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## **PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

### **Community Programs Division**

# **An Inventory of Its Mental Health Program Grant-in-Aid Files**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

- Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Public Welfare. Community Programs Division.
- Series Title:** Mental health program grant-in-aid files,
- Dates:** 1963-1993.
- Abstract:** Information submitted to the division by state mental health centers/boards in order to receive federal and state funding for programs.
- Quantity:** 16.0 cu. ft. (16 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT**

The Community Mental Health Services Act of 1957 (Minn. Stat. 245.61-.69) authorized the Department of Public Welfare to make grants to local governments or non-profit corporations for the development of programs addressing mental illness and "mental retardation" and substance abuse issues in the local communities. These community mental health programs constituted one of three systems of mental health services supervised and supported by the DPW, the other two being the state mental institutions and the county welfare departments. All three of these systems were integrated at the state level within the Medical Services Division of the Department of Public Welfare. Grant applications for the development of the local mental health programs were made to the Community Programs Section of the Medical Services Division.

When the Community Mental Health Services Act of 1957 was first enacted, it focused on the creation of community mental health clinics or centers. In 1968 the Act was revised to emphasize the development of community mental health programs as opposed to the creation of specific facilities. These programs were to be established not only to provide direct clinical mental health services, but to also provide: 1) services in collaboration and cooperation with other mental health organizations in the community, both public and private; 2) "informational and educational services to the general public"; and 3) "consultative services to schools, courts and health and welfare agencies." Furthermore, before any organization could qualify for funds

under this act it needed to establish a "community health board" to oversee the implementation of the programs.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Information submitted by local and regional mental health centers and human services boards to the Public Welfare Department's Community Programs Division in order to receive federal and state funding for programs, and to comply with the department's oversight requirements. The files include mental health board minutes, minutes of various task forces, audit reports, grant-in-aid applications, DPW site visit reports, statistics, annual reports, publications, and correspondence, the latter mainly between local directors/boards members and the state divisions of the DPW. While there are a few federal grant applications, the files primarily concern applications for funds authorized under the Minnesota Community Mental Health Services Act.

The bulk of the extant records were produced between 1968 and 1979; earlier files were disposed of by the agency. Files from the 1960s and early 1970s contain a significant amount of correspondence between local area program directors and state officials coordinating the grant program. This correspondence mostly address questions concerning the adequacy of grant proposals and changes that must be made. These earlier files also contain a significant number of records relating to the construction of new mental health facilities, and some material concerning alcoholism treatment programs. The later files – those from the mid 1970s to 1993 – contain mainly minutes from area program board meetings and grant applications.

The records themselves reflect the changing emphasis from the development of clinics to the development of community programs. Where in earlier records grant-in-aid applications are from mental health clinics or centers, later applications are more often from community health boards. In some cases community health boards seem fairly synonymous with the boards of the mental health centers, while in other cases the community health boards are expanded umbrella organizations that oversee many mental health services provided in the community. The records also reflect a growing expansion of services and greater collaboration and cooperation with both private organizations and public welfare agencies.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS**

The files are arranged alphabetically by name of local mental health program.

## 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:**

Appraised.  
Federal aid to community mental health services--Minnesota.  
Funding.  
Mental health boards--Minnesota.  
Mental health policy--Minnesota.  
Mental health services--Minnesota.  
Public welfare--Minnesota.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Contents</b>
111.I.7.2F	1	Anoka County Community Health and Social Services Board, 1965-1980. 22 folders. Formerly named Anoka County Human Resources Board and Anoka County Comprehensive Health Board. Includes Anoka County Mental Health Study Report, 1965, prepared by DPW.
111.I.7.3B	2	Area Mental Health-Mental Retardation-Inebriety Board of Northeastern Minnesota (Duluth), 1966-1991. 18 folders, 1 volume. Formerly named Duluth Mental Hygiene Clinic and Human Development Center-Duluth Area. Includes separate files on Bethany Lutheran Home, Duluth Bethel Society and the United Day Activity Center. Carver County Mental Health Program, 1975-1979. 4 folders. See Carver-Scott Mental Health Program below for earlier files.
111.I.7.4F	3	Carver-Scott Mental Health Program, 1969-1975. 7 folders. See Carver County Mental Health Program above and Scott County Human Services Board in Box 12 for later files. Central Minnesota Mental Health Center (St. Cloud), 1963-1980. 16 folders in 2 boxes. 1963-1974 (12 folders) Includes separate file on St. Cloud Hospital construction.
111.I.7.5B	4	1974-1993 (5 folders) Dakota County Mental Health Center (South St. Paul), 1963-1980. 12 folders. Five County Human Development Program (Braham), 1966-1981. 15 folders in 2 boxes. Formerly named Five County Mental Health Center. Covers Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine counties. 1966-1974 (11 folders)
111.I.7.6F	5	1974-1981 (4 folders) Freeborn-Mower Mental Health Center, 1978-1979. 1 folder. See also Southern Minnesota Human Development Board (Albert Lea) in Box 13; Mower County Consultation Center in Box 8.

