

The Department of Mental Hygiene was established by the General Assembly of 1949. It has full and plenary powers over, and supervision of, all matters relating to the custody, care, and treatment of persons of unsound mind; and it supervises and licenses all institutions, public, private, or corporate, in which mental patients are detained. The Department is directed by a Commissioner, appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Mental Hygiene Advisory Board, who controls and directs all State institutions caring for and treating persons of unsound mind. There are within the Department of Mental Hygiene two divisions, the chiefs of which, together with all technical and professional personnel, are appointed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Advisory Board (Code 1951, Art. 59, secs. 15a, 15b, 17, 18).

#### **Division of Psychiatric Education and Training**

The Division of Psychiatric Education and Training supervises the psychiatric, nursing, rehabilitation, and social work carried on by the staffs of the several State mental hospitals.

#### **Division of Administration and Finance**

The Division of Administration and Finance supervises personnel and public relations, budget and accounting, procurement, farm management, engineering and maintenance, and food supervision in the several State mental hospitals.

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds .....	\$323,815	\$348,170
Staff: 51		

#### **Mental Hygiene Advisory Board**

Chairman: John C. Whitehorn, M.D.

The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Jacob Finesinger, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland; Ernest L. Stebbins, Ph.D., Director, School of Hygiene, The Johns Hopkins University; Thomas J. S. Waxter, Director, State Department of Public Welfare; Geneva Ely Flickinger, Supervisor, Special Education, State Department of Education.

The Mental Hygiene Advisory Board was established by the General Assembly of 1949. It consists of the Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland, the Professor of Psychiatry at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the Director of the School of Mental Hygiene of The Johns Hopkins University, the Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, and the Supervisor of Special Education of the State Department of Education. The Board selects its chairman. In addition to recommending appointments of personnel to the Governor and to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, the Board has advisory powers in professional and technical matters that relate to the administration of the Department (Code 1951, Art. 59, sec. 15e).

#### **Mental Hygiene Board of Review**

Senator Louis L. Goldstein, President of the Senate; John C. Luber, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Robert C. Thompson, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation, State De-