



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION

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David Wade, M.D.
Commissioner

November 22, 1971

The Honorable Don Kennard
State Senator
The Capitol Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator Kennard:

At your secretary's request, attached is a list and brief biographical sketch of the members of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Please let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely yours,

Richard M. Bruner
Administrative Assistant to
the Commissioner

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JOE K. BUTLER

Joe K. Butler, Houston businessman, was appointed to the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in August, 1970, and named Chairman of the Board in April, 1971.

A native of Whitewright, Butler is president and sole owner of Butler Drilling Company and managing partner of Butler Service Company.

Butler is a petroleum engineering graduate of The University of Texas.

An active civic leader, he is presently serving on the boards of directors of the Greater Houston Bowl Association (Astro Bulebonnet Bowl), the Pin Oak Charity Horse Show of Houston, the East End State Bank and the Longhorn Club of The University of Texas. Butler is also chairman of the Houston Chamber of Commerce Athletic Committee and a member of the executive committee of the Dads' Association of The University of Texas.

Butler is married to the former Hortense Tellepsen of Houston. The couple has two sons and one daughter.

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Jess M. Osborn of Muleshoe, a former state representative, was appointed to the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for a two-year term when it was formed in 1965 and was reappointed to a six-year term in 1967.

Although a native of Okolona, Arkansas, Mr. Osborne has lived in Texas since 1924. He has combined careers in public service and business for half a century. He was elected to the Texas Legislature in 1952 and served five terms. He retired from his banking career in 1956 to devote more time to his legislative duties.

Immediately upon his retirement from the Legislature in 1962, he was appointed to the former State Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, serving until the new TDMHMR Board was created and he became one of its charter members.

Mr. Osborn and his wife, Grace, have two daughters, Mrs. John B. Coleman of Portales, New Mexico, and Mrs. Norma Lee Mayben of Stamford, Connecticut.



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O. J. BAKER

O. J. Baker was confirmed in May, 1971, as a member of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Mr. Baker, a native of Pike County, Alabama, has been on the staff of Prairie View A & M College since 1931 and has only recently retired.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1930 and a year later earned his Bachelor of Library Sciences degree from Hampton Institute, Virginia. In 1936 he received his M.L.S. from Columbia University, New York City.

In addition to serving as head of the Prairie View A & M College Department of Library Service-Education, he has served on numerous standing committees of College faculty and has contributed several articles to journals on subjects dealing with the library sciences.

During his active association with the college, Baker held membership in numerous national organizations, including the Texas State Committee to Study Senior College Library Facilities for Negroes in Texas, the American Library Association Committee on Discrimination and the Texas State Committee on Formulae and Standards for State College and University Libraries.

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WALTER A. BROOKS, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Doctor Brooks, a surgeon, is medical staff member at Quanah Clinic and Hardeman County Memorial Hospital. He was appointed to the TDMHMR Board in May, 1971.

A native of Arkansas, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Medicine and took his residency in surgery in 1954.

He is a member of the Southwestern Surgical Congress, a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomate for the American Board of Surgery.

An active civic worker in Quanah, Doctor Brooks is a former city councilman, director of the Chamber of Commerce, long-time director of the Hardeman County Library Board, chairman of the Airport Commission, and a past president of the Hardeman-Cottle-Motley-Foard County Medical Society. He has served as consultant for the Quanah Outreach Clinic.

He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, a bank director and active in the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

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Doctor Cigarroa, a native of Mexico and longtime Laredo resident, was appointed to the TDMHMR Board in May, 1971. He is a graduate of the Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University in Chicago.

Doctor Cigarroa is certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, International College of Surgeons and American College of Sports Medicine.

He is chief of surgery, Mercy Hospital, Laredo; chief, chest clinic, Laredo-Webb County Health Department; trustee of the Laredo School Board and Laredo Junior College; and co-chairman, Project HOPE para-medical domestic training program.

A member of the Texas Society of Athletic Team Physicians, he was alternate physician for the U.S. Olympic Team in Mexico City and will be a team physician at the Sixth Pan-American Games in Cali, Colombia this summer.

Doctor Cigarroa is a civilian consultant to the U.S. Air Force and Selective Service System; advisory board member, National Urban Coalition; health chairman, Texas Urban Development Commission; and clinical professor of surgery, University of Texas Medical School, San Antonio.

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OLIN B. GOBER, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Doctor Olin Burr Gober, appointed to the TDMHMR Board in May, 1971, is a native of Temple and is Chief of Staff at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Scott and White Clinic.

A graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, he completed his internship and residency at Scott and White before receiving a three-year fellowship to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, American College of Cardiology and American College of Chest Physicians.

Doctor Gober is a member of the Texas and American Medical Associations, Bell County Medical Society and American Heart Association. He is past president and member of the Texas Society of Internal Medicine.

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BARNIE E. RUSHING, JR.

Barnie E. Rushing, Jr., Lubbock businessman, was appointed to the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in March, 1970.

A native of Plainview, Rushing is vice-president of the Hemphill-Wells Company in Lubbock.

He attended Texas Technological University and received officer training at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, completing military service with the Coast Guard from 1941 to 1945.

Active in the Lubbock View Christian Church, this board member has also been a leader in local, state, and national United Fund campaigns. He is the current chairman of the Lubbock County Hospital District board of managers.

Rushing has served as chairman of numerous city and county committees including the Lubbock medical facilities committee; the mayor's commission on mental retardation; area study and briefing on mental retardation; and the state task force on mental retardation planning.

He was vice-chairman of the board of trustees of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center for three years, and has served as chairman of the Lubbock State School Committee of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for seven years.

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Mrs. Howard E. Butt is a charter member of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, having been appointed in 1955 to the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools.

Although she is a native of Kerrville, she is a longtime resident of Corpus Christi. She is active in many civic organizations, both state and national, and is a member of the Parksdale Baptist Church in Corpus Christi. Her main interest is that of promoting better services and facilities for the mentally ill and mentally retarded in the State of Texas.

Her husband is the founder of the H.E.B. supermarket chain. The couple have two sons and a daughter.

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Edwin Ray VanZandt of Beaumont, a veteran journalist and newspaper executive, was appointed in June, 1970 to a six-year term on the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

VanZandt, who has been managing editor of the Beaumont Journal since 1965, previously worked as a sportswriter, reporter, and city editor for the paper. He has made his home in Beaumont since 1945 when he was discharged from the Navy.

He is an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, chairman of the City Zoning Board of Adjustment, lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, and member of the Masonic Lodge.

He has served as an officer or board member for Beaumont Remedial Clinic, Beaumont Council of Camp Fire Girls, Young Men's Business League, Texas Election Bureau, and Salvation Army Board.

He is a graduate of Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

VanZandt and his wife, the former Mary Harris, have one daughter, Mary Lynn, a graduate of the University of Texas School of Nursing, Galveston.