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TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
1:30 P.M.
JULY 22, 1974

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At the Meeting of the Tyler County Commissioner's Court held on the above date and time, with all members present. The Meeting opened with a prayer.

A motion was made by Comm. Best and seconded by Comm. Belt to participate with the Deep East Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation Service in an out-patient treatment Center on Mental Health. All voted yes, none voted no.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

SIGNED: Tom D. Mann Tom D. Mann, County Judge
Joe Best Joe Best, Comm. Pct.#1
H.M. Parks H.M. Parks, Comm. Pct.#2
Kenneth Belt Kenneth Belt, Comm. Pct.#3
James R. Jordan James R. Jordan, Comm. Pct.#4
 ATTEST: Allen Sturrock Allen Sturrock, County Clerk



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The following information is based on fiscal year 9-1-72 to 8-31-73.

I.	FREQUENCY OF OCCURANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL RETARDATION	
A.	Tyler County Population	12,417
B.	Estimated Number of Mentally Ill	1,242
C.	Estimated Number of Mentally Retarded	373
II.	ADMISSIONS/READMISSIONS TO STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS	17
III.	ADMISSIONS/READMISSIONS TO STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS DUE TO ALCOHOLISM/DRUG ABUSE	4
IV.	DISCHARGES FROM STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS	36
V.	ADMISSIONS TO STATE SCHOOLS FOR RETARDED	17
VI.	DISCHARGES FROM STATE SCHOOLS FOR RETARDED	1
VII.	COST OF INSTITUTIONAL CARE	
A.	Ninety Days in State Hospital for 17 Patients (\$17.09 Per Patient Per Day)	\$26,147
B.	Three years in State School for 17 Residents (\$14.19 Per Resident Per Day)	\$264,146
VIII.	EFFECTS OF CONTINUED LONG TERM INSTITUTIONALIZATION	
A.	Continued Separation From Family	

- B. Frequent Regression and Acquiring Additional Maladaptive Behaviors
- C. Burden on Economy and Tax Payer
- D. Infrequent Contact with Normal Life Style or Pattern

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IX. FUNDING OF PROGRAM

A. County Funds Needed	\$5,915
B. Services (in Dollars) Received by Tyler County	\$37,647

X. SUMMARY

Community based mental health and mental retardation programs could provide services to many Tyler County residents. These programs should reduce the readmission and admission rates to State Hospitals and State Schools, and also increase the discharge rate from these facilities. The Tyler County Outpatient Clinic will provide community based counseling services for many Tyler County residents and will work closely with the Emergency and Inpatient Services offered under this program. These services should significantly reduce the number of people currently being placed in the County jail and the number of trips to the Rusk State Hospital. The Woodville Developmental Center will be expanded and will provide the nucleus for future programs for the retarded such as a Sheltered Workshop.

Services to the mentajly ill and mentally retarded should include both community based programs and institutional services to as many handicapped citizens as possible. This

will allow many of these individuals to return to a more normal life style and, in many cases, become tax payers rather than tax users.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne Lawrence, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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