

The Hospital, founded originally for the purpose of providing hospital facilities to miners and their families, today serves as a general hospital for the residents of Frostburg and vicinity. The capacity of the hospital is 51 beds. During the fiscal year 1951, the hospital served a total of 1,675 patients.

	Expenditures 1950	Appropriations 1951
General funds	\$ 59,973.06	\$ 63,407.00
Special funds	55,724.64	55,000.00
	<u>\$115,697.70</u>	<u>\$118,407.00</u>

Staff: 37.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Public Welfare

Chairman: W. Thomas Kemp, Jr., 1953

Lee L. Dopkin, 1953; Frank C. Marino, M.D., 1953; James M. Hepbron, 1955; Henry C. Evans, 1955; Howard H. Murphy, 1955; Mrs. Albert F. Metzger, 1957; Albert A. Shuger, 1957; Sanford V. Larkey, M.D., 1957.

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The State Department of Public Welfare is the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in the State, including aid to dependent children, old age assistance, public assistance to the needy blind, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, child welfare services and any other welfare activities, financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal government (Acts 1951, Ch. 82). The Governor is authorized to designate the Chairman of the Board, and to arrange the terms of the members so that they will hold office for staggered terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 1st of every second year (Acts 1949, Ch. 12).

In each county there is a County Welfare Board, constituting an administrative department of the local government, with authority to administer under the supervision, direction and control of the State Department, the welfare activities within each county, including the care of neglected, dependent and delinquent children (Acts 1951, Ch. 82). Each County Board consists of six persons, who are appointed for six-year terms by the Board of County Commissioners. Each year the County Commissioners designate one of their members to serve on the Welfare Board (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 88A, sec. 13).

The duties of the Department include the investigation of the system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in the State, including those which receive part of their income from the State, except those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Director furnishes to the Governor a report which includes activities of the Department, the conditions of all charitable institutions, organizations, and agencies, excepting hospitals, receiving financial aid from the State, and recommendations as to appropriations (Acts 1951, Ch. 82). All monies