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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## Monthly Report

MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE

For Month Ending January 1945Center Gila River

## I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	56
Office or OPD	80
Home Visit	28

## II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	42
With Nurses	15

## III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	15
With Other Sections	8
Relatives or friends of patient	60

## IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	37
To Other Sections	216
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	11
Other Agencies or Individuals	58

## V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

23 cases

## VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTER-VIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES: 9

- 3 Staff meetings with Social Welfare
- 1 Conference with Relocation and Welfare
- 1 Conference with Dr. Pressman
- 2 Recreational Committee for T.B. Wards
- 1 Arts
- 1 Relocation Directors Committee

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

Dr. Pressman, in a meeting with the Principal Medical Officer, Hospital Administrator, Chief Nurse, Medical Social Worker, Project Director, Relocation Officer and Welfare Department, explained procedures to be followed in relocation of hospitalized and clinic patients.

Procedures regarding responsibility of Medical Social Worker to Welfare and Relocation Divisions have been worked out and are being tried out.

Dr. Kiyasu and Dr. Koda have been appointed for special clinics to be held on Fridays for the purpose of examining patients who are relocating. The charts of these patients are first reviewed by the Medical Social Worker and those for whom we need specific recommendations are given appointments. Mimeographed reports sheets have been worked out between the Health and Welfare Divisions and are signed by the examining physicians and approved by the Principal Medical Officer and sent to either Welfare or Relocation Division immediately.

Medical Social Worker was appointed by the Project Director to the Staff Relocation Committee.

Arrangements for a psychiatrist to hold clinics for patients referred by the Medical Social Worker and Division of Social Welfare are made to begin February 4.

Conference with Mr. Reynolds, Employment Officer, and an evacuee worker in charge of the unemployment compensation, has resulted in a smoother functioning of the sick leave procedures. It was decided that all sick leaves should be routed to Butte Employment Office and that Office will assume responsibility for referring to Canal. Compensation, however, goes directly from this Office to the Canal Office.

Miss Retzloff, Administrative Director of the Crippled Children Services, Social Security, Arizona, visited the Project in the interest of our patients.

Signed /s/ Gertrude M. Smith  
Medical Social Worker



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I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	65
Office or OPD	78
Home Visit	12

II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	81
With Nurses	34

III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	38
With Other Sections	48
Relatives or friends of patient	38

IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	77
To Other Sections	334
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	22
Other Agencies or Individuals	34

V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

7 cases

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

- 2 Staff meetings with Social Welfare Division
- 1 Relocation Committee meeting with Mr. Wolter
- 1 Caucasian Hospital Staff meeting with Mr. Shelly
- 1 Conference with Case Supervisors of Welfare Division regarding tuberculous bed patients.

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

(1) A psychiatric Clinic was held on February 4, 1945-Dr. Edward Blank of Phoenix as the psychiatrist. Histories were submitted and he saw four patients. One Commitment was advised. One, a discharged patient from a hospital, was discharged as cured; the other two are to see him on his next visit. It was suggested and accepted by Dr. Blank, that histories would be forwarded to him the week before he came to the Center. This will enable him to be familiar with the cases, to see more patients, and give more time to them. We are asking him to return on March 10, 1945.

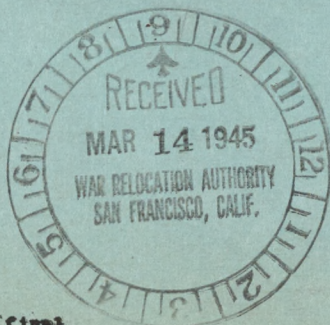
(2) A conference was held with Dr. Jeremiah Metzger, Acting Director of the Arizona State Hospital, in regard to the admission of a patient to the Hospital since all feeble-minded patients are admitted there. He was most reluctant to admit her because of the poor facilities which they have. He also stated that they are very short of beds and that they are requesting the transfer of one patient (Mr. Tohei Osaki) whom he had kept for a few more weeks at the request of Dr. Pressman while he was here. He is extremely concerned about accepting very many of our patients due to the shortage of beds. We believe part of this may be due to his concern over his budget which has been cut by the State Legislature which is now in session.

(3) The Medical Social Worker visited the Veterans Bureau, Phoenix, concerning our problem of securing medical information for medically discharged soldiers also information regarding education under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Interest in our problem was expressed by the Director of V.B. and he assured us of his assistance. He suggested that we visit the Veterans Bureau Hospital at Tucson in order to establish a good working relationship which would assist us in securing adequate medical data on soldiers discharged under Section X.

