MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS BRING NEW LPA STAND

Marvin F. Miller, M.D., President of Louisiana Psychiatric Association informed the Membership that he had been requested to review the L.P.A. position in regard to its attitude towards support of mental health centers as expressed in the Resolution of April 22, 1965. He then read the following telegrams received from members who were unable to attend:

"Since we are unable to attend the L.P.A. Meeting tonight we wanted to convey the following opinion. We feel that in view of the expanding mental health problems in the community which have led to expansion of community mental health treatment centers, that a more positive affirmation regarding the staffing of such centers be made.

"We believe that private psychiatry and the medical staff from the universities and mental training facilities in the state must take an active part in the training and supervision of the staff, both medical and nonmedical, in such matters.

"We are against the affirmation proposed in April, 1965 because of its vagueness which can be interpreted and used in ways destructive for the Community Mental Health Program.

"We would appreciate your stating our opinion to the Association tonight.

Sincerely,
Paul D. Ware, M.D.
William McBride, Jr., M.D.
Fred Marceau, M.D.
Erle Harris, Jr., M.D.
W. Karr Shannon, M.D."

"In lieu of the 1965 resolution, I would like to support a new, broader resolution which includes safeguards for the private practice of psychiatry. Also to encourage the state to support institutions that train medical mental health personnel. I firmly believe that it would be to the best interest of the community that the state turn over the operation of Community Mental Health structures to local, nonprofit groups.

Douglas W. Greve, M.D."

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY? COUNCIL HAS TIE VOTE

Will Louisiana Psychiatric Association hire an executive secretary?

Edwin M. Fuchs, M.D., chairman of the ad hoc committee on the executive secretary, presented the committee report at the May meeting of the Executive Council.

The committee recommended that the post of executive secretary be created; that the executive secretary be a member of a management association firm; that the position be part-time; and, that the post be financed by a $60 increase in annual dues. In addition, it was suggested the duties approximate those used by the Ohio Psychiatric Association: The Executive Secretary would have prime responsibility in the areas of legislative matters and representatives to the legislature, service to patients and public, and community insurance, facilities and service.

The committee asked the post be considered temporary for one to two years. Should the post prove satisfactory, then consideration could be given to a grant application.

The council cast a tie vote. A motion to invite H. Ashton Thomas, M.D., general manager of the Louisiana State Medical Society, to meet with the Executive Council, was seconded and carried. Purpose of the invitation is to explore the areas in which L.S.M.S. facilities would be of assistance to L.P.A.

Ritter Heads LPA in 1967-68

Kenneth Ritter, M.D., of New Orleans, has been elected president of Louisiana Psychiatric Association. The choice was made by acclamation at a membership meeting April 20.

Other officers named for 1967-68 are: Andre Touzet, M.D., president-elect; Karr Shannon, M.D., first vice-president; Mottram Torre, secretary; Charles Smith, M.D., treasurer; and, Alvin Cohen, M.D., three-year term on the nominating committee.
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Thompson Named to Governor’s Group

Appointment of William C. Thompson, M.D., to the Governor’s Mental Health Advisory Committee has been announced by Gov. John McKeithen.

Dr. Thompson, of New Orleans, will be the Louisiana Psychiatric Association representative to the committee. The committee, which was suggested by the governor last fall, is composed of representatives of many groups in the state who are interested and involved with mental health. The governor asked that names of three candidates be submitted to him. This was done, and he picked Dr. Thompson.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Thompson will be named an ex-officio member of the L.P.A. Executive Council so he may more effectively serve on the governor’s committee.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES
(May Meeting)

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION

Mr. Percy Landry, legislative consultant for Louisiana State Medical Society, has asked L.P.A. to work on an enabling act for legislative presentation which will confer the right of privileged communication to patients involved in civil cases. William Sorum, M.D., was appointed chairman of an ad hoc committee to handle this matter.

COMMITMENT LAW

The forensic committee is working on changes necessary to update the state commitment law. The changes will be presented at the 1968 legislative session in the form of a bill.

INSURANCE BENEFITS

Possibility of having occupational therapy included as a Blue Cross benefit and having psychiatric benefits included under Medicaid has been raised by Gene Usdin, M.D. The matter has been referred to the Insurance Committee.

EMERGENCY REFERRALS

Malcolm L. Latour, M.D., has been asked to chair an ad hoc committee on emergency referral service. The committee will investigate the possibility of setting up emergency referral services in other areas of the state similar to the ones now operative in the New Orleans area.

