REPORT

On September 12, over 100 persons from Central Texas heard a comprehensive briefing stressing the "help near home" concept of community MH/MR centers.

The meeting, attended by members of the legislature, members of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, community center and TDMHMR representatives and the press, was held at Frank's Lakeview Inn at Lake Belton.

Representatives of the Austin-Travis County MH/MR Center, Waco-McLennan County MH/MR Center, Bell County MH/MR Center, and MH/MR Center for Central Texas, Brownwood outlined the programs of their centers and discussed funding needs. Ed Grisham of the Governor's Office explained how community MH/MR programs were related to the overall Goals for Texas.

At the conclusion of the report, all who participated in presentations served as a panel to answer questions from the audience.

Presentations at the briefing illustrated the effectiveness of community centers in the early prevention and care of mental illness and the delivery of services to the mentally retarded.

Robert Tate Jr., D.D., chairman of the Committee for Community MH/MR Services of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation said a total of \$30 million for community centers during the next biennium will be requested from the 62nd Legislature. ■

TEXARKANA MH/MR CENTER PLANS INSTITUTE IN PASTORAL CARE

The Texarkana Regional MH/MR Center will conduct a Ministers Institute in Pastoral Care, September 25 at the Texarkana, Texas YWCA.

Scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the institute will be led by Kenneth Pepper, D.D., director of the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center of Dallas.

Jerry Fankhauser, a minister and psychiatric social worker for the Texarkana Center, will direct the institute.—William J. Dees ■

SAN ANTONIO CENTER CO-SPONSORS TWO PROGRAMS FOR RETARDED ADULTS

The Bexar County Center for MH/MR Services and the San Antonio Recreation Division are co-sponsoring two evening programs for mentally retarded young adults.

On Tuesday nights, the Adult Club meets at the YWCA at 318 McCullough. Thursday night programs in instrumental music and band are held at the "Carriage House" of Christ Episcopal Church.

James F. Bailey, Bexar County Center executive director, said both programs are still accepting memberships. ■

PLAINVIEW MH/MR CENTER GETS APPROVAL FOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The Central Plains MH/MR Center in Plainview has been approved by the Plainview Independent School District Board to provide educational services for exceptional children.

The program will involve children with learning problems due to mental retardation, physical handicaps and emotional disturbances. Youngsters from ages 3 to 12 who do not qualify for the Plainview Independent School special education program will be selected for the new program through a placement committee.

According to **Grady Jones**, director of special services, the center will offer a full day-care service, counsel parents, operate the center for the normal school year, provide community education about mental retardation, cooperate with and furnish research in mental retardation.

Facilities will be provided through the High Plains Children's Training Center. ■

HIDALGO VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS RECOGNIZED AT CENTER CEREMONY

A dozen girl volunteer workers at the Hidalgo County MH/MR Center were recognized recently for their contribution of over 1,200 hours of time to the center.

The girls, seven members of the Candy Strippers organization and five Neighborhood Youth Corps volunteers, were presented certificates of appreciation by **Joe Glass**, Day Activity Center director; and **Mrs. Nelda Gonzales**, Day Activity Center supervisor.

Volunteer work performed by the girls at the Day Activity Center was in arts and crafts, sewing room, canteen and several special summer projects.—**Marion Shirah**. ■

OUTREACH SERVICES OFFERED IN DEL RIO AND EAGLE PASS

MH/MR facilities for Southwest Texas Residents have been opened in Eagle Pass and Del Rio.

In Eagle Pass, the Maverick County MH/MR Outreach Program, a satellite of the San Antonio State Hospital and Corpus Christi State School, occupies former facilities of the Maverick County Memorial Hospital.

The Del Rio office is also an outreach program of the San Antonio State Hospital. Currently providing only mental health services, the office is located in the San Felipe Neighborhood Center.

Mrs. Beatrice Trust directs the Eagle Pass center with **Jose Nillo, M.D.** consulting physician. **Roberto Cuellar, M.D.** has been named consulting physician for the Del Rio office.

'PRE-SCHOOL' FOR RETARDATES OPENED BY SMITH-WOOD CENTER

The Smith-Wood County MH/MR Center has opened a "Pre-School" for retarded children to prepare them for special education classes.

The school, which operates from 9 to 11:30 a.m., five days a week, is conducted in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church in Mineola.

The schedule provides activities in social play, music, art, language development and other related experiences. Enrollment is open to all mentally retarded or physically handicapped children aged three to 12 who need special training for their growth and development. ■

ROYAL WORKSHOP FOR RETARDED CONTRACTING WITH AREA BUSINESSES

The **Darrell Royal Workshop**, vocational training facility sponsored by the Austin-Travis County MH/MR Center is contracting small assembly-type work with local businesses.

