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Community Services Department.

An Inventory of its Congregate Housing Program Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Hennepin County (Minn.). Community Services Dept.
- Series Title:** Congregate Housing Program records,
- Dates:** 1981-1996.
- Abstract:** Correspondence, reports, historical data, residents lists, application materials, publicity, menus, and related materials documenting the organization and operation of this program designed to provide a housing option that fell between independent living with supportive services and nursing home care for low-income senior citizens with complex service needs and eligible handicapped people of all ages.
- Quantity:** 0.4 cu. ft. (18 folders and 2 v. in partial box)
- Location:** 127.F.4.4F

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

In 1982, the Hennepin County Community Services Department and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) convened the Congregate Housing Facility Planning Committee to address the elderly population's need for a housing option between independent living with supportive services and nursing home care. The committee was composed of representatives from organizations most affected by the problems of residents who were having difficulty living independently in Minneapolis public housing, including Hennepin County's Community Services Department, the MCDA, Metropolitan Council, Senior Citizen Centers of Greater Minneapolis, Inc., Volunteers of America, Combined Nursing Services, public housing tenant councils, and four residents from senior high rises. The committee focused on low-income senior citizens with complex service needs and eligible handicapped people of all ages. They suggested keeping the program costs at a minimum by reallocating resources and unifying existing community services and cooperation among different government agencies and private non-profit organizations. They hoped that this design would enable residents of public housing to join the congregate housing program at no additional cost. The committee developed a proposal of joint sponsorship between the Hennepin County Community Services Department

and the MCDA. The program was unique not only for the cooperation of the two agencies but it involved no requests for special grants. In December 1983, the Congregate Housing Program, located at Lyndale Manor in North Minneapolis, opened its doors to the first residents.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The records document both the organization and operation of the program including the agreement between the MCDA and the Hennepin County Community Services (1985), quarterly reports and activity updates (1984-1996), scattered issues of a program newsletter, a songbook (undated) and menus (1984-1987), the final report of the Congregate Housing Facility Planning Committee (1982), publicity (1983-1994), application materials (1988), resident lists (1983-1989) and visitation records (1986-1989), and congregate housing study reports (1981-1996).

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Aged—Dwellings—Minnesota—Hennepin County.
Aged—Economic conditions—Minnesota—Hennepin County.
Aged—Services for—Minnesota—Hennepin County.
Congregate housing—Minnesota—Hennepin County.
Handicapped—Housing—Minnesota—Hennepin County.
Handicapped—Services for—Minnesota—Hennepin County.

Organizations:

Combined Nursing Services (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Lyndale Manor (Minneapolis, Minn.).
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area.
Minneapolis Community Development Agency.
Senior Citizen Centers of Greater Minneapolis, Inc.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Open except for two folders of resident visitation records. Researchers may apply to use the restricted records in accordance with the State Archives access statement.

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Location	Box	Contents
127.F.4.4F		<p>Final Report of the Congregate Housing Facility Planning Committee, Focusing on Development of a Supportive Living Environment for Elderly Public Housing Residents Who Need Help to Function Properly, September 1982.</p> <p>Statement of Agreement between MCDA and Hennepin County Community Services, 1985.</p> <p>Program History and Descriptions, 1985-1986.</p> <p>Application Process for Potential Residents, 1988.</p> <p>Award and Application to the National Association of Counties "County Achievement Award," 1986.</p> <p>Congregate Housing Program Newsletter, 4 scattered copies, 1984-1988.</p> <p>Meals, 1984-1987.</p> <p>Memos and Correspondence, 1983-1988.</p> <p>Publicity and Outreach, 1983-1994.</p> <p>Quarterly Reports and Activity Updates, 1984-1996.</p> <p>Reports, 1981-1996.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Guidelines for Determining an Individual's Capability for Successful Independent Living, MCDA Manual, revised July 1981. 1 volume.Study on Lyndale Manor Congregate Housing Program, Hennepin County Community Services Department, [1986].Study of Two Congregate Housing Programs in the Twin Cities, The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area, Summer 1988. 1 volume.A Study of Services and Resources for Senior Citizens in the Near North/Camden Communities of Minneapolis Hennepin County, Hennepin County Community Services Department Services to Seniors, September 1988.Findings and Potential Implications: Congregate Housing Services Study, working paper presented to The Minnesota Board on Aging, March 6, 1990.The Quality of Life Amongst Seniors Living in Congregate Housing, a social work paper by Laura Zimpleman, May 13, 1996. <p>Resident lists, 1983-1989.</p> <p>Songbook, undated.</p> <p>Visitation Records, 1986-1989. 2 folders. RESTRICTED</p>