

HOSPITAL SERVICE STUDY COMMISSION

1945 - 1947

In accordance with Joint Resolution 12 of the Twenty-third Legislature, 1945, on October 2, 1945 Governor Stainback appointed Charles F. Honeywell, Margaret M. L. Catton, Gerald W. Fisher, Dr. Nils P. Larsen, Roy A. Vitousek, A. L. Y. Ward, and Charles M. Wright to the Hospital Service Study Commission to serve two-year terms. At the first meeting of the Commission, Charles F. Honeywell was elected chairman; later Charles M. Wright was elected vice-chairman.

As charged by its enabling legislation, the Commission, in collaboration with the Legislative Reference Bureau, examined hospital and burial costs and services and estimates of the cost of providing public facilities for these services. It also investigated the feasibility of a territory-wide, public funded system of health insurance.

In March 1946, the Commission was authorized to proceed on an inventory of existing hospital facilities to serve as a basis for qualifying for federal benefits in hospital construction. To comply with Public Law 725, 79th Congress (Hospital Survey and Construction Act), in January 1947 the members of the Hospital Study Survey Commission were appointed to an advisory council to the Board of Health, which had been designated as the agency to administer the federal funds.

As mandated, the Commission submitted a report of its results and recommendations to the Twenty-fourth Legislature, 1947. The draft of the bill incorporating the Commission's recommendations was introduced as H.B. 1941, but no action was taken on it.

The commissioners continued to serve on a stand-by basis during the legislative session. Subsequently the records of the Hospital Study Survey Commission were transferred to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The records consist of minutes and correspondence.

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Government Publications: Territorial Hospital Service Study Commission

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