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This Office directs the public affairs activities of the Department, coordinating all such activities with appropriate departmental officials and local health officers. This Office also arranges special events, disseminates employee information, and maintains the Department's emergency telephone system.

Staff: 1975, 2; 1976, 2; 1977, 2.

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Staff: 1975, 12; 1976, 12; 1977, 12.

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Under the executive direction of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, the Coordinator of Professional Resource Services was established in 1976 to administer and coordinate professional consultation, evaluation, and research as required by the Assistant Secretaries and all elements of the Department. The professional resource services involved include nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, social service, speech pathology, audiology, highly specialized programs for selected youths, and several aspects of health education.

Staff: 1976, 45; 1977, 45.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
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The Assistant Secretary for Mental Health & Addictions plans, directs, and evaluates the activities of the Mental Hygiene, Drug Abuse, and Alcoholism Control Administrations. He also performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

**MENTAL HYGIENE  
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The Administration, formerly the Department of Mental Hygiene, was established by Chapter 685, Acts of 1949 to supersede the Board 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 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 Director, certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Director 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 Direc-