

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you. We appreciate your being here.

Are we getting enough representation from hospital administrators, from local people involved with the delivery of services in the councils?

Mr. SIBERY. From my vantage point I cannot generalize. I would say that because of my American Hospital Association responsibility, I hear some say we do not have enough hospital involvement. Others say it is fine. Hospitals are certainly welcome to participate.

Generally, I believe they are eagerly invited to participate, so I don't have much sympathy for those who say they have not had an opportunity to be an integral part.

I think that our experience in Michigan might help you to see that this is not just a continuing education program for our medical schools, but in fact is a program that was designed to develop truly cooperative regional arrangements, and it took us many months to develop a working mechanism for the three medical schools to coordinate their efforts and communicate because they had never done this in a similar way before.

I think the very fact that I as executive director of a hospital council was asked to take the initiative in trying to draw together the program and develop the grant application is a good indication that in our State at least the hospital role was well identified.

Thank you very much.

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you. Your testimony has been most helpful.

This concludes the hearing for today. The hearings for tomorrow will be held, I understand, in the main hearing room, which is on the first floor, room 2123, and so the committee will now stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 4:15 p.m. the committee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 1968.)