The contracts replace the previous arts and crafts program at the workshop. Some previous contracts included assembling parts for the International Business Machines' MTST typewriter, picnic packs for the Jax and Falstaff companies, and nuts and bolts packets.

Jim Fennell, workshop director, said the 30 mentally retarded men and women who work at the center experience an actual employment atmosphere and receive personal, social and work adjustment training at the same time.

The workshop is hoping to obtain more contracts from area businesses. Fennell may be contacted regarding workshop services at 5119 East 7th., Austin, or telephone (512) 476-6966. ■

BELL COUNTY CENTER BEGINS OPERATION OF TRAINING CENTER FOR RETARDATES

The Bell County Training Center for retarded persons, a program of the Bell County MH/MR Center, has begun its second year of operation.

The center is open to any retarded child not enrolled in special education classes at school or any young adult who can benefit from the program.

Training is provided to meet health, safety, self-care, home and social needs along with development of special skills.

The training center is directed by **Mrs. Wanda McCauley**. ■

MH CENTER SERVICES BEGIN IN DIMMITT

The nine-county Central Plains Comprehensive Community MH/MR Center in Plainview has planned a pilot program to provide MH services in Dimmitt.

A resident mental health worker for Castro County will work with local residents and serve as the liaison for the center's "back-up" team of psychologists, social workers and mental health specialists.

Center officials said the program will begin as soon as a federal staffing grant is received. ■

MEETING FOR WEST TEXAS CENTERS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 24 IN LUBBOCK

A quarterly meeting for directors and staffs of West Texas area community MH/MR centers will be held September 24 in Lubbock.

The meeting will feature group workshops on federal staffing grants, developing children and adolescent services in a community MH/MR setting, and continuity of alcoholism programs for community centers.

Hosted by the Lubbock County MH/MR Center, the meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn South, beginning at 9 a.m.

TDMHMR representatives conducting group and general sessions include **Frankie Williams, M.D.** and **Jim Brittnacher**, Vernon Center; **Dan Sheehan, Ph.D.**, **R. E. Hendrix Jr.** and **Jim King**, Central Office.

Interested centers desiring agendas and invitations should contact **Clayton Mallett**, director of the Lubbock Center at 1318 Main, phone (806) 763-4213.—**Larry Mildren**. ■

CENTERS ANNOUNCE STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Recent appointments to the staffs of community MH/MR centers include:

Nabiha Khoury Driscoll, M.D., medical director, Bayshore MH/MR Center, Baytown.

Sr. Margaret V. Walsh, R.S.M., day care center teacher, MH/MR Center of Hidalgo County, Edinburg.

Mrs. Day Kuntz, assistant to the executive director, Bexar County Center for MH/MR Services, San Antonio.

Miss Jean Starnes, supervising special education teacher and **Mrs. Josie Davis**, medical secretary, Midland Community Center for MH/MR. ■

FORMER CENTER DIRECTOR, BOARD MEMBERS HONORED AT WACO-MCLENNAN DINNER

The former administrative director and four Board of Trustee members of the Waco-McLennan County MH/MR Center were honored at a recent center dinner at the Ridgewood Country Club.

Jim Dolby, Ph.D., administrative director since May, 1969; **Joel Westbrook**, board chairman; board members **Judge Ray Mormino**, **Mrs. Sam Appel** and **Tom Frank, M.D.**, were recognized for their roles in organizing the center.

Since appointment of the Board of Trustees in October, 1967, the center has grown to an organization with 22 fulltime staff members offering a variety of mental health and mental retardation services.

Dr. Dolby, who is currently on the faculty of Baylor University, will continue to serve the center as consultant. Board members honored at the dinner were first members completing three year terms. ■

FOUR COMMUNITY CENTERS TO DEVELOP FEDERAL ALCOHOLISM STAFFING GRANTS

A meeting to develop proposals for staffing grants among four community centers for enlargement of and additions to present alcoholism program services is scheduled for September 18 in Midland.

Centers attending the meeting are the Midland Community Center for MH/MR; MH/MR Center for Greater West Texas, San Angelo; Lubbock MH/MR Center; and MH/MR Center for Central Texas, Brownwood.

Meeting with executive directors of the centers will be regional representatives of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; alcoholism program consultants from the National Institute of Mental Health; and representatives of the TDMHMR's Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Programs.

The Midland Community Center for MH/MR will host the meeting.—**Larry Mildren**. ■

FRANCO APPOINTED TDMHMR LIAISON FOR FAMILIES OF EL PASO RETARDATES

Adalberto (Al) Franco has been appointed TDMHMR mental retardation liaison specialist for the El Paso area.

