
1955 report of the CNS of Forsythe County

The Community Nursing Service
Incorporated
OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY
Reports to You for 1955
THE COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE, INC.,
In cooperation with the Forsyth County Health Department, Gives
SKILLED BEDSIDE CARE
to all who need it, regardless of race, creed or financial condition

THE NURSES

- Teach people how to stay well
- Give nursing care or treatment requested by the physician.
- Teach someone in the family to give care in her absence.
- Help families understand physicians' instructions.
- Help care for new babies until the mother is able to take over.

VISITS

Are made in response to all requests. However, service is more efficient if the physician calls. Only requests from physicians are accepted on weekends and holidays. If requests for service are received by noon, the visit will be made the same day; if later, the visit will not be made until the next day except in emergencies.

FEES

Are based on the actual cost of the nursing visits and represent no profit to the nurse or the Community Nursing Service, which is a member of the United Fund. Individual fee adjustments may be discussed with the nurse.

NURSING CARE (other than injections)

\$3.75 for one hour or less
\$1.25 each individual half hour

INJECTIONS

\$2.00 each visit.

1955 SERVICE

8,955 visits were made to 1,432 patients.

Of this total, 4,846 visits were made to 845 white patients and 2,936 visits were made to 587 Negro patients, 1,173 visits were made to infants.

828 patients were city residents and 604 live in the county.

Over one-half of the patients (excluding infants) were over 60 years old. Most of the older patients were suffering with chronic illnesses.

Care given by the nurses included: injections, bed baths, enemas, dressings, care of the catheters, taking blood pressure, exercises, and infant care.

The Community Nursing Service provided 4 nurses on the joint public health nursing staff, and so had the equivalent of 4 nurse years available to carry out its program. It was necessary to use the equivalent of 5.8 nurse years to carry out the nursing activities requested by the residents of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Volunteer workers from several women's groups contributed approximately 50 hours service in the office. Their valuable assistance freed the staff for more nursing time.

STAFF

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BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

United Fund and Reynolds Estate	\$14,617.20
Forsyth County	4,287.50
Fees, including VA	2,749.56
Mengel Box Co.	629.80

Nursery Schools	40.30
	22,324.36
Cash Balance January 1, 1956	2,101.00
TOTAL	\$24,425.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and Retirement	\$19,835.04
Transportation	1,811.99
All other expenses	802.84
	22,449.87
Cash Balance December 31, 1955	1,975.49
TOTAL	\$24,425.36

OUR PROBLEM

Because requests for nursing care, especially for the chronically ill, have exceeded the amount of nursing time available, it has become necessary to decrease visits to infants and limit service to the chronically ill to a period of six months.

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