

# Community Mental Health Center

NOTES

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DEDICATION

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

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of the Greenville  
Hospital System

Chs John D. Smith

Chs. Bd of Trustees

Director Robert Toomey

Gov Mc Nair

fellow "Dr. Meyer"

~~Attn: Bishop Pinckney~~

I AM HONORED TO JOIN TODAY WITH CITIZENS

WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP BUILD A STRONGER AND

BETTER COMMUNITY -- AND COUNTRY -- FOR TOMORROW.

~~Many of you have devoted~~ MANY OF YOU HAVE DEVOTED

GREAT CARE TO THE INTELLIGENT PLANNING OF THIS CENTER,  
AS A PART OF THE GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM. —

THIS IS TO BE NO PRISON ... NO INSTITUTION WITHIN

WHOSE WALLS THE COMMUNITY HIDES THOSE SUFFERING FROM

MENTAL ILLNESS. IT WILL BE A PLACE OF HELP AND HOPE.

To lift the clouds from life - bring the sunshine.

MANY OF THE PATIENTS WHO COME TO THIS CENTER

WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHILE

THE CENTER PROVIDES THEM WITH EXPERT CARE.

Childrens Care Unit

*sh. meyer other doctors*  
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YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE CENTER CANNOT  
*recruited and*  
SUCCEED UNLESS COMPETENT PEOPLE ARE TRAINED TO STAFF

IT. YOU HAVE HAD THE WISDOM TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING  
OF INTERNS, NURSING STUDENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND ALL  
THE OTHER SKILLED PEOPLE THAT WILL MAKE THIS NEW  
FACILITY A SUCCESS.

IN ADDITION, YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NEED  
TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. ~~TOO~~  
LONG THE MENTALLY ILL HAVE BEEN VIEWED AS A BURDEN  
ON SOCIETY.

THEY HAVE BORNE A STIGMA WHICH HAS BEEN  
BOTH UNJUST AND UNNECESSARY.

AS A RESULT, WE HAVE WASTED THE ENORMOUS  
TALENTS AND ENERGIES WHICH SO MANY OF THE MENTALLY  
*had they been*  
ILL COULD HAVE PROVIDED, GIVEN PROPER CARE AND ASSISTANCE.

*Rehab*

FINALLY, YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS NOT  
ENOUGH SIMPLY TO TREAT MENTAL ILLNESS; WE HAVE TO GO  
FURTHER if we are TO HELP THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED  
FIND USEFUL AND REWARDING LIVES. YOUR INCREASED EFFORT  
IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WILL HELP THEM HELP  
THEMSELVES. o

BUT ASIDE FROM THE SERVICES IT WILL PROVIDE,  
ONE OF THE GREAT VIRTUES OF THIS NEW CENTER IS THAT  
IT WILL SERVE PEOPLE IN THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES AND  
EVEN NEARBY STATES.

YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED WHAT HAS BECOME SO  
APPARENT, ~~AS WE ENTER THE LAST THIRD OF THIS CENTURY:~~  
COUNTY BOUNDARIES, MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, STATE BOUNDARIES,  
AND, YES, EVEN NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, ARE NOT WALLS  
BETWEEN PEOPLE. THEY ARE IMAGINARY LINES. o

IF WE ARE TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH THE KIND OF  
PUBLIC SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND HOUSING  
THEY DESERVE, THOSE LINES CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND  
IN THE WAY.

AND THAT BRINGS ME TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
POINTS ABOUT THIS NEW CENTER. IT WAS PLANNED AND  
BUILT BY LOCAL LEADERS, <sup>but</sup> PART OF THE FUNDS ~~HOWEVER~~,  
HAVE COME FROM ELSEWHERE.

McNair UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR GOVERNOR, <sup>Robert</sup>  
McNAIR, THOSE FUNDS ARE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH A  
SUPERB EXERCISE IN PARTNERSHIP. GOVERNOR McNAIR IS ONE  
OF 13 GOVERNORS <sup>of</sup> ~~SITING~~ ON THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL  
COMMISSION, TOGETHER WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT  
JOHNSON.

THE GOVERNORS AND THE PRESIDENT, TOGETHER  
WITH THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF LOCAL LEADERS, ARE  
PLANNING AND BUILDING A NEW ECONOMY FOR APPALACHIA --

AN ECONOMY WHICH WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF

THIS GREAT REGION THE STANDARD OF LIVING, THE INCOMES *and*

*economic development* AND THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MODERN SCIENCE

AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH HAVE PROVIDED FOR MOST OF THE

REST OF AMERICA.

THE FIRST TIME PRESIDENT JOHNSON APPLIED

THE PHRASE "CREATIVE FEDERALISM" TO A PROGRAM, HE

APPLIED IT TO APPALACHIA. THE APPALACHIAN PROGRAM

WAS CONCEIVED BY THE GOVERNORS OF THIS REGION.

*it was* ENDORSED BY BOTH PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND JOHNSON,

AND CREATED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE STATES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WORKING WITH

HUNDREDS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ARE PREPARING PLANS

THAT WILL BUILD THE PUBLIC FACILITIES NEEDED TO HELP

MAKE THE ECONOMY OF THIS REGION GROW AND PROSPER.

