

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE
SACRAMENTO

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TO: STATE HOSPITAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

At the Superintendents' meeting last week we discussed plans for the next state-wide meeting of the Boards of Trustees. The date agreed upon was Wednesday, December 7, 1960, in Sacramento. While we will write you soon about specific plans for the meeting, we did want to give you the date so that you could reserve it for this purpose. Please send me any items which you would like to have discussed at the meeting.

I am enclosing for your information and use some recent material concerning the salary program for mental health treatment classes. As you know, the encouraging outlook for this program today is due in large measure to the vigorous efforts of the Trustees. Several Trustees have requested information on current developments and next steps. Therefore, I am enclosing a resolution passed this month by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health, an analysis of the problem prepared for that committee, and a brief description of action taken and anticipated in the very near future. The two most critical points at the moment are: Consideration by the Governor in the preparation of his budget and October hearings by the two legislative committees assigned to study the resolution.

I think you also may be interested in seeing the enclosed brochure prepared by one of our hospitals. We hope to translate the salary issue and our overall program into a similar format for public presentation. In addition, I am sending you a Fact Sheet on the Department of Mental Hygiene which I discussed at a recent meeting of the California Medical Association.

I personally look forward to seeing you in Sacramento in December.

Sincerely,



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Director of Mental Hygiene

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Enclosures

cc: To all Superintendents