

MINUTES: Behavior Modification Review Committee

PRESENT; Ken Riznyk, Marge Conley, Maureen Cronin, Wayland Gillingham, Greg Pirmann

GUESTS: None

GENERAL ISSUE: Due to the holiday season (and numerous staff vacations), the next Committee meeting will be January 9, 1981.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

#5075
Horizon Hall 4 East
Humphrey Unit
12/19/80

Program Review - On the week of December 1, 1980, Mr. _____ trans-ferred from Whitman Hall I to Horizon Hall 4 West. At that time, his Committee-approved time-out program (for abuse to others) automatically terminated. No documentation was provided by the Johnson Unit that would indicate whether or not the program was used.

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Chair, Behavior Modification Review Committee

#9297
Audubon Hall
Lincoln Unit
12/19/80

Program Review - Ms. _____'s separation from group program for abuse to others (hitting, biting, scratching and kicking) apparently has not been used since its approval back in April. The Committee considered this de facto termination sufficient grounds to formally terminate the program.

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#9323
Keystone Hall 7
Washington Unit
12/19/80

Due to the unavailability of staff, the review of this program will be postponed until the Committee's next meeting (January 9, 1981).

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#10,575
Keystone Hall 8
Washington Unit
12/19/80

Due to the unavailability of staff, the review of these two programs will be postponed until the Committee's next meeting (January 9, 1981).

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#10,299
#1 Indep. Drive
Indep. Community
12/19/80

Program Review - When Ms. _____ exhibited a specific cluster of behaviors which could be given the general title "temper tantrums", she was to have been escorted to her bedroom for time-out for 15 minutes or until calm (but not for more than one hour). Since the living area team reports that her behavior has been stable for four months, they consider the program to be successful, and asked the Committee to terminate it. The Committee agreed, and so acted.

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#9707
#5 Indep. Drive
Indep. Community
12/19/80

Program Review - When Ms. _____ engages in a specific set of abusive and disruptive behaviors, she is to be escorted to her bedroom for time-out for 15 minutes or until calm (but not for more than one hour). The program contingencies were invoked three times since approval. Since this just meets the "trigger frequency" for time-out use, the Committee discussed whether or not to continue the program. The decision was in the affirmative, and the next review will be held March 27, 1981.

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#8157
Horizon Hall 4 East
Humphrey Unit
12/19/80

Program Review - If Mr. _____ begins to dig his rectum, he is to be placed in mechanical restraints (muffs) for one 30 minute period. The restraints were used zero times in August, twice in September, four times in October, twice in November, and four times to date in December. While still regrettably high, these frequencies are lower than those reported for the last review period. The program is to continue, with next review scheduled for March 27, 1981.

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Last week, the Committee terminated Ms. _____'s program (calling for restitution for stealing other's property) because family permission had not been obtained after a three month wait. The living area team reported that they were still desirous of using the program, and had decided to try and get the Superintendent's permission in lieu of the family's. They also wanted the Committee to recind last week's termination. The Committee rather strongly refused: First it had received no evidence to show how strongly family permission had been sought (Note: The problem was the absence of family response, not a refusal by the family); second, it is obviously bad policy to approve a program using (at best) three month old data. Thus, if the living area team desires to run such a program, they should re-submit.

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- Mr. Aaronson
- Mr. Pirmann
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- Ms. Cramer
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. Scott
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- Dave Painter
- Dr. Storm
- Ms. Reading
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