*(Partnership)*

THE FEDERAL ROLE IN THIS GREAT UNDERTAKING IS TO  
PROVIDE SOME OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES NEEDED TO MAKE  
THESE PLANS A SUCCESS. THE FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS  
ABOUT WHAT WILL BE DONE IN EACH AREA, HOWEVER, REST  
WITH THE STATES -- IN THIS CASE <sup>Gov</sup> ~~Bob~~ MCNAIR AND THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION --  
AND WITH LOCAL LEADERS. THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE  
OF HOW THE GREAT CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM, GIVEN TO US  
BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS, CAN FUNCTION IN MODERN TIMES  
TO MEET MODERN NEEDS. *a Working Partnership.*

THESE ARE THOSE ~~WHO~~ WHO SAY THAT STATE  
GOVERNMENT IS DOOMED, THAT THE STATES HAVE PROVED  
INCAPABLE OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF MODERN SOCIETY,  
AND THAT WE MUST LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONCENTRATION OF  
MORE AND MORE AUTHORITY IN WASHINGTON.

↳ I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT, PRESIDENT JOHNSON  
CERTAINLY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT, NOR, IN MY OPINION,  
DOES THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

↳ THE WORDS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON ARE AS  
APPLICABLE TODAY AS WHEN THE CONSTITUTION WAS  
WRITTEN: "WERE NOT THIS GREAT COUNTRY DIVIDED  
INTO STATES, THAT DIVISION MUST BE MADE, THAT EACH  
MIGHT DO FOR ITSELF WHAT CONCERNS ITSELF DIRECTLY ...  
WERE WE DIRECTED FROM WASHINGTON WHEN TO SOW, AND  
WHEN TO REAP, WE SHOULD SOON WANT BREAD."

↳ AS OUR SOCIETY GROWS MORE COMPLEX, AND OUR  
CITIZENRY BETTER INFORMED, THERE IS MORE -- NOT LESS --  
REASON FOR INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY AT THE STATE AND  
LOCAL LEVEL.

↳ THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE GOING  
TO HAVE TO BE REORGANIZED AND IMPROVED IF THEY ARE TO

MEET LOCAL NEEDS EFFECTIVELY AND TO USE EFFICIENTLY, THE  
FEDERAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND THERE IS ALSO  
NO QUESTION THAT WE NEED A MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP  
AMONG ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN MOST PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY.

✓ BUT THERE IS NO BETTER EXAMPLE ANYWHERE IN  
THE UNITED STATES OF HOW THAT PARTNERSHIP CAN WORK  
THAN IN THE APPALACHIAN REGION. — Gov McNair

*In Appalachia*

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PLAYS AN  
IMPORTANT ROLE HERE; BUT IT IS THE STATES THAT ARE  
PREPARING NEW HEALTH PLANS, NEW EDUCATION PLANS,  
NEW TRANSPORTATION PLANS, NEW PLANS FOR HOUSING,  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND LAND  
RECLAMATION. ✓ IF THEY CAN SUCCEED, THEY WILL SERVE  
AS AN EXAMPLE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE  
REST OF THE COUNTRY.



HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, THE SIGNS ARE  
THAT YOU WILL SUCCEED ~~FOR SEVERAL REASONS:~~ *and are succeeding -*

FIRST, THE APPALACHIAN PROGRAMS IN SOUTH  
CAROLINA ARE CONCENTRATED, BY GOVERNOR MCNAIR'S  
DECISION, ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH. *It is healthier,*  
BETTER-TRAINED HUMAN BEINGS, MORE THAN INVESTMENTS  
IN FACTORIES AND MACHINES, THAT GUARANTEE SUSTAINED  
ECONOMIC GROWTH. *People Power*

THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER --  
ANOTHER BRILLIANT EXAMPLE OF LOCAL INITIATIVE AND  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION -- IS NOW TRAINING  
HEALTH PERSONNEL WITH APPALACHIAN FUNDS. *CLEMSON*  
UNIVERSITY IS TRAINING SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS WITH  
THE HELP OF APPALACHIAN FUNDS. *and* APPALACHIAN FUNDS ARE  
BUILDING NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

SECONDLY, YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT URBAN  
AND RURAL PROBLEMS ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.

URBAN ~~CITIES~~ <sup>slums</sup> ARE FULL OF PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT MAKE

A DECENT LIVING IN RURAL AREAS. A LARGE PART OF THE

ANSWER TO OUR URBAN PROBLEMS TODAY THROUGHOUT THE

NATION IS TO BUILD UP THE SMALLER COMMUNITIES SO THAT

THEY CAN PROVIDE ADEQUATE JOBS AND SERVICES FOR THE

PEOPLE OF THE SURROUNDING RURAL AREAS.

LET THE CITIES, THE TOWNS, AND THE  
COUNTRYSIDE PROGRESS TOGETHER -- THAT IS A POLICY WHICH  
IS BOTH WISE AND HUMANE.

THAT IS THE POLICY THAT HAS MADE GREENVILLE  
AN ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

THAT IS THE POLICY OF THE APPALACHIAN REGION,  
AND THAT SHOULD BE OUR POLICY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED  
STATES. SO THE HEALTH CENTER WE ARE DEDICATING TODAY  
IS A SYMBOL OF SOMETHING MUCH LARGER.

Rural  
America

∠ IT IS A SYMBOL OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED  
BY CREATIVE LOCAL INITIATIVE, BACKED UP BY THE  
RESOURCES OF ~~WA~~ A WEALTHY NATION. ∠ IT IS A SYMBOL OF  
OUR DETERMINATION THAT THOSE RESOURCES SHALL BE USED  
TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY IN FULL MEASURE FOR EVERY  
AMERICAN.

∠ IT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO  
SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND TO KEEPING PLANS AND DECISIONS  
IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE WITH THEM. ○

new <sup>found</sup> word about our national  
mental Health -

- (1) Positive thinking - no doubt!
- (2) Faith in America - no hate!
- (3) Brotherhood

"our nation, under God, indivisible  
with liberty & justice for all"



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