

of community mental health centers in the States. The States are administering this \$125 million with no Federal help.

In Public Law 90-170, extending the mental retardation centers program, the Congress allowed \$50,000 per State for a \$30 million annual program. The community mental health center program involves annual grants twice the size of the Public Law 90-170 program, or \$60 million. The administration proportion should be \$100,000.

PROGRAM EVALUATION MONEY

We suggest a further amendment of section 305, Mr. Chairman.

We recommend the addition of language on line 19 following the word "part." Strike the semicolon and all language through line 24 and add the following language:

... and for evaluation of the programs, by the State agency, under Part A of Title II; except that not more than 2 per centum of the total of the allotments of such State for a year, or \$100,000, whichever is less, shall be available for the purpose of administration for such year, and not more than 1 per centum of the total of the allotments of such State for a year, or \$50,000, whichever is less, shall be available for the purpose of evaluation of programs for such year. Payments of amounts due under this paragraph may be made in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Secretary may determine.

Our proposed amendment would provide a small amount of money to each State central office, to be matched by the State, for purposes of evaluating the community mental health center program as it functions in each State.

Again, there is strong precedent in recent Federal legislation for provision of funds to evaluate a program to determine its efficacy and judge whether or not the congressionally authorized and appropriated money is being spent wisely.

In the Elementary and Secondary Education Act there are at least six separate sections of the law in which "program evaluation" money is made available. The Office of Education has asked the Congress for \$14 million to fund these programs, most of which will be carried out by State agencies.

In the extension of the partnership for health program, Public Law 89-749, which originated in this committee last year and passed the Congress as Public Law 90-174, you included "program evaluation" money for several parts of the law, namely: 314(d), 314(e), 314(c), 304 and 309.

Your committee made the following comments about "program evaluation" in your Report No. 538 (August 3, 1967), and we heartily concur:

As a basic tool of program implementation and development, evaluation is insurance that the health research, service, facilities, demonstrations, and related activities proposed in this bi-1 will fully accomplish their purposes.

Evaluation studies and analyses should be conducted to identify and extend the application of those program methods and approaches which show high success and to spot program weaknesses in time to permit steps to be taken to improve program performance.

Although the funds available for evaluation will be a small fraction of those available for the programs which are authorized, no more than 1 percent, the committee feels that making these funds available for evaluation will contribute substantially to the success of the programs proposed in the bill.

What we now ask is that everything you said about the need for program evaluation be applied to the community mental health centers