

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

The problems in these areas of community health are known: the increasing population, the continued urbanization and suburbanization, the increasingly fragmented delivery of health services, the difficulties of transmitting new knowledge to those currently practicing, the lack of trained manpower, the problems of health education of the population, etc. As the population continues to expand, each of these problems will become more pressing.

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

There are a wide variety of sources of funds for health research, many within the Government and many outside. Most of these granting organizations have their own areas of interest in research, their own forms and regulations. There is informal contact between these groups by such mechanisms as having representatives of the major organizations with parallel interests sitting on the review committees of the Public Health Service.

In specific answer to the question of coordination within the Public Health Service and its component parts, there is good coordination. All of the research parts are governed by one grants policy manual. Coordination with other health related granting programs in the Department and in other Federal agencies is less well defined. This subject is currently under restudy by the Public Health Service. All of the other agencies mentioned [in the inquiry] are potential grantees and the question is not applicable to them.

8. *Laws and regulations*

This program is authorized under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 241) and the fiscal year 1966 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Bill. It is governed by regulations published in 42 CFR 52.

PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

9. *Economic effects.* (See overall statement from the Office of the Surgeon General.)

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures.* (See table 2, above, summary of research grant programs for all divisions.)

DIVISION OF DENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

The purpose of this program is to support, by means of grants to investigators employed by universities and other private and public non-profit institutions, research which will aid in the accomplishment of the Division's mission. This mission is, essentially, to develop and improve methods for the application of basic dental health knowledge to the public through organized community effort.

The Division's research program is directed toward four major health areas: (1) preventive dentistry, (2) continuing education for practicing dentists, (3) the development of paradental auxiliary pro-