

of Mental Hygiene. This Board, created by Chapter 29, Acts of 1922 as part of a reorganization of the Executive Branch, had carried on and expanded the functions of the State Lunacy Commission, established by Chapter 487, Acts of 1886, to inspect public and private institutions for the insane and to advise their Boards of Managers. The Act of 1949 abolished not only the Board of Mental Hygiene but also the separate governing boards of the State mental hospitals and gave to the new department full and plenary powers over, and supervision of, all matters relating to the custody, care, and treatment of persons of unsound mind. The Administration supervises and licenses all institutions, public, private, or corporate in which mental patients are housed (Code 1957, 1972 Repl. Vol., Art. 59).

The Administration is headed by a Commissioner, certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Commissioner is responsible for discharging the functions assigned by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and for the direction of the Administration.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints, on the advice of the Commissioner, the Superintendents of Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, Eastern Shore State Hospital, Crownsville State Hospital, Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, renamed the Crownsville Hospital Center, the Eastern Shore Hospital Center, the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center, the Spring Grove Hospital Center, and the Springfield Hospital Center, as well as any other hospitals or facilities which may come within his Administration. Each Superintendent must have such qualifications as may from time to time be specified by the Secretary (Code 1957, 1972 Repl. Vol., Art. 59, sec. 19).

Under the provisions of the Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act of 1966 (Chapter 125, Acts of 1966), the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, is empowered to make State grants-in-aid to further community mental health services. The Act also provides that he is to supervise and be the administrative head of the program. The Act contains provisions for the establishment of local mental health advisory committees (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, sec. 1J).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$8,154,881	\$ 9,824,647
Special Funds	713,830	748,215
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Totals	\$8,868,711	\$10,572,862

Staff: 1973, 112; Staff: 1974, 111.

CROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL CENTER

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Crownsville State Hospital, established by Chapter 250, Acts of 1910, as the Hospital for the Negro Insane of Maryland, was opened to patients in 1911. It adopted its present name by Chapter 187, Acts of 1912. Chapter 685 of the Acts of 1949 omitted reference to race. Since 1963 the hospital has been racially integrated and at present the patient population is equally balanced between white and black. The hospital provides for the care of mentally ill patients from Baltimore City postal zones 21201, 21202, 21205, 21206, 21213, 21222, 21224,