Franco, a native of El Paso, is serving as liaison between the Abilene State School and more than 200 area families who have children in the school or on the waiting list for admission. He is assisting parents in pre-admission proceedings, and working with them after admission has been granted.

Franco may be contacted through the El Paso MH/MR Center at Thomason General Hospital. ■

DUAL MH/MR CENTERS OPENED TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF GREGG, HARRISON COUNTIES

Dual MH/MR centers for residents of Gregg and Harrison Counties have been opened in Marshall and Longview by the Gregg-Harrison MH/MR Center Board of Trustees.

The Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation recently approved a \$76,014 state grant-in-aid which is matched by \$41,458 in local funds for the centers' first year of operation.

The centers replace and expand services formerly provided by Marshall's Family Guidance Center and the Gregg County Center for Mental Health and Retardation in Longview.

In Marshall, the center is housed in the Hospital Annex on U.S. Highway 80. Its Longview counterpart is headquartered in Room 212 of the Glover-Crim Building.

An executive director, mental retardation director, medical consultant, mental health director and case workers will staff the two centers. ■

ODESSA HALFWAY HOUSE PRAISED AS 'ONE OF THE STATE'S FINEST'

Clover House, Odessa halfway house, has been described by members of the Texas Commission on Alcoholism as "one of the best alcoholism halfway houses in the State of Texas."

More than 50 men have been helped by the facility since it opened in February.

A multi-agency effort by the Midland Community Center for MH/MR, the Permian Rehabilitation House, Inc., and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Clover House provides a facility for 16 men.

Orville R. Crews, resident director is assisted by **Rex Brock** of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission and **Robert Dickson** of the Midland Community Center for MH/MR. ■

COMMUNITY CENTER TO TEACH RETARDATES FOR SAN ANGELO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The MH/MR Center for Greater West Texas will provide special educational services for up to 12 mentally retarded pre-school children in San Angelo.

A contract between the center and the San Angelo Independent School District authorizes the center to conduct the 10-month, 180-school day program.

The center is one of 19 community MH/MR centers approved by the Texas Education Agency, which funds the project. ■

JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER SERVES OVER 1,000 PATIENTS DURING YEAR

An average of 52 new patients per month have received mental health services from the Jefferson County Community Center for MH/MR.

Charles H. Todd Jr., M.D., chairman of the center's Board of Trustees, recently told Jefferson and Chambers counties commissioners courts that the center served over 1,000 persons during the 1969-70 fiscal year.

Mental health services for the center are provided at the Beaumont Neurological Center Hospital through a contract with the psychiatric firm of Cochran, Adkins, Bailey, Kalbaugh and Ryan.—**Vergia Mae Musselwhite**. ■

HIDALGO MH/MR CENTER WILL PUBLISH DIRECTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Hidalgo County MH/MR Center in Edinburg will soon publish the 1970 edition of its Directory of Community Services.

The directory is a complete guide to all community mental health and mental retardation services in the Rio Grande Valley.

The Edinburg High School Student Council and the Junior Service League are among volunteers assisting the center to compile and distribute the directory. ■

BAILEY AWARDED UCLA SCHOLARSHIP

James F. Bailey, executive director of the Bexar County Center for MH/MR Services has been presented a scholarship for a two-week training program in mental retardation at UCLA.

The scholarship was awarded by the University's Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine. The program will be conducted October 12-23 in Los Angeles, California. ■

SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR RETARDATES IS PROGRAM AT EL PASO MH/MR CENTER

The El Paso MH/MR Center was among six organizations sponsoring a four-week summer day camp program for retarded children at El Paso Memorial Park.

Other sponsors were the El Paso Association for Retarded Children, Northeast Civitan Club, Lions Club, Lambda Chi Omega Sorority and the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

The program featured physical fitness activities, arts and crafts and educational tours. Entertainment was provided by musical groups and local radio personalities. Safety and first aid educational programs were provided by the El Paso Fire and Police Departments. ■

VOLUNTEERS FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE TRAINED AT AUSTIN-TRAVIS CENTER

The Austin-Travis County MH/MR Center is training volunteers to man a continuous telephone emergency and information service for area residents.

The first training session was conducted September 16 at the Methodist Student Center, 2434 Guadalupe.

The telephone service, called the Crisis Intervention Program for Austin and Travis County, is concerned with emergency situations ranging from maternal problems to suicide threats.

Volunteers are needed for four hours a week. Sarah Ansel, executive secretary of the Austin Mental Health Association, said additional volunteers are still needed. ■

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