

*7. Coordination and cooperation*

(a) The operation of the public health traineeship program is closely coordinated with other training grant programs of the Bureau of State Services (community health) and Bureau of State Services (environmental health), particularly those of the Division of Chronic Diseases, Division of Nursing, and Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control, which are closely related and meshed through day-to-day contact of the staff administering these programs. In addition, there is regular contact and referral of applications with the Public Health Service research fellowship and training grant programs (primarily administered through the Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health) and the Public Health Service mental health training grant programs. The recently adopted Public Health Service Training Grants Manual has facilitated this process.

(b) Relevant applications under this program are occasionally referred to the Children's Bureau and there is direct contact concerning such matters between Children's Bureau staff and the staff administering the public health traineeship program. On occasion, similar contact and discussion is held with the Office of Education and the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration staff.

(c) The only instances in which training activities to date under the public health traineeship program have been related to programs in other departments have involved the National Science Foundation, the Agency for International Development, and the Atomic Energy Commission. No formal arrangements for coordination at the division level have seemed indicated, but a few informal conversations concerning the possible eligibility of individual applications have been held.

(d) Program staff are in regular contact with training officers of State health departments and the directors of residencies, apprenticeship programs, and continuation education in these and comparable agencies. Such agencies routinely receive program materials and some officials of these agencies serve as consultants on the statutory National Advisory Committee on Public Health Training and the Preventive Medicine and Dentistry Review Panel.

(e) Information is routinely distributed to local health departments and community health agencies through regional office staff and State agencies. Some of these agencies receive traineeship grants.

(f) No Division of Community Health Service contacts exist with foreign governments but program staff occasionally clarify program policies and other matters informally with staff of the Pan American Health Organization.

(g) Representatives of organizations such as the American Public Health Association and the National League for Nursing have served on the National Advisory Committee on Public Health Training. Since public or nonprofit institutions and agencies are eligible to participate under section 306 of the Public Health Service Act, some short-term traineeship grants have been awarded to hospitals, voluntary health organizations, and professional organizations. Of course, the bulk of the program's activities deal with academic institutions and there are regular contacts with the representatives of such schools (for example, Public Health Service staff attend public meetings of the Association of Schools of Public Health).