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111.I.7.6F	5	<p>Hennepin County Mental Health Programs, 1965-1990. 37 folders and 1 volume in 2 boxes.</p> <p>1965-1971 (15 folders and 1 volume), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Glenwood Hills Hospital, 1970-1971 (1 folder, 1 volume)</li><li>Minnetonka Mental Health Center, 1969-1970.</li><li>St. Barnabas and Swedish Hospitals, 1965-1971 (2 folders).</li><li>Washburn Child Guidance Clinic (formerly Washburn Memorial Clinic/Washburn Memorial Orphan Asylum), 1966-1970 (5 folders).</li><li>Hennepin Co. Area MH-MR Program, 1966-1971 (4 folders).</li></ul>
111.I.7.7B	6	<p>1971-1990 (22 folders).</p> <p>Includes information on Hennepin County Mental Health - Mental Retardation Board, Metropolitan Community Mental Health Center, Lake Minnetonka Mental Health Center, and the Day Activity and Training Center.</p> <p>Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center (Winona), 1963-1980. 13 folders in 2 boxes.</p> <p>Formerly named the Tri-County Community Health Board.</p> <p>1963-1964, 1966-1970 (7 folders)</p>
111.I.7.8F	7	<p>1970-1980 (6 folders)</p> <p>Lakeland Mental Health Center (Fergus Falls), 1966-1980. 14 folders.</p> <p>Includes separate files for St. Ansgar Hospital, Otter Tail Co. Human Services Board.</p> <p>Luther W. Youngdahl Human Relations Center (Owatonna), 1963-1980. 12 folders.</p> <p>Formerly named South Central Mental Health Center.</p>
111.I.7.9B	8	<p>Minnesota Valley Mental Health Center (Mankato), 1966-1976, 1979. 14 folders.</p> <p>Includes separate files for LeSueur Co. Mental Health Board and Blue Earth Co. Human Services Board.</p> <p>Mower County Consultation Center (Austin), 1966-1976. 8 folders.</p> <p>Formerly named Mower County Mental Health Center.</p> <p>See also Freeborn-Mower Mental Health Center in Box 5.</p> <p>Northern Pines Mental Health Center (Little Falls), 1966-1979. 12 folders.</p>

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111.I.7.10F	9	Northland Mental Health Center (Grand Rapids), 1966-1990. 14 folders. Northwestern Mental Health Center (Crookston), 1965-1985. 18 folders and 5 volumes in 2 boxes. Includes separate files on Northwestern Hospital construction, and on Northwest Council on Alcohol and Drug Problems (1971- 1972). 1965-1972 (7 folders and 1 volume)
107.C.6.4F	10	1971-1985 (11 folders and 4 volumes) Ramsey County Mental Health Programs, 1963-1980. 40 folders in 2 boxes. 1963-1972, comprising: Amherst Wilder Child Guidance, 1963-1964, 1966-1970. 7 folders. Hamm Memorial Psychiatric Clinic, 1963-1964, 1966-1970. 6 folders. St. Paul-Ramsey County Mental Health Center, 1963-1972. 7 folders.
107.C.6.5B	11	St. Paul-Ramsey County Mental Health Center, 1963-1972. 3 folders. 1972-1980. 18 folders. Includes information on St. Paul-Ramsey Mental Health Center, Ramsey County Mental Health Department, St. Paul Rehabilitation Center, St. Paul Urban League Day Care Center, and the Amherst W. Wilder Foundation. Range Area Mental Health Center (Virginia), 1964-1989. 21 folders and 2 volumes in 2 boxes. 1964-1970 (5 folders and 1 volume)
107.C.6.6F	12	1968-1989 (16 folders and 1 volume) Scott County Human Services Board, 1975-1979. 3 folders. See Carver-Scott Mental Health Program in Box 3 and Box 4 for earlier files.
107.C.6.7B	13	Scott County Human Services Board, 1979-1980. 1 folder. Sioux Trails Mental Health Center (New Ulm), 1964, 1966-1980. 14 folders and 1 volume in 2 boxes. 1964, 1966-1967 (2 folders) 1967-1980 (12 folders and 1 volume) Southern Minnesota Human Development Center (Albert Lea), 1967- 1976. 7 folders. Formerly named Southern Minnesota Mental Health Center.

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107.C.6.7B	13	Southwestern Mental Health Center (Luverne), 1966-1980. 10 folders in 2 boxes. 1966-1974 (6 folders)
107.C.6.8F	14	1974-1980 (4 folders) Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center (Bemidji), 1966-1980. 12 folders. Washington County Human Services, Inc., 1969-1980. 9 folders. Formerly named Washington County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board. West Central Community Services Center (Willmar), 1963-1992. 21 folders and 1 volume in 2 boxes. Formerly named West Central Mental Health Center. 1963-1970 (5 folders)
107.C.6.9B	15	1969-1992 (16 folders, 1 volume) Includes separate folders for Hutchinson Community Hospital, Rice Memorial Hospital and West Central Industries Sheltered Workshop. Western Human Development Center (Marshall), 1971-1980. 6 folders. Formerly named Western Mental Health Center.
107.C.6.10F	16	Western Human Development Center (Marshall), 1971-1980. 4 folders. Zumbro Valley Area Mental Health Board (Rochester), 1963-1985. 18 folders in 2 boxes. Earlier named Rochester-Olmsted County Mental Health Center. Miscellaneous County Mental Health/Human Services Boards, 1978-1990. 5 folders and 1 volume. Cook County Mental Health Board. Faribault-Martin-Watonwan Human Services Board. HECLA, Inc., 1990. Lake County Mental Health Board. St. Louis Mental Health Board (volume) Sibley County Mental Health Board.