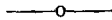


and 1933. The Commission is composed of eighteen members appointed by the Governor for nine year terms (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 49B). The Commission has made a survey of the political, economic and social needs of the Negro population of Maryland. It acts as a clearing house for information concerning the Negro in Maryland. Acting in cooperation with the State officials and agencies and officials of local governmental units, the Commission attempts to find the cause and practical solutions to the special problems confronting the Negro. The Commission also cooperates in exchanging information and data with other race-relation agencies throughout the United States.

	1948	1949
Appropriations .....	\$8,000	\$8,000
Staff: 1.		



**BOARD OF MENTAL HYGIENE**

Chairman: George H. Preston, M.D.  
 F. S. Robertson, 1949; Waitman F. Zinn, 1949; Kenneth B. Jones, 1952; Edith Stern, 1952; Andrew C. Gillis, 1953; Thomas H. Sprunt, 1953.

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The Board of Mental Hygiene was created in 1922, under Governor Ritchie's Reorganization Plan. The Governor, with the consent of the Senate, appoints a Commissioner of Mental Hygiene and six associate members of the Board. The Commissioner, who serves as Chairman of the Board, is appointed upon the recommendation of the associate members and for no specified term of office. The associate members hold office for six years. Of the associate members, three at least are from the City of Baltimore, four at least are physicians, and one must be a woman (Code 1939, Art. 59, sec. 15).

This agency cooperates with the State hospitals and with private hospitals in planning future activity and methods of care for the mentally ill, both within institutions and in the community. Major effort has been directed toward improving hospital service and clinic service for the mentally ill. This Board supplanted the Lunacy Commission which for thirty-eight years had had as its function responsibility for the mentally afflicted wards of Maryland. The duties and powers of the Board remained unchanged and it continued to function as a separate Board, in cooperation and consultation with the Director of Welfare. Admissions are taken care of in the hospitals themselves, and the operation and management of these institutions are in the charge of the several superintendents.

Publications: *Study of Feeble-minded, Epileptic and Psychotic Children* made jointly with the Department of Public Welfare, 1946.

*Annual Report, 1946, 1947.*

	1948	1949
Appropriations:		
General Funds .....	\$25,939	\$26,396
Boarding-Out Care .....	\$65,831	\$68,376

Staff: 8.