(4) Attended conference (on Project) with the Area Field Representative of the American Red Cross and the Executive Secretary of Tucson A.R.C. Veterans Bureau. Cases of our returning discharged soldiers were discussed particularly the educational and vocational training available. Procedures for obtaining information, also for applications to be made for World War I veterans with disabilities not service connected were outlined. Other new legislation and policies were discussed. This has been a real problem for the Welfare Agency and this Department. We feel now that there is a much better understanding of the scope of our need for service on the part of Red Cross and Veterans Bureau in Tucson. The meeting was extremely beneficial to us.

(5) Attended luncheon, afternoon and evening meeting of Arizona Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers in Phoenix. Mr. Joseph Anderson, Executive Secretary of A.A.S.W. spoke at all meetings.

Signed /s/ Gertrude H. Smith  
Medical Social Worker





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For Month Ending March 1945Center Gila River

## I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	<u>72</u>
Office or OPD	<u>106</u>
Home Visit	<u>26</u>

## II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	<u>69</u>
With Nurses	<u>21</u>

## III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	<u>31</u>
With Other Sections	<u>29</u>
Relatives or friends of patient	<u>26</u>

## IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	<u>62</u>
To Other Sections	<u>255</u>
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	<u>18</u>
Other Agencies or Individuals	<u>79</u>

## V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

18 cases

## VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

- 2 Staff meetings with Social Welfare Division
- 1 Joint case discussion meeting with Welfare, Relocation representatives
- Discussion with Head Counselor and Case Supervisor Welfare Division regarding procedures to be used in Psychiatric clinic.
- Conference with Mr. Myer, Relocation, Welfare and Evacuee Property Groups.
- Discussion with Mr. Bennett & Mr. Shelley regarding hospital.
- Conference with Mr. Shelly, & Medical Staff regarding

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transfer of bed patients.  
Group meeting with Social Welfare Dept. with Miss Frances Steele, Washington  
Conference with Miss Helen Shipps, Medical Social Consultant regarding  
transfer of bed patients and relationships with other agencies.

VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW  
PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3)  
MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

Dr. Toland, Phoenix Ophthalmologist has come the projects  
twice for clinical and surgical service.

As a result of the discussion with Miss Steele, a committee  
was formed to discuss specific cases with the purpose of deter-  
mining policy on certain types of cases. The committee to include  
either Head Counselor or Assistant Counselor and The worker on  
case from the welfare Division, the Relocation Office (or a  
worker from that dept. delegated by him) and The Medical Social  
worker. The committee is to meet once each week.

Two patients were committed to the Arizona State Hospital  
during the month.

One patient was transferred from that Hospital to the  
Sacramento County Hospital.

One patient was transferred from our tuberculosis ward to  
the Fresno County Hospital.

Signed

*Gertrude M. Smith*

Medical Social Worker



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## Monthly Report

MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE

For Month Ending April 1945Center Gila River

## I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	<u>18</u>
Office or OPD	<u>95</u>
Home Visit	<u>15</u>

## II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	<u>56</u>
With Nurses	<u>12</u>

## III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	<u>16</u>
With Other Sections	<u>8</u>
Relatives or friends of patient	<u>30</u>

## IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	<u>92</u>
To Other Sections	<u>381</u>
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	<u>8</u>
Other Agencies or Individuals	<u>72</u>

## V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

46

## VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

1 case discussion committee meeting.  
Conference with Mr. Province, Mr. Shelly and hospital staff heads.  
Conference with Mr. Province, Welfare and Relocation staffs.  
Conference with Miss Steele and Mr. Derrickson with Welfare staff.  
Conference with Miss Steele, Mr. Derrickson Welfare and Relocation staffs.  
Conference Dr. Pressman, Medical Staff Administrator, Miss Wetzell, Miss Steele Welfare Head and Assistant Councillor.

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

One patient was committed to the Arizona State Hospital-male-25 years. Our tentative diagnosis--Dementia Praecox.

One patient from our Tuberculosis Ward was sent to St. Josephes' Hospital Phoenix for Thoracoplasty.

One patient to St. Monica's for Deep Therapy.

One patient was returned to Crippled Children's Clinic Phoenix for follow-up examination.

A patient from our hospital - Diagnosis- Hemiplegia, was transferred to his home in Kingsburg, California. We assisted in making arrangements for interpretation to the family and for follow up Medical care.

Signed

Guthrie M. Smith

Medical Social Worker



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## I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	33
Office or OPD	101
Home Visit	11

## II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	59
With Nurses	6

## III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	28
With Other Sections	15
Relatives or friends of patient	32

## IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	204
To Other Sections	568
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	43
Other Agencies or Individuals	69

## V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

14

## VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

2 staff meetings of Division of Social Welfare.  
1 meeting Relocation and Welfare.  
2 Relocation Council meetings  
1 hospital group meeting with Community Council, Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Shelly, Evacuee physicians, Chief Nurse, Hospital Adminis-  
trator, and Medical Social Worker.

