

The Commission has the authority and the power to study and investigate the problems of alcoholism including present statutes, practices, and procedures for the committal of alcoholics, as well as the present methods and facilities for the treatment of acute and chronic alcoholics (Code 1957, 1960 Supp., Art. 2C).

Appropriations	1961	1962
General Funds.....	\$25,000	\$25,000
Staff: 3.		

Public Welfare

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Public Welfare

Chairman: Alvin Thalheimer, 1963

Sam Eig, 1963; Sanford V. Larkey, M.D., 1963; Calhoun Bond, 1965; Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr., 1965; Mrs. John L. Sanford, 1965; Mrs. Ralph O. Dulany, 1967; Howard H. Murphy, 1967; Julius O. Shuger, 1967.

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The General Assembly created the State Department of Public Welfare by Chapter 99, Acts of 1939 to supersede the Board of State Aid and Charities established by Chapter 679, Acts of 1900. The Department 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. The Governor designates the Chairman of the Board and appoints its nine members for six-year terms so arranged that three terms expire on June 1st of every second year (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 2, 3).

In each county there is a County Welfare Board, constituting an administrative department of the local government, which administers under the supervision and control of the State Department the welfare activities within each county, including the care of neglected, dependent, and delinquent children. Each County Board consists of six persons appointed for six-year terms by the Board of County Commissioners and one County Commissioner chosen yearly by the Board of County Commissioners (Code 1957, Art. 88A, secs. 13, 14).

The Department investigates the public and private institutions, organizations, and agencies of a charitable nature in the State of Maryland, including those which receive part of their income from the State, but excepting those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Each year before the General Assembly convenes, the Director reports to the Governor on activities of the Department and the conditions of all charitable institutions, organizations, and agencies (excepting hospitals) that receive financial aid from the State, and recommends appropriations (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 3). All monies appropriated to institutions, organizations, and agencies, excepting hospitals, are paid on a per capita basis at the rates and subject to regulations established by the State Board of Public Welfare (Code 1957, Art. 88A, sec. 10).