

## **1979-80**

### **Year in Review for Kevin Coleman Center from the Mental Health Board Annual Report 1979-80**

#### Kevin Coleman Center Report

It was an astonishing year of progress for the Kevin Coleman Center.

Through individual, family and group therapy, the Center assisted 1,111 people in developing new skills and understandings to help them cope better with independent living. This figure nearly tripled the total caseload of the previous year.

This tremendous growth can be directly attributed to the substantial attainment of the Center's goals and objectives for the fiscal year 1980. These goals were to increase services to precare-aftercare clients, maintain and refine vocational services, provide outpatient therapy services to adults, comply with requirements for accreditation, and develop construction grants.

Increasing services to precare-aftercare clients was accomplished through the elimination of the waiting list for precare-aftercare clients by giving them priority for assignment. In fact, over half of the total client intake was precare-aftercare clients. This number far exceeded the goal of 104 for the year.

The second goal of maintaining and refining vocational services was effectively reached through several developments. Job slots were increased by more than two in the work adjustment area through the purchase of an automatic dryer for Together Printing. Also, by joining the Chamber of Commerce

the Vocational Program established important contacts and cooperation with local industry. Kevin Coleman staff provided job-seeking skills training and coordinated local industry visits for clients once a month.

Providing outpatient therapy to adults was slightly hampered by an increasing waiting list for outpatient clients, since precare-aftercare patients held priority for assignment.

The goal involving accreditation was a smashing success with the granting of a three-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Excellent progress was also made in obtaining the Ohio Department of Mental Health certification. The only obstacle in achieving this certification involves modification of the physical plant, which will be corrected early in fiscal year 1981.

The fortunate passage of the Mental Health levy left the door wide-open for the development of the construction grants. The next step was to seek Department of Mental Health approval of the consolidation of the two grants into one facility and site for economic reasons. This was accomplished, and the selection of a site and architectural designing has resumed.

NOTED ON PAGE 2 - The Kevin Coleman Center was granted a three-year accreditation after passing the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) review with “flying colors.”

This was a direct result of the quality assurance plan in which Coleman wrote and later implemented.

All agencies of the Portage County Mental Health Board were to develop a quality assurance plan.

### **Portage County Mental Health Board Members from 1979 to 1980**

\*The Board consists of 15 members, one-third appointed by the Ohio Commissioner of Mental Health and two-thirds appointed by the County Commissioners

Chairman - Jay Cranston, M.D.

Vice Chairman – Michael Kirtley

Secretary – Grace Figley (term expired 12/31/79)

Secretary – William Calhoun (appointed 01/01/80)

Thomas Belknap (term expired 12/31/79)

Sulura Boykin

Terry Cicero (resigned 04/30/80)

The Rev. Robin Clark (appointed 08/01/79)

Ronald Heineking

Suzanne Hughes

John Hurd (appointed as designee of Probate Judge 01/01/80)

Judge Robert Kent (served until appointing a designee)

Joan LaRose

H. Eugene Mills

Horace Page, Ph.D.

Thomas Frazier (appointed 06/01/80)

Joann Schneider (appointed 06/01/80)

The Portage County Mental Health Board served a total of 22,470 persons.

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