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

One patient was transferred from Tuberculosis Ward to Santa Barbara County Hospital.

One patient sent to St. Joseph's Hospital for second stage Thoracoplasty.

One new born baby, hare lip, sent to Pima County Hospital, Tucson, for surgery under care of Arizona Crippled Children's Division.

For the past two months we have had a half-time high school senior as a stenographer. She resigned this week because of examinations and graduation and she will relocate immediately. We have secured the services of another half-time secretary.

We have had the services of an optometrist who has examined approximately 160 patients. This has taken a great deal of the off project medical care planning from this department and has been most satisfactory to the community.

Signed Gertrude M. Smith  
Medical Social Worker



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I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	56
Office or OPD	72
Home Visit	10

II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	68
With Nurses	15

III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	23
With Other Sections	12
Relatives or friends of patient	38

IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	92
To Other Sections	848
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	33
Other Agencies or Individuals	57

V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

15

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

2 staff meetings with Division of Social Welfare  
2 Relocation Council conferences  
1 Medical Staff luncheon  
1 Welfare Division Head Counselor and Assistant Head Counselor with Hospital Superintendent meeting.

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

One half-time secretary has been secured for the department and replacement of one half-time high school stenographer has been made for full time Junior High School stenographer.

One new patient was examined in Crippled Children's Clinic.

Signed /s/ Gertrude M. Smith  
Medical Social Worker



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For Month Ending July 31 1945Center Gila River

## I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	43
Office or OPD	68
Home Visit	18

## II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	50
With Nurses	19

## III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	40
With Other Sections	21
Relatives or friends of patient	58

## IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	82
To Other Sections	804
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	41
Other Agencies or Individuals	53

## V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

6

## VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

1 conference with Social Welfare  
1 conference with Statistics

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

Three patients were transferred from our tuberculosis wards to San Luis Obispo County Hospital, three to Fresno County Hospital, and one to Santa Barbara County Hospital.

One patient was examined in Crippled Children's Clinic, Phoenix.

Medical Social Worker consulted with Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Carnes, Los Angeles, on procedures in transferring bed patients from our hospital to Los Angeles County Hospitals, and also for transferring patients through Los Angeles to points north. A procedure was worked out which seems to be satisfactory.

One of the teachers was detailed to Medical Social Service for half-time until August 31.

For the past six weeks it has been very difficult to secure medical charts from the Butte Record Room. Charts of clinic patients are reported as "Not in" and "No record" in about half of the cases for which we ask. No explanation for the "Not in" charts can be given and the "No record" are often patients who are chest, diabetic, etc., who are known to the department and to other divisions as ill patients. Our report to the Welfare Division on "no records" are erroneous and embarrassing in many recent cases. Canal Clinic has been closed and the medical charts have been transferred to Butte. We are now having difficulty in securing these charts.

The result is that Medical Social Service is not giving necessary service to Welfare and Relocation Divisions as both sections need accurate medical information. It is also resulting in delayed or no reports of tuberculosis, luetic and gonorrheal cases to County Departments of Health. The Medical Social Worker has offered to work certain evenings each week with the new Record Clerk in order to systematize the files.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Social Worker



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I. INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENTS:

On Wards	<u>79</u>
Office or OPD	<u>50</u>
Home Visit	<u>20</u>

II. MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS:

With Doctors	<u>65</u>
With Nurses	<u>10</u>

III. COLLATERAL INTERVIEWS REGARDING PATIENT:

With Social Welfare	<u>48</u>
With Other Sections	<u>35</u>
Relatives or friends of patient	<u>55</u>

IV. LETTERS AND REPORTS WRITTEN:

To Social Welfare	<u>87</u>
To Other Sections	<u>2291</u>
Other projects or WRA Hdq.	<u>33</u>
Other Agencies or Individuals	<u>52</u>

V. PARTICIPATION IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE:

5

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, ETC. OTHER THAN INTERVIEWS AS INDIVIDUAL CASES:

1 conference with Social Welfare Division

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VII. NARRATIVE...ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, E.G. (1) NEW PROCEDURES, (2) RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES (3) MENTAL OR OTHER PROBLEM CASES:

Three patients were transferred from our tuberculosis wards to Los Angeles County Hospital; one to Madera County Hospital; one to Fresno County Hospital; and one to Sacramento County Hospital.

Medical Social Worker accompanied one patient, discharged from Arizona State Hospital, to ~~her~~ <sup>his</sup> family's home in New York City.

One evacuee stenographer and one evacuee typist-clerk have resigned to relocate. Two Caucasian stenographers were assigned to this section--one to remain; the other for one week only.

Situation in Record Room has not improved, causing delay on our part in assisting Relocation and Welfare Divisions.

Signed

*Gertrude M. Smith*  
Medical Social Worker

By Iris Kojima, Secretary

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