

Memo to: Joseph Allen, Esquire
City Solicitor

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all. When performing the aforementioned services, the applicable rate of pay is that which the particular City department would ordinarily pay persons performing the same services. However, no money or compensation is paid to the welfare recipients and they are not permitted to work for a longer period than it would take to earn the amount of their monthly grant. If a recipient is employable and refuses to work under the program, he is thereupon discontinued as a recipient of welfare payments. The Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City is by virtue of Article 88A, Section 3, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Volume 8A, 1964 Replacement) subject to the direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. Section 3 in part reads as follows:

"The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State * * * All of the activities of the county boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the department of public welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare * * *

By virtue of Sections 13 and 16 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition) the State finances portions of the activities of the City Department of Public Welfare. The said "Works Project Program" is an integral part of the activities of the local department.

Section 5 of Article 88A provides in part:

"The Board of Public Welfare is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt from time to time, such rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out any of the duties imposed upon it by law, and when adopted, such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law. It shall likewise adopt rules and regulations covering the custody, use and preservation of the records,