- (b) With the advice of the Council promote, develop, establish, coordinate and conduct unified programs for education, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, after-care, community referral, rehabilitation and control in the field of a drug abuse, in cooperation with such other federal, state, local and private agencies as are necessary and, within the amount made available by appropriation therefor, implement and administer such programs.
- (c) Direct and carry on basic, clinical, epidemiological, social science and statistical research in drug abuse either individually or in conjunction with other agencies, public or private and, within the amount made available by appropriation therefor, develop pilot programs. In pursuance of the foregoing and notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Authority is empowered to establish, direct and carry on experimental pilot clinic programs for the treatment of drug addiction and of the condition of drug addicts, which programs may include the administration, under medical supervision and control, of maintenance dosages of addicting drugs.
- (d) provide education and training in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and control of drug addiction for medical students, physicians, nurses, social workers and others with responsibilities for drug addicts either alone or in conjunction with other agencies, public or private.
- (e) Provide public education on the nature and results of drug abuse and on the potentialities of prevention and rehabilitation in order to promote public understanding, interest and support.
- (f) Disseminate information relating to public and private services and facilities in the State available for the assistance of drug abusers and potential drug abusers.
- (g) Gather information and maintain statistical and other records relating to drug abusers and drug abuse in the State. It shall be the duty of every physician, dentist, veterinarian or other person who is authorized to administer or professionally use those drugs enumerated in Section 2 of this Article, or apothecaries, hospitals, clinics, dispensaries or persons authorized to dispense such drugs and all public officials having duties to perform with respect to such drugs or users of such drugs to report and supply such information in relation thereto as the Authority shall by rule, regulation or order require.
- (h) Have the power to make agreements, including but not limited to, agreements with public and private agencies, to do or cause to be done that which may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Article within the amounts made available therefor by appropriations, gift, grant, devise or bequest.
- (H) HAVE THE POWER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND JOINT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, TO DO OR CAUSE TO BE DONE THAT WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY, DESIRABLE OR PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS ARTICLE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION AND STAFFING OF FACILI-