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HARDIN COUNTY PROVIDES LOCAL FUNDS



Pictured above are Hardin County Judge Emmett Lack presenting a check to Dr. Wayne Lawrence, Executive Director of MHMR, for Hardin County's local matching funds for a sheltered workshop. A building has been located to house the workshop in Silsbee, and the target date for the opening is March 1, 1977.

JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

With the help of the Jasper-Newton Sheltered Workshop, the staff of the Jasper Co. CCC moved to new offices located at 122 North Austin Street in Jasper.

In addition to serving Jasper Co., Mr. John Morris, Counselor, also provides alcoholism and drug abuse services to the citizens of Newton and Tyler counties. His telephone number is 713/384-8589.

Mr. Jolyon Bowman, Coordinator of Drug and Alcoholism Programs, is also officed at this location and his new telephone number is 713/384-9452.

Mr. Morris says the staff is delighted with the much needed additional office space, and is grateful to the Jasper-Newton Sheltered Workshop for helping with the move.

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AGE IF HE COULD DISPOSE OF HIS
EXPERIENCE FOR WHAT IT COST HIM.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING HELD IN LUFKIN

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services (MHMR) held its regular monthly meeting in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building on January 25, 1977, at 5:30 p.m.

Items for consideration included the Treasurer's report, consideration of a report on the Legislative Budget Board's recommendations for FY 1978 and 1979, and consideration of a proposed Summer Internship Program.

Other items for consideration included consideration of revisions in the Health, Education and Welfare Operations Grant and revision of MHMR's organization chart. Other items included adoption of a Resolution of Appreciation to the family of Mr. H. Parks, deceased, former County Commissioner for Precinct 2, Tyler County. Certificates of Appreciation were also approved for Mrs. Betty Bateman, deceased, of Tyler County, and to the Lufkin Service League of Angelina County.



Mrs. Janice Ann Rowe and Mrs. Jan Moore accept a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Lufkin Service League from Board Chairman, Ward Burke.

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UNIT HAPPENINGS

NACOGDOCHES CO. SHELTERED WORKSHOP

In December, the clients of the workshop were treated to a Christmas dinner consisting of turkey, dressing, vegetables, salad and desserts. The meal was a joint venture with the clients and staff doing all the decorating, cooking, and cleaning up. An 18 lb. turkey was donated and parents of the clients furnished the desserts. The party was a great success, and a good time was had by all.

In January, Unit Supervisor Allen Micheletti appeared on KTRE's "High Noon" show. After Allen briefly described the workshop's history and activities, slides were shown of clients at their work stations and in P/SA classes. A TV set was brought to the workshop for the occasion, and the clients thoroughly enjoyed seeing themselves and Mr. Micheletti on TV. Staff members were busy all that afternoon taking orders for work by phone as a result of the TV show.

SHELBY COUNTY SHELTERED WORKSHOP

December was a busy month for the clients at the workshop. On December 17th, the Junior Women's League entertained the clients with refreshments and a bingo party and gifts were exchanged. The parents were invited to a party on December 18th, and there was a good attendance.

January was an active month with an increase in the work received from Western Electric in Shreveport. Also, several "stabilizer walk boards" were made in the workshop for eight Developmental Centers, and we appreciated the opportunity of doing this work.

HOUSTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CTR.

New activities have been started at the Center recently including formation of a 4-H Club and a Girl Scout Troop. The children are learning many new things and are having fun learning to tell time and the days of the week. Also, cleanliness is being stressed.

Looking to the future, many have started exercises in preparation for the coming Special Olympics in April. Also, as time permits, several trips have been made to check the progress of the new building.

SAN JACINTO CO. DEVELOPMENTAL CTR.

A Christmas party was held for the children on December 21st and parents were invited. Staff members attending included Evelyn Lacey, Mary Cox, and Byron (Santa) Crawford who distributed the toys and gifts.

