

hospital administration curriculums which concentrate primarily on the management and operation of the hospital itself."

This statement is typical of the response hospital administration programs have received from the Public Health Service and reflects a total disregard for the role of hospital administration in realizing the objectives of the 1968 Health Manpower Act. It also completely ignores the overwhelming evidence presented at the 1965 White House Conference on Health of the critical role of medical institutions in manpower development and utilization as well as the National Advisory Commission on Health Manpower and the Manpower Report of the National Commission on Community Health Services.

It ignores former Secretary Gardner's Advisory Committee on Hospital Effectiveness which said:

The Committee believes that there is no element of health manpower whose impact on hospital effectiveness is more important than the hospital administrator's. The Committee recognizes the contribution to improvements in hospital administration made by existing university programs and their graduates but the fact that less than half the hospitals in the United States are administered by graduates with specific training for these responsibilities suggests that the educational programs need to be expanded.

To achieve that purpose, the Committee strongly urges that the education and training of hospital administrators in the principles of effective management should be encouraged and facilitated by fellowships, scholarships and training grants financed by Federal funds.

Both the second and third National Conferences on Public Health Training, in 1963 and 1967, convened by the Surgeon General, called attention to the need for assistance to hospital administration programs. Nonetheless, so low a priority has been given as to freeze hospital administration programs out of consideration regardless of the merits of the case.

Mr. Chairman, we are not content to ask for clarification in the committee report of the eligibility of hospital administration programs in all university settings for assistance under section 306 and 308 of the Public Health Act, though that indeed would be helpful. We request that section 302 of the Health Manpower Act of 1968 be specifically amended to provide for assistance to graduate programs in hospital and health facility administration in all university settings and to students enrolled in such programs.

Only by such explicit action can we achieve equal opportunity for this very critical program to obtain necessary assistance and establish a priority for such assistance which is in keeping with this Nation's health manpower needs.

And if you will remember, the material presented to you this morning by the American Hospital Association, the last part of their presentation covered somewhat the same points.

Mr. ROGERS. Yes. I noticed there has been some agreement there. Did you testify before the Senate committee?

Mr. THOMPSON. I did not.

Mr. ROGERS. Did anyone for your organization?

Mr. THOMPSON. No, sir.

Mr. ROGERS. So this really has not been presented over there at all.

Mr. THOMPSON. Right.

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you so much for your statement. It will be most helpful and we will consider all of the points you have raised and the