

Dec. 26, 1928.

(Bld) HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

C. H. McGruder,
419 $\frac{1}{2}$ Milam St.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Following the meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Houston Negro Hospital, on December 17th, I am conveying to you for presentation to the Board, the decisions at which the Committee arrived.

1. It was voted that the following nominations be presented for membership on the Board for the year 1929:

J. B. Grigsby, Chairman
Homer McCoy
J. S. Scott
C. H. McGruder
W. E. Miller
Gussie Andrews
Virginia B. Miller.

2. Regarding the membership of the staff for 1929, it was noted (a) That the members of the present colored staff be continued; (b) That the attached list of white physicians be appointed for the year; or pending the construction of the new building for negro patients by St. Joseph's Infirmary. (c) That all such appointees provide personal history data according to a form to be supplied, and that acceptance of appointment will involve an agreement to support the administration and further the purpose of the Hospital so long as such appointee remains a member of the Staff. (d) That in addition to the active staff, other physicians of good standing, and when approved by the proper authority, may receive the privilege of admitting and caring for patients in the Hospital, but without the privileges and responsibility of membership on the active Staff.

3. Regarding the present Constitution and By-Laws of the Staff, it was voted to recommend to the Board that these be held invalid in so far as they undertake to define membership of the Staff or the conditions of membership or the methods of conferring such membership. Moreover, that they be held invalid in so far as they undertake to define conditions for the admission of patients to the Hospital. Both of these matters lie outside the field of discretion of the Staff.

4. Regarding the admission of patients it was voted to recommend that, in accordance with general practice, such admission be made by the Superintendent when the patient is presented by a member of the Staff, or by a physician or surgeon to whom the privilege of the Hospital has been extended. That any case presented by a physician other than those indicated, or any emergency or exceptional case not provided for by this regulation, be ruled upon by Dr. Slaughter during the year 1929.

5. That the Hospital undertake, as soon as it is found to be financially possible, the installation of adequate X-Ray and laboratory equipment. That Dr. Slaughter be empowered to plan such arrangements, it being understood that the plans, cost and method of payment shall be approved by the Advisory Committee before they are given effect.

6. It was voted to recommend that the charges against the Superintendent be tabled, and that if at the end of three months after the new year there appears to be any basis for dissatisfaction, the Advisory Committee will itself undertake an inquiry into the conduct of the office.

Yours very truly,

Maurice J. Sullivan, Secretary
Advisory Committee
Houston Negro Hospital

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