

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT

## *Office Memorandum*

TO : Fred Grimm

DATE: 10/23/84

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SUBJECT: Preliminary results - economic impact

Preliminary results in the economic impact portion of the state hospital study indicate that the economic impact of a hospital closing will be by far most severe in Moose Lake, where approximately one worker in five in the immediate area would be directly affected by a closing. This is about twice the impact that would occur in the next most severely affected cities (Faribault and Cambridge). Economic impact would be least severe in Anoka, where about one worker in one hundred would be directly affected, an impact about four times less than the next least severely affected area (Willmar). Compared with the differences separating Moose Lake and Anoka from the other hospitals, the differences between the remaining six hospitals are relatively minor.

## EMPLOYEE STUDY

The employee survey is complete. The response rate varied from each hospital from a high of 80% at Willmar to the low of 43% at Faribault. A total of 3665 employees completed the survey which was completely voluntary. Some preliminary findings show that 74% of the respondents own their own home. The findings also show that 53% of the employees answering the survey are the only family member working. Forty-five percent of the participants commute less than 5 miles to work. The survey also indicated that 65% of the people would prefer to continue working at a state hospital, if their current hospital should close, while 9% would choose to work in a privately operated community program.

QUESTION: Percentage of Take Home able to save or invest:

0-2% - 33%	7-8% - 4%
3-4% - 4%	9-10% - 19%
5-6% - 16%	

QUESTION: Percentage of spending in county where state hospital is located:

0-44% - 16%	93-96% - 11%
89-92% - 16%	97-100% - 24%

QUESTION: If I were offered a transfer to another state hospital for a similar position, I would most likely...

37% - Maintain current residence, refuse transfer and seek employment in area.

12% - Refuse transfer, seek employment outside area and change residence.

24% - Accept transfer and move to the area of transfer.

27% - Accept transfer, maintain current address and commute.

QUESTION: Should you wish to continue in the human services field, what would be your most preferred work setting?

65% - State Hospital

9% - Privately operated community program

23% - State operated community program

3% - County operated community program

TO: Inter-Agency Board  
 FROM: Bill Bednarczyk, Consultant  
 RE: Survey Summary

PARTICIPATION RATE

Anoka	64%
Brainerd	79%
Cambridge	59%
Faribault	43%
Fergus Falls	68%
Moose Lake	74%
St. Peter	60%
Willmar	80%

\* 3665 Surveys Processed

\* Administration Started 7-23-84  
 \* Administration Ended 8-28-84

SOME RESULTS - ALL HOSPITALS

Length of Service	Age	Education
1 - 5 years 36%	24-29 - 18%	High School Grad - 29%
6 - 10 years 26%	42-47 - 12%	College Grad - 18%
16 - 20 years 11%	54-59 - 11%	
	60+ - 6%	

Own Home

74%

Commute to Work

under 5 miles - 45%  
 5 - 10 miles - 20%  
 11 - 15 miles - 14%

Other Wage Earners

Only wage earner - 43%  
 One other - 53%