

Dr. Berry: You asked that the attached be sent as a Memo, but you did not give me a subject, and also ~~also~~ closed with yours truly, therefore I made the attached as a letter.

Mrs. Browder

STATE OF ILLINOIS

WILLIAM G. STRATTON, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DIVISION OF HOSPITALS AND CHRONIC ILLNESS

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In accordance with previous discussions and agreements, the exhibit of the clinics will be shown during the meeting of the Illinois State Medical Society, May 17-20. The booth will be brought to the Sherman Hotel from Springfield on Monday morning May 16 at which time personnel from each clinic should be on hand to arrange the exhibit for showing. The deadline for having the exhibit in order is 6:00 P.M. the night of the 16th. It is suggested that personnel from each clinic be specifically designated for specific days to man and demonstrate the clinic.

From my talks with each of you and Dr. Gowen, the reports from the Provident and Illinois clinics previously distributed perhaps should not be handed out at this time. Instead the Brochure "You Can Escape" may be given to interested individuals. These should be brought to the booth by the assigned workers from each clinic. The folder showing the organization, aims, and etc. of the clinics might also be given out. I will talk with each of you by phone before the 16th, to see if there is anything further which I might do to promote the success of the exhibit.

On Monday May 16 at 1:00 P.M. a committee of the Illinois State Legislature will hold a hearing in Room 1615 State Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street on House Resolution #38, which proposes a narcotic hospital. Dr. Gowen and I will be present at the meeting and I think the clinic directors should also attend if possible. It would be well to come prepared to give your opinions on the advisability of establishing such a hospital in Chicago, or whether you feel that further development of the clinics offers a better prospect for rehabilitation of drug users. Dr. Gowen suggests that we should be together on our statements at this meeting. I suggest, therefore, that you talk with each other at least by telephone and I will contact each of you also before this meeting. By so doing it may not be necessary for us to get together in a preliminary meeting prior to this time.

If there are questions or suggestions on these two matters, please call me any afternoon at your convenience after 3:00 P.M. except Wednesdays at KENwood 6-1517.

Very truly yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.
Coordinator, Narcotic s Clinic Program

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