NEW MEMBERS

Recently elected to general membership in the American Psychiatric Association were Remigio G. Gonzalez, M.D., Douglas W. Greve, M.D., Henry S. Ritchie, M.D. and Phillip A. Schaeffer, M.D.

Transferred from associate membership to general membership were Charles J. Faraci, M.D., and Chester B. Scrignar, M.D.

Elected to associate membership were James T. Henry, M.D., Charles P. O’Brien, M.D., Martin S. Posner, M.D., and David John Reed, M.D.

(Other events of the council meeting will be found as news items elsewhere in the Newsletter.)

"JUST BEING SICK"

CALCIPHYLAXIS—SELYE

There was little interest in the phenomena of “just being sick” to encourage a young physician in Prague, Czechoslovakia but Han Selye told an April conference at Confederate Memorial Medical Center, Shreveport, La. of some areas where his studies led him.

Dr. Selye presented two addresses to a combined meeting of Louisiana State University School of Medicine at Shreveport; Northern branch, Louisiana Psychiatric Association, and the Arkansas Psychiatric Association.

His initial interest centered on signs and symptoms common to all illnesses.

Reviewing the triad found in animals which had been subjected to stressful materials or situations, Dr. Selye said he was unable to define “stress”. He said he preferred to refer to “stressor” substances which produce the (1) local adaptation syndrome (LAS) and the (2) general adaptation syndrome (GAS).

Even though definite structural changes occur in the thymicolympathic system, the gastric mucosa and the adrenal cortex when the experimental animal is subjected to “mental stress” (such as complete immobilization for a protracted period of time), Dr. Selye either ignored the factor of anxiety, or refused to acknowledge its existence. Along these lines, he readily admitted that much remains to be worked out in the field of psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine, insofar as his own research is concerned.
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The General Membership overwhelmingly voted to rescind the following resolutions which were passed at the Special Meeting of the Louisiana Psychiatric Association on April 22, 1965. Only two of the Membership voted against rescinding these resolutions.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION IS OPPOSED TO ANY PROPOSAL FOR THE SETTING UP OF A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT AND EXPLICIT PROVISIONS TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONFLICT WITH THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS IS URGED TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, DATED NOVEMBER, 1963, WHICH STATES THAT PSYCHIATRIC CARE, AS DEFINED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA MEDICAL PRACTICES ACT, BE RENDERRD TO THE TRULY INDIGENT PATIENT.

The following resolution, introduced by Dr. Henry Miles, was adopted with only three of the Membership opposing:

BECAUSE OF THE GREAT NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE POPULATION OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND CONSEQUENTLY THE NEED FOR TRAINED MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION THAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS UNDER MEDICAL DIRECTION WHICH PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS BE SUPPORTED THROUGH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AT ALL LEVELS—FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL—AS WELL AS PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS—IN THE FORM OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND OPERATING COSTS.

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF PSYCHIATRY MUST BE PROTECTED AND NOT BE IN ANY WAY IMPAIRED BY NEW PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT ANY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM BE STRUCTURED SO AS TO PROVIDE HARMONY WITH AND CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS OF PSYCHIATRY, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE COMMON GOAL OF PROVIDING THE BEST MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES POSSIBLE FOR THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA.

Miller is Acting Head of L.S.U. Psychiatry

Marvin F. Miller, M.D., associate professor of the department of psychiatry, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, has been named Acting Chairman of the department by Dean John Finerty.

Dr. Miller succeeds Charles Watkins, M.D., professor of psychiatry, and former chairman. Dr. Watkins served as acting head of the department from the time of his resignation until the time of Dr. Miller's appointment as acting chairman on April 1, 1967.

Shannon Heads North Louisiana Chapter

Karr Shannon, M.D., was named president of the North Louisiana Chapter, Louisiana Psychiatric Association. Dr. Shannon, of 1541 Kings Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana also heads the department of psychiatry at Confederate Memorial Medical Center.

Other officers elected were Edith Rigby, M.D., of 1513 Line Avenue, president-elect; and, Charles W. Armistead, M.D., of 701 Jordan, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Rigby and Dr. Armistead both reside in Shreveport.

Northern Chapter Busy

Hot Springs, Ark., will be the site of a joint meeting in September of the Arkansas Psychiatric Association and The North Louisiana Chapter of the Louisiana Psychiatric Association.

The recent spring meeting was reported as successful. It was held in Shreveport and featured Dr. Hans Selye. Social activities at the joint session were highlighted by a dinner-dance.

Confederate Memorial Training Program

North Louisiana psychiatrists and psychiatric residents are holding monthly meetings in conjunction with the psychiatric residency training program at Confederate Memorial Medical Center, Shreveport, La.