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may be measured by comparing the upcoming accreditation visit's deficiencies with those of last year. Also the deficiencies remaining at the end of the fiscal year can be noted.

COURT UNIT

The Forensic Psychiatry Unit of SCSH continues to have an increased number of admissions each year. FY 1979-80 there were 722 admissions to the Forensic Unit as compared to 666 in FY 1978-79. In addition to the task of coping with increased admissions, more problems were encountered because both of the Psychiatrists on the Forensic Unit resigned to accept positions at other facilities. However, an intense recruitment effort was successful and SCSH now has two highly qualified and dedicated Psychiatrists providing service which has been unparalleled in recent years. Staffing has been improved on the unit with the addition of a second Psychologist and a third Social Worker. It is anticipated that in the near future additional Nursing Personnel will be added to the service so that patients on Ward 176 may be out of their rooms for longer periods of time without jeopardizing security. Active recruitment efforts are being directed toward obtaining a third Forensic Psychiatrist and if these efforts are successful we will be in a position to begin planning to implement a previously approved Pilot Project for a pre-admission screening program which is designed to reduce admissions and expenditures.

MEDICAL-SURGICAL SERVICE

- I. *Significant Events Which Occurred During Fiscal Year 79-80:*
 - A. Byrnes Clinical Center was awarded two-year accreditation by JCAH following their survey on February 19 and 