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The function of the Advisory Health Committee to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations of which Mr. Eli Aaron is Chairman, and Mr. Edward Merciniak, is Director, has fifteen advisory committees of distinguished citizens, whose special talents, administrative and technical skills make them especially qualified for the committee on which they serve. Administrative staff the \_\_\_\_\_ structure of the Commission has its work divided into six principal departments, not necessarily in the order of importance, namely, (1) Civil rights, educational services, employment services, new residents service, public information and lastly community services.

Since this is the sub-administration area under which the Health Committee, our special group, functions, we named this last. This Department is supervised by Mr. Douglas Turner, a veteran social service worker and administrative officer. He is ably assisted by Mr. Hal Freeman, who is the real work horse of the Health Committee. Other members of this administrative department are Mr. William Martin and Mr. Ernest Yancy. Besides, there are secretaries and stenographers which help this Department function effectively and is a cog in the over-all functions of the active administration of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. The Commission itself was organized by the late Mayor Kelly as the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations and was one of the first organizations of its kind in the country. Dr. Robert Weaver, now head of the housing administration in the federal government, was the first Director of this Commission. The Commission's activities reached a high-water mark

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under the late Tom Wright, who left a lasting legacy for all of us to follow as Executive Director.