

to provide additional needed labor force. Collectively the above would financially boost the local economy.

10. *Economic classification of program expenditures*

No expenditures were made in fiscal 1965.

DIRECT OPERATIONS

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. *Objectives*

The mission of the programs in the community health area is to foster the availability of the best health services for the people when they need them and where they need them.

The objectives of many community health programs have been described in one fashion or another under programs supported by grants. However, there are three programs which will be described more fully in this section.

*Accident prevention.*—Accidental injury and death constitute a major problem of public health with far-reaching social, economic, and medical implications. Injuries resulting from accidents are the leading cause of death among children and young adults in the United States, and they rank fourth as a cause of mortality in the total population. Accidents kill 95,000 Americans a year, and injure 45 million. Motor vehicle accidents alone accounted for 48,000 fatal injuries in this country last year.

The injury control program administered by the Public Health Service is aimed at minimizing this loss of life and the injuries caused by accidents, and alleviating insofar as possible the effects of injury-producing accidents as these occur. Basically, accidents are caused by specific things that people do or fail to do, or by errors and momentary behavioral lapses. Successful applications of effective control measures have demonstrated over and over again that accidental injuries are preventable. The injury control program is designed to prevent accidents by developing and applying adequate preventive measures. This involves research aimed primarily at the human aspects of accident causation and the application of proven control measures through public health channels. The program is designed to minimize the effects of accidental injuries by assuring adequate emergency medical services for the accident victim between the time of his injury and the initiation of medical treatment.

*Dental diseases.*—The Division of Dental Health seeks to protect and improve the dental health of the American people by stimulating the widespread application of health knowledge. The objective of the Division is to conquer dental disease in the same way that certain communicable diseases have now been conquered. At the present time, dental disease is so prevalent that less than 5 percent of our population has achieved optimum dental health.

The efforts of the Division are concentrated in four areas: control of dental disease; economics of dental care; improvement in the quantity and quality of dental care; research and development in dental health, materials and technology.

*Medical Care Administration.*—This Division was established on August 11, 1965. Its creation was precipitated by the passage of Public Law 89-97, the Social Security Amendments of 1965. The