

I am proposing that you allow the Department \$38,230,884 in total funds for its operations in fiscal 1967. This is an increase of almost \$4 million in the mental hygiene appropriation.

The Board of Health and Mental Hygiene last year received a comprehensive plan for community mental health services incorporating drastic revisions in the concept of the care for the mentally ill. The report states that "Maryland has made great strides in developing the understanding which must be the basis for community mental health services" and then goes on to recommend that additional emphasis be placed on community mental health services, to be financed by Federal, State and local funds. The capital budget I am presenting to you contains funds for the preparation of detailed plans for Maryland's first comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, to be located adjacent to the Medical School of the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Money is also provided on a matching basis for a fifth day hospital to be located in Baltimore County. For the relief of the mentally retarded, \$4 million is included in the capital budget for the construction of the first phase of a 530-bed facility in the Washington area, and \$497,800 is allotted for the construction of a 60-bed unit for the severely retarded at Rosewood. It should be noted, too, that an appropriation has been made for a pilot project which will be the first community-based residential center for the mentally retarded.

PUBLIC WELFARE

With liberal assistance from the Federal Government, Maryland each year has been boosting its appropriations for the relief of the poor, the homeless, the orphans, the handicapped. I am proposing that the appropriation of the Department of Public Welfare be increased in fiscal 1967 by almost \$17.5 million, of which \$9.6 million is in Federal funds. This department is cooperating with the State Health Department in expanding medical assistance programs and improving the Federal-State public assistance program under the Federal Medicare Act. Among its manifold responsibilities, it should be pointed out that the Department of Public Welfare will expand its plants and accelerate its treatment programs for juvenile delinquents.

MARINE RESOURCES

In 1960, the second year of my first term, the State of Maryland undertook a drastic and ambitious program to halt its dwindling