

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

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PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

Dear Steu:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the number of deaths in our State Schools.

The attached sheets represent a breakout, as requested, of those deaths occurring during fiscal year 1973-74. My delay in responding was necessitated by the fact that this information was not totally available in present statistical reports.

Please be assured that we not only appreciate, but also share your concerns over these deaths. Our office is now preparing a policy relative to the reporting and follow-up procedures to be utilized for institutional deaths. We are also requesting that an epidemiological study be completed to identify the cause and prevention for each occurance. In these ways, we feel we can significantly impact on the increasing numbers.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to inform me. I look forward to your cooperation.

Officers Residential Serv. Comm.

Bazelon

Horn blower

Thorn burgh

Archer

Molgrave Polloni

Sincerely,

Stanley Meyers

Deputy Secretary for

Mental Retardation

CAUSES OF DEATH AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS. TIME PERIOD: July 1, 1973 June 30, 1974

CAUSES OF DEATH	CRESSON	EBENSBURG	HAMBURG	LAURELTON	PENNHURST	POLK	SELINSGROVE	WESTERN	WHITE HAVEN
ASPIRATION OF FOOD	0	1	0	0 0	0	6	2	0	0
A. Autopsy	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	, 0
B. No Autopsy	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
PNEUMONIA	3	4 (7	0	5	20	21	1	2
A. Autopsy	0	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	0
B. No Autopsy	3	3	5	0	4	16	21	1	2
CARDIAC ARREST	3	1	1	1	5	9	3	2	5 .
A. Autopsy	. 0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
B. No Autopsy	3	1	1	1	3	8	3	2	5

ETC.

(PHYSICALLY PRESENT) LAST DAY OF MONTH AGE OF RESIDENTS AT TIME OF DEATH AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS

TIME PERIOD: July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

AGE	CRESSON	EBENSBURG	HAMBURG	LAURELTON	PENNHURST	POLK	<u>SELINSGROVE</u>	WESTERN	WHITE HAVEN
0-5	2 .	0	1	0	1	. 0	0	0	1
6-10	. 42	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	
11-15	1	2	0 3	0	0	6	0	0	0
16-20	1	5 .	2	0	4	3	4	0	2
21-25	2	0	1	1	1	6	9		
26-30	2	. 0	15,					1	0
31-35	1	0	0	0	2	7	8	0	0
36-40	0	0			1	1	1	2	0
			. 0	0	2	9 4	1	0	0
41-45	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2
46-50	. 0	0.	1	2	3	3	2		
51-55	0 .	0	1	0	1	6	3	0	. 0
56-60	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	. 0	0
61-65	0 .	0	0	1	0	2	. 2	2	2
66-70	0					2	2	0	1
		0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
71-75	0	0	0	0	2	2.	2.	0	0
76-80	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
81-85	0	0	0	1	. 0	0	. 0	0	0
86-90	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

PATIENTS ON BOOKS (INCLUDES LOA)
TREATMENT OF RESIDENTS FOLLOWING DEATH
AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS
TIME PERIOD: 7/1/73 - 6/30/74

Died in Institution: 164
Died on Leave: 34
Deaths During Year: 198

100	TREATMENT	CRESSON	EBENSBUR	G HAMBUR	LAURELTON	PENNHURS	ST POLK	SELINSGROV	E WESTERN	WHITE HAVEN TOTAL
	Taken by Family	14	10	11	2	. 18	55	39	8	10 167
	Buried by State	0	. 0	0	0	2	, 1	0	o o	5 8
	Donated for Medical use	1	0	1	. 2	0	1	0	0	do bet and 5
	OTHER: E	1	0	2	0	11	2	2	0	0 18
	TOTAL	16	10	ee. 14	. 4	31	59	41	8	15 198

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Taken by Family	or .		7	39	11	2	18		48	37	20	6	10	151
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Dear Steu:

In my letter to you of January 13, 1975, I forwarded information to you representing a breakout of deaths occurring in various institutions during Fiscal Year 1973-74. Since that time, we have secured additional information to further explain the "Other" category shown on Page 3, (Patients on Books, Includes LOA). Attached is Page 3, with information as stated above, to be attached to the previous breakout submitted to you.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stanley Meyers

Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation TREATMENT OF RESIDENTS FOLLOWING DEATH
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Buried by	0 0	0 0	2	1	0	0	5	8
Donated for Medical use	1 0	1 2	0	1	0	0	0	5
OTHER:	(A) 0	2 ^(B) 0	11 (C)	2(D)	2 ^(E)	0	0	18
TOTAL 16	10	14 4	31	59	41	8	15	198
A. Cresson	No one claimed	body. Cresson assu	umed responsibil	lity and 1	buried patient	in Cresson	's Comptany	
B. Hamburg	One was buried Institutional	by Schuylkill Count	y Institutiona	l District	t. One was bu	ried by Luz	erne County	
c. Pennhurst		1. Three died at 2. One died at a 3. One died at a	South Mountain Family Care" le Group Home.	a eave	of by Catholic	Church		
D. Polk	One buried at I	Polk Cemetary using	his own funds.	One was	buried at Pol	k with Soci	al Security F	unds.
È. Selinsgroye	Two buried at S	Chriners Cemetary.	One by Dauphin	County.	One by Cambri	a County,		