

FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF
SOUTHWEST HABILITATION CENTER

2517 Royal View Drive
Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101
August 19, 1976

Mr. Frank Beal
Secretary of Public Welfare
333 Health & Welfare Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Beal:

This letter is in regard to the very dire need for a Behavior Management Unit at Southwest Habilitation Center. As you know, this unit has been requested since April, 1974.

Recently, due to a behavior problem of some residents, there have been several disturbing occurrences and a breakdown in the training of our relatives. As a result, we are now forced to ask for an immediate decision on this matter. We would hope that it will not take a serious tragedy to bring this unit into being.

We believe, even with all the "red tape" of government agencies, this matter is long overdue for action. We have had a promise several times that this plan was approved, but now we need more than a promise.

Our family group meets monthly, and we would like to invite you to attend our meeting on Sunday, September 12, 1976 at 3 p.m. at the Bengs Building of Mayview Hospital to tell us your views on this matter. If for some reason this date is not convenient for you, please advise me as soon as possible of an alternate date when you can meet with our group.

Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Very truly yours,

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