Several donations were received during the Christmas Season toward the purchase of a table tennis set for the clients. Those making donations were: Employees of the San Jacinto Co. Courthouse, People's State Bank of Shepherd, and Mr. James Titus of Shepherd. Many thanks to these generous people!

A new client was added to the Center in January, and plans are being made for a successful year in 1977.

KIRBYVILLE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

This has been an exciting and rewarding month for all at the Center. Thanks to Marty Walker, Unit Supervisor of the Jasper-Newton Sheltered Workshop, four of our clients made a smooth and happy transition in entering the workshop. And, a new client from Newton enrolled in our Center recently.

Greatly appreciated is the coffee pot and hot plate presented recently by the Mother's Club.

New officers were recently installed in the Mental Health Association by Mrs. Carl Morgan. New officers are: George Hargrove - President, A. L. Charlton - Vice-President, and Dinah Jones - Secretary-Treasurer. President Hargrove said that ideas for fund raising projects will be discussed at a later date.

JASPER-NEWTON SHELTERED WORKSHOP

The workshop acquired four new clients from the Kirbyville Developmental Center. They and the other clients of the workshop completed a colossal job for Visador, Inc. counting and packaging 120,000 screws. Other jobs were also maintained of raking yards, cleaning houses, ironing, etc. Also, the workshop has a new job of stripping copper out of transformers for the Jasper/Newton Electric Co-op.

Clients of the workshop are now transported in a new van obtained through a grant by the Jasper-Newton County ARC.

UNIT HAPPENINGS (Cont.)

NEWTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CTR.

A surprise birthday party was given by the clients and staff on January 14 for volunteer worker Mrs. Rosemary Porter. This was Mrs. Porter's last week at the Center, and she will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. Sybil Lindsey is the new volunteer worker who comes to the Center on Monday and Friday mornings.

Recently, the clients attended a basketball tournament at the Junior High School and enjoyed watching the games.

JASPER-NEWTON SHELTERED WORKSHOP VAN DELIVERED

The van for the workshop was delivered on January 31. Purchased through the Developmental Disabilities grant for the workshop, the van will be used to provide transportation for clients from Jasper, Newton, and Kirbyville to the workshop.

Pictured below with the van are: Jasper County Judge, Harold Kennedy; Martha Thomason, President of the Jasper Advisory Council; George Gee, Board Member from Jasper; Sherre Nichols, President of the Jasper-Newton ARC; and Marty Walker, Unit Supervisor.



CRAWFORD PROMOTED

Byron Crawford, formerly a MR Caseworker II, was recently promoted to the position of Director, Follow-Along Services. As a Program Director, he is responsible for the supervision of the Mobile Evaluation Unit, alternate living, and follow-along services. Byron is a native Texan from Texarkana, and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University where he majored in social services and political science. Recently married, Byron and Rita make their home in Nacogdoches.

Congratulations, Byron, and much success in your new endeavor!

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Since the first of the year, several new employees joined the MHMR staff, and we would like to express a hearty welcome to:

JOHN BOWEN, Therapist Tech. I -
Shelby Co. Halfway House
BRUCE DUNCAN, MR Psychologist -
Mobile Evaluation Unit
CLAUDETTE HENCY, Houseparent -
Sunrise Manor Halfway House
ROBERT HENCY, Houseparent -
Sunrise Manor Halfway House
LISA JEFFREY, MH Clerk I -
Central Administration
WM. DAVID "BILL" JOHNSON, MH
Caseworker III - Angelina OPC
JOHN MORRIS, Counselor - Jasper
Co. Community Counseling Ctr.
WM. EARL "BILL" TYLER, Director,
Personnel Services - Cen. Adm.
MICHAEL WILLEY, Relief House-
parent - Sunrise Manor



BOARD TO MEET IN LUFKIN

The regular monthly meeting of the DETRMHMRs' Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1977, at 5:30 p.m., at the Angelina Co. Out-patient Clinic, 911 Chestnut Street. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

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