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SEASONS GREETINGS

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HELD IN LUFKIN

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services held its regular monthly meeting in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building in Lufkin on November 30, 1976, at 5:30 p.m.

Items for consideration included bids for Sheltered Workshop vehicles, bids for the FY 1976 Annual Report and a discussion of the Employees' Pension Trust Plan. Agenda items included consideration of a proposed contract for medical services for the Shelby County Halfway House and a discussion of the expansion of the Alternate Living Program. Other items taken into consideration were the approval of a Revised Affirmative Action Plan, revision of several position descriptions and the consideration of personnel matters.

RHODER APPOINTED TO DETRMHMRS' BOARD



Mrs. Agnes B. Rhoder of Crockett was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services (DETRMHMRS) to represent Houston County. Mrs. Rhoder, a long-time resident of Crockett, holds a Masters' of Education Degree from Sam Houston State University and is currently pursuing a Doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin. Her professional experience includes teaching Language Arts at Crockett Junior High School and Freshman English at Mary Allen College. She is currently serving as an instructor in the Crockett Independent School District.

A world-traveler, Mrs. Rhoder is an authorized Red Cross Swimming Instructor and a member of numerous Houston County Boards.

A Baptist, she is currently serving as State Missionary of Texas in the Missionary General Baptist Convention of Texas.

Mrs. Rhoder attended her first Board Meeting held in Lufkin on November 30, 1976, where she was appointed a member of DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees' Personnel and Public Education Committee. Mrs. Rhoder is already becoming active in Board affairs and is a welcome addition to the DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees.

MINISTERIAL SEMINAR WELL ATTENDED

A Ministerial Seminar entitled "Counseling With Patients With Terminal Illness or Impending Death," held in Lufkin at the First Christian Church on November 10, was well attended by area ministers. The Seminar leader, Joseph Gross, Th.D., currently serves as Chairman of the Department of Pastoral Care at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. The Seminar was jointly sponsored by the Angelina County Ministerial Alliance and DETRMHMRS.

Dr. Jerry Self, who served as Seminar Host, indicated that the area Ministerial Alliances should consider sponsorship of a similar Workshop early in the Spring of 1977.

One new client was welcomed to the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services, 303 Angelina Bldg., Lufkin, TX 75901 in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Executive Order 11246, as amended.

REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETS

The newly formed Regional Professional Advisory Committee held its second meeting on December 2 at the DETRMHMRs' Administration Office in Lufkin. Those in attendance included: Rev. J. B. Mark, Chester; Joe Scott Evans, Groveton; Dr. V. L. Barron, Nacogdoches; W. W. Beaver, Lufkin; Ray Van, Nacogdoches; Rev. Clyde Bennett, Woodville; and James Duncan and Gerald Pace of Newton.

Dr. Lawrence led a discussion on the philosophy and purpose of Community Centers. Other business included the election of officers. W. W. Beaver was elected Chairman, Joe Scott Evans, Vice-Chairman and Dr. Barron was elected Secretary. The next meeting of the Committee will be held March 22, 1977, in conjunction with the regular Board of Trustees meeting.



BOWMAN PROMOTED

Jolyon Bowman, formerly Drug and Alcohol Counselor for the Southern Service Area, was recently promoted to the position of Coordinator, Drug and Alcohol Programs. Mr. Bowman served as a counselor since January, 1975. He is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of East Tennessee State University. Mr. Bowman spent 4 years in the U. S. Air Force where he worked as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor in the Air Force Social Actions Program. In his new position he will be responsible for the Jasper, Nacogdoches and Polk Counties' Community Counseling Centers and the Shelby County Halfway House.

Congratulations, Jolyon, and
GOOD LUCK!

UNIT HAPPENINGS

NEWTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Clients at the Newton Center were treated to a Thanksgiving Party given by the Math Club of Newton High School. Along with the abundance of food and colorful decorations, the clients enjoyed the party hats and favors which were provided by the club. The students played games and entertained the clients with stories and activities based on a Thanksgiving theme. Math Club members present included Lee Fillyaw, Sara Simmons, Rusty Navarre, Cindy Simmons, Patrice Latiolais, Dianne Wilkinson, Danny Medley, Pat Adams, Teresa Thompson and Joanie West. The club is sponsored by Ms. Deborah Alford, who teaches math at N. H. S. Many thanks to these fine students for a most enjoyable experience.

One new client was welcomed to our program this month.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED

Pictured on the right above is Bob Patel, Manager of Sambo's Restaurant, as he receives a Certificate of Appreciation recently presented by Russ Burbank, MR Director. Bob and Sambo's have been active supporters of all DETRMHMRs' Programs but especially Sunrise Manor. Additionally, Sambo's currently employs four clients who work as cooks and bus-boys. Mr. Patel says that they are making excellent employees and would like to have more when they are available. Many thanks to Bob and Sambo's for continuing support and involvement.

MORALE IS WHEN YOUR HANDS AND
FEET KEEP ON WORKING WHEN YOUR
HEAD SAYS IT CAN'T BE DONE.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP

On Sunday, November 21, a benefit football game was played between the Nacogdoches County Peace Officers Association and the Nacogdoches Association of Businessmen, with the proceeds going to the Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop. Approximately \$400 was collected in what has become an annual event. Workshop Director, Allen Micheletti, and trainer, Jim Johnson, played on the Peace Officer's team as they did last year. The proceeds will be used to purchase a steam cleaning machine for the Workshop's auto cleaning program.



BEAIRD PRESENTS PROGRAM DIRECTOR WITH VAN KEYS

Pictured above with Russ Burbank, MR Director, are J. L. Beaird, District Engineer for the 11th District, and David Rice, District Auditor for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Burbank was presented the keys to a 1976 Ford E-250 Bus especially modified to accommodate mobility impaired people. The vehicle was obtained under the Capital Improvements Program of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, through a grant to the Lufkin Council of Retarded Children, Inc. Funding for this vehicle was on a shared basis with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration providing 80% and the sponsor providing 20% of the needed funds. The bus will be used for transportation for the Houston County Developmental Center and also will be used by the Houston County Workshop when the Workshop becomes a reality early in 1977.

BOARD TO MEET IN LUFKIN

The regular monthly meeting of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services' Board of Trustees will be held on December 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building in Lufkin. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

PROGRAM DIRECTOR PRESENTS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MCDONALD'S

Pictured on the left above is Russ Burbank, MR Director, who recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Broughton, Manager of McDonald's Restaurant. McDonald's, in conjunction with the Altrusa Club of Lufkin, is providing dinner one night a month for clients of Sunrise Manor. Many thanks to McDonald's.



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