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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

January 16, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Mandel, at the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Institute, on January 16, 1968, at 8:00 p.m.

The members present were Drs. Mandel, Motto, Dorn, and Grotstein.

Dr. Mandel asked Dr. Grotstein what progress was being made with the Program for Residents.

Dr. Grotstein replied that the Program for Residents has been tentatively set up for eight sessions, meeting at the Institute on Tuesday evenings, beginning March 12. He then asked the other members of the committee what suggestions they had for a format for the program.

Dr. Dorn discussed his experiences with Dr. Stoller at U.C.L.A. in helping to set up the Residency Program for the first-year residents. He emphasized the importance of patient orientation as opposed to theory in the program.

Dr. Motto emphasized that the faculties of the medical schools are now finding a higher level of student who are already informed about many theoretical aspects of psychoanalysis and so must be handled in a way different from the past. He felt it was important to discuss with the residents what problems they might encounter in coming to the Institute as Candidates.

Dr. Dorn then reiterated that it would be advisable for the residents to present cases from their own practice or clinics to be discussed in the seminar. Dr. Motto emphasized that it would be important to discuss with the residents how to take a history.

Dr. Mandel then emphasized the public relations aspect of the course and the contacts the Institute would be making with the residents. He also discussed the possible cost of the course, and the committee all agreed that \$15.00 for the eight sessions would be reasonable.

Dr. Dorn suggested that one evening of the seminars could be spent on the family and techniques of interviewing different members of the family.

Dr. Dorn then asked the Chairman, Dr. Mandel, about the joint program with the other Society.

Dr. Mandel replied that that was not our committee responsibility, after which a short discussion by the whole committee took

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- Dr. Mandel then brought up the issue of whether or not we should repeat the program that Dr. Milton Bronstein conducted with special laymen from diverse fields. He wanted to get a reaction from the members of the committee.
- Dr. Grotstein felt that the program should not be repeated, because its aims were unclear and its achievements were meager.
- Dr. Motto also questioned the goals and purpose of such a program and voted in the negative for continuation at this time. First, he stated, we must assess the outcome of the first one over a longer period of time and find out how the courses changed the feelings of those who participated in it.
 - Dr. Grotstein suggested that a sub-committee should be formed to explore this idea further.
 - Dr. Mandel nominated Dr. Grotstein to head this sub-committee and appointed Dr. Edelman and Dr. Malin to it. He then suggested that our committee could be a sponsoring group with some outside authorities in the form of a workshop.
 - Dr. Dorn replied that none of us have anything to contribute in this line. Dr. Dorn also suggested that Dr. Grotstein, as head of the new sub-committee, contact Dr. Milton Bronstein for his advice and consultation.
 - Dr. Mandel then brought up the issue of the Social Workers' Program.
 - Dr. Motto stated that the Institute for Teachers at Reiss-Davis will be held on February 7, and Bruno Bettelheim will be presenting a paper, which will be discussed by Drs. Ekstein and Harrison. Dr. Motto stated that Dr. Harrison had telephoned him and asked if he should not be replaced in favor of a child analyst. Dr. Motto, after discussing this with the committee, suggested that the committee request Dr. Harrison to continue.
 - Dr. Mandel then asked about a regular program for social workers in the Institute, such as the residents' program.
 - Dr. Motto stated that should we have this program, we should use their own case material and their casework problems. He also suggested that maybe we should defer the program for the time being and consult the N.A.S.W. for their advice.
 - Dr. Dorn then showed the Program for Social Workers at the

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Dr. Mandel stated that the discussion seems to suggest that the Community Education Committee needs a faculty analogous to the Extension Division faculty of the other Institute.

Dr. Motto stated that we are suffering from paying lip service but not following through on programs.

Dr. Mandel then appointed Dr. Motto as Chairman of the subcommittee to talk with the N.A.S.W. as to a further program and appointed Drs. Edelman and Beckwitt to join him on this subcommittee. Dr. Mandel stated that since no one is, as yet, available to teach a course to the social workers at this time, that perhaps the program should be postponed pending the outcome of the newly appointed sub-committees' findings. Dr. Mandel then stated that the Society is to have a meeting on Thursday, February 8, in which Dr. Wallerstein will present a paper on Community Psychiatry that he had previously presented in 1965 at Menninger's. Dr. Mandel then stated that he is going to meet with Dr. David Abrahams from the Community Activities Committee to coordinate their efforts. Dr. Mandel then called our attention to the fact that there are no scheduled individual programs, such as the Extension Division had in previous years, for speakers locally or from out-of-town. Various members of the committee then suggested people such as Dr. Gloria Powell, Dr. Wolfenstein, Dr. Aronson, Dr. Lewy, and Dr. Lowenberg.

Dr. Mandel then mentioned that Dr. Beckwitt had discussed with him a program for the Candidates' wives, which has already been organized. He then brought up the idea of a budget that must be set for the committee and said that he would discuss with the Board of Directors this matter.

Dr. Dorn then stated that we have no program on adolescents, the family, etc., and wondered why there are no such programs planned at this time. This was tabled for further discussion at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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