

5. *Estimated magnitude of program in 1970*

Not answered.

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

Not answered.

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

The patient treatment and care program at St. Elizabeths Hospital maintains operational and financial relationships with other programs of the hospital, other agencies of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and with the District of Columbia. It is generally felt that the hospital avails itself of most of the opportunities for coordination and cooperation whenever they now exist. Examples of such coordinated activity are set forth in the following:

(a) *Coordination within the hospital.*—The hospital operates training and research programs in various medical and related disciplines, which are closely integrated with patient treatment activities. Under the training program, interns, residents, and affiliate student nurses are afforded unusual opportunities to observe and participate in the day-to-day treatment of the hospital's large and varied patient population. In recognition of the mutual benefits thus derived by both trainee and patient, some 60 percent of the annual operating cost of the training program is paid from reimbursements received for patient care. In addition, the 100 percent federally financed research program avails itself of the same patient population to provide much needed firsthand data required for the furtherance of numerous research projects. Conversely, this arrangement benefits the treatment program in terms of the new and improved medical and related techniques which are developed from such projects.

(b) *Coordination with other agencies of the Federal Government.*—The greatest single medium of coordination and cooperation by the hospital, with other agencies of the Federal Government, is found in the many arrangements by which the hospital provides psychiatric treatment and care for beneficiaries of the various Federal agencies, pursuant to the provisions of 24 U.S.C. 168a.

Typical of the agencies which obtain treatment services for certain of their beneficiaries are the Public Health Service, Veterans' Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of State, and Department of Justice. At the present time, approximately 18 percent of the patient load at St. Elizabeths Hospital is comprised of various classes of Federal beneficiaries.

(c) *Coordination with the District of Columbia.*—In view of the physical location of St. Elizabeths Hospital within the District of Columbia, and in view of the fact that some 82 percent of the patient load at St. Elizabeths consists of District of Columbia residents, the relationships between the hospital and the community are numerous and varied. The hospital, for example, provides treatment and care for District of Columbia residents at a per diem rate comparable to that of mental hospitals in the upper 10 percent of the States. The difference between this rate and the actual per diem cost (a somewhat higher figure) is financed from direct Federal appropriations, and represents the cost of special or additional treatment services, which would not ordinarily be available in even the higher quality State mental hospitals. In recognition of the considerable impact which the treatment cost of some 5,000 District of Columbia patients has