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Dr. Altmeyer, Mental Health Program Chief, Dies at 58

Dr. John R. Altmeyer, 58, who since 1960 has been administrator for Waukesha County mental health programs, died Saturday.

He had undergone heart surgery two weeks ago at St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee, and never regained consciousness.

Former county board supervisor Rose Nammacher, who served on county mental health committees since she was first elected in 1963 until she retired in 1976, described Altmeyer as a quiet person whom most persons knew as a political conservative man politically.

That is perhaps why he could work with the county board for more than 15 years despite the low priority it placed on mental health, she said.

But he was also "liberal in his professional understanding of the pain and hope and help possible" for those who sought his help, she said.

Altmeyer, who lived in Milwaukee, was hired by the county in 1960 as clinical director of the Waukesha County Child Guidance Clinic.

Through a series of reorganizations, the clinic became the Mental Health Clinic, then Mental Health Services, and, finally in 1973, the Waukesha County Unified Services.

As program director, Altmeyer was in charge of programs for the mentally ill (Northview Hospital



Altmeyer in 1967 photo and the Mental Health Clinic), alcohol and drug abusers (Ananda Center), and the developmentally disabled.

Altmeyer was also clinical director, and he kept in touch with the practice of psychiatry by seeing patients regularly.

Dr. Rudolph Klobuchar, chief psychologist at Unified Services, trained under Altmeyer in 1952 and has worked with him since 1954.

He said Altmeyer took a personal interest in his staff and maintained an open door policy.

"He was very understanding" of staff problems, Klobuchar said.

County Board Chmn. Lloyd Owens said Altmeyer was a "dedicated administrator" who

worked for much less money than he could have made in a private practice.

Klobuchar said Altmeyer was one of the first consulting psychiatrists to a school system — the Milwaukee School District — in the nation. He served in that post from 1954 until 1960, when he joined the staff at Waukesha County.

He was educated at the University of Pittsburgh, Western Psychiatric Institute and the University of Pennsylvania.

Altmeyer never married. He is survived by a sister in Pennsylvania.

There will be no funeral or memorial service, at Altmeyer's request.

Since Altmeyer's hospitalization, Dr. James Johnson has been acting clinical director and Robert Meyer has been acting program director.

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