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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
Health Department  
Emergency Units - Maluhia Home  
1027 Hala Drive  
Honolulu 17, Hawaii

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**For Reference**  
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Honorable Mayor John H. Wilson  
City and County of Honolulu  
City Hall  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Sir:

Submitted for your information is a resume of the activities of the department for 1953.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

The Emergency Unit in the city handled 22,219 cases, the Kaneohe Unit 1,495. Of the cases in the city 16,416 were adults and 5,803 were children under 16 years of age, at Kaneohe 713 adults and 782 children. Traffic accidents accounted for 1,650 of the cases handled of which 1,166 involved adults and 848 children. Fireworks injuries accounted for 85 of the cases handled 55 of which were adults and 30 children.

Ambulances made 11,835 trips. 14 births were attended in homes and one in the ambulance. Doctors accompanied the ambulances on 3,750 emergency and sick calls to homes, industrial plants, highways, etc., treating 3,961 persons. 43 calls were false alarms, a slight increase over the preceding year.

Ambulance and doctor responds to all fire calls in which the fire department lays hose to render on the spot medical attention to injured victims remaining until all danger of injuries has passed. Ambulances respond also to police calls when anyone has been injured. Ambulances stand by at large gatherings, at events with hazardous acts or concessions, disperse during parades blocking normal avenues of travel and cruise the highways on Sundays and holidays and nights before holidays when celebrants or shoppers are expected to be numerous. Ambulances are in radio contact with the police at all times. Direct communication is maintained 24 hours a day with the Police and Fire Departments.

Pre-employment physical examinations were given 493 persons seeking employment with the City and County and vision examinations to 10 persons seeking an automotive driver's license. Medical treatments to inmates of the City and County Jail totaled 1,653; to 1,012 City and County employees injured in the course of their employment 6,318 treatments; to

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981 employees applying for sick leaves; 5,660 treatments to occupants of the Palolo Chinese Home and 1,560 out-patients with 3,327 visits. Annual physical examinations were given to 1,398 policemen, firemen, operators of City-County motor vehicles and reserve police officers.

Doctors in the department spent 28½ hours in courts both civil and military testifying in 28 cases. 236 cases of alledged sex offenses were examined. 240 persons were examined for driving under the influence of alcohol. 334 deaths were investigated for the Coroner, 148 due to violence, 47 from traffic, 8 in industry, 42 suicide, 11 homicide and 10 drowning.

Of 1,012 City and County employees industrially injured, 34 required hospitalization -- 5 firemen, 9 policemen and 20 others, at a cost for hospitalization of \$6,550.29. Specialist services amounted to \$7,438.36. The value of the services to the City and County provided by the department for the industrially injured is estimated to be \$22,361.25.

The Laboratory Technicians performed 11,617 tests, accepted 150 subpoenas and spent 26½ hours testifying in courts both civil and military.

Dental services were provided 6,569 persons, 3,752 in the city at Maluhia Home and 3,550 in the rural areas by the mobile dental unit for a total of 24,357 treatments.

Nine physicians provided indigent medical care for rural residents, one each in Aiea, Waipahu, Ewa, Waianae, Wahiawa, Waiialua, Kahuku, Kaneohe and Kailua. Statistics are complete from only seven of these districts in which 2,583 persons were given 8,745 treatments.

FINANCIAL INDIGENT INVESTIGATION

Under the Medical Care Program for the Indigent and Medically Indigent for the year, 4,636 applications for hospitalization were processed of which 4,517 were new applications and 119 applications that had been investigated the preceeding year and were remaining in the hospital during 1953. Of the new applicants, 3,382 were found eligible for full assistance (2,397 of this number were clients of the Department of Public Welfare), 667 were eligible for partial assistance and 468 applicants were rejected as not eligible for medical care under this program. The total hospitalization cost for applicants receiving full assistance amounted to \$628,956.97, spent a total of 35,413 patient days at various general hospitals. Those who received partial assistance spent a total of 7,314 patient days at a cost of \$129,673.01 at various general hospitals. Hospital out-patient services were provided 24,055 patients making a total of 56,463 visits at a cost of \$138,979.92. Other miscellaneous services provided under this program such as eye glasses, braces, etc., were given 718 patients at a cost of \$7,149.31.

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During the year 418 mentally ill patients were examined, 148 required commitment to the Territorial Hospital for treatment, 55 following a short period of hospital observation. 45 persons were examined for alcoholic addiction, 36 were committed to the Territorial Hospital. 12 persons were examined for drug addiction, 9 were committed to the Territorial Hospital.

Three hundred ninety-four applications were received for burial and cremation assistance, 108 found eligible for total assistance, 2 for partial assistance and 284 were able to provide services at their own expense.

MALUHIA HOME

Maluhia Home provided care for 1,419 persons for a total of 111,088 patient days with an admission of 1,102, discharges of 909, expirations 213. Lowest patient occupancy was on December 24, 1953 -- 286; highest on January 11, 1953 -- 321 patients. Out-patient visits of discharged patients numbered 4,565. Treatments rendered numbered many thousands; 3,689 physical therapy treatments to 107 persons; and 349 persons were provided occupational therapy treatments. Dental treatments have already been cited.

The Laboratory Technician performed 9,821 tests. Meals served numbered 395,580 at an average food cost per meal of \$0.173 and an average cost per meal served of \$0.319. The Laundry laundered 1,267,883 pieces of materials, beddings, gowns, etc. The Sewing Room mended and fabricated 24,839 items of clothing, etc.

One full time teacher provided by the Department of Public Instruction continued the education interrupted by illness of 41 children and 11 adults.

Very truly yours,

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City and County Physician

