

Such appointments shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System Law.

(c) The superintendent of each public facility shall, at intervals directed by the Commissioner, make such reports in such details as may be required by the Commissioner.

(d) The superintendent of each facility, public or private, in which mentally disordered persons are patients, shall furnish to the Commissioner or his authorized representatives, on request:

(1) any information in his possession relative to such patients;

(2) free access to all records pertaining to such patients, their care or treatment;

(3) free access to any such patient; and

(4) free access to any portion of the facility used for or in conjunction with the care, maintenance, sustenance or treatment of such patients.

31. Public Facilities.

(a) The following existing facilities shall be maintained as public facilities under the general jurisdiction of the Commissioner:

Spring Grove State Hospital

Springfield State Hospital

Eastern Shore State Hospital

Crownsville State Hospital

Henryton State Hospital

Rosewood State Hospital

Maryland Metropolitan Washington Mental Retardation Center

Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital

(b) In addition to the foregoing facilities, other facilities may be brought within jurisdiction of the Commissioner as they are built or transferred to his jurisdiction.

(c) The existing Maryland Psychiatric Research Center shall be maintained as a public facility for psychiatric research. Its programs shall be directed toward prevention, discovery of causes and treatment of mental disorders and allied conditions. It shall function under the general jurisdiction of the Commissioner.

32. Powers and Duties of Superintendents.

(a) The superintendent of each public facility shall have general supervisory powers and duties with respect to the facility that he governs. He shall have such additional powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Commissioner, Department or Secretary.

(b) The superintendent of any facility, public or private, may appoint any employee to act as a law enforcement officer. Upon being commissioned by the Governor (in the manner provided for employees of other organizations in accordance with Article 23, sub-