

ORIGINAL*Office Memorandum*

DEPARTMENT OF Public Welfare

TO : Vern Larson

DATE: July 2, 1973

FROM : Wes Restad

SUBJECT: Toilets at State Hospitals

... Last year's Ward Living Survey report identified that we have 508 toilets in the system without seats, covers, etc. In this regard, I have set as a high priority this problem throughout the system during this fiscal year. The administrators, at our meeting on June 28, agreed that every effort would be made to correct this problem on their campus during the next 12 months:

HOSPITAL	NUMBER OF TOILETS	NUMBER WITH SEATS	NUMBER WITHOUT SEATS
Anoka	143	136	4
Fergus Falls	149	149	0
Hastings	80	79	1
Moose Lake	120	120	0
Rochester	168	162	6
St. Peter	109	108	1
Minnesota Security	40	13	27
Willmar	207	191	16
Minn. Learning Center	26	24	2
Cambridge	273	103	171
Faribault	453	97	356
Minn. Valley Social Adaptation Center	71	71	0
Rochester Social Adaptation Center	41	41	0
Brainerd	183	159	24
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- NOTE: 1. I have made no effort to verify the accuracy of the above. In short, I have accepted the above as being accurate.
2. In some instances in order to correct the problems stated, it may be necessary to replace the entire toilet fixture.
  3. Because of the disability of residents served, it may be necessary to adapt the fixture to accommodate the residents. In this regard, I am aware that the Brainerd staff have developed a heavy plastic cover-seat, etc. If such is workable at Brainerd, it may be something that may be considered for other campuses as well.
  4. The design of the toilet-toilet covers at the Security Hospital may pose a special problem because of safety-security reasons.

Request: In cooperation with the administrator and other appropriate staff will you ascertain the validity of the above and develop a plan directed toward correction of the problem? The plan should reflect the number of toilets that will need to be replaced; the number where seats-covers, etc., will need to be installed; a projection giving estimated costs of accomplishing the work to be done (NOTE: In some instances, tile -- plumbing -- pipes, etc., may need to be replaced). I would like to have a report covering the above by September 1, 1973, along with a timetable when such will be accomplished at each facility.

NOTE: As a guide in accomplishing the above -- plan for the corrective action in any building where you and the administrator judge the building will be in use at least until September 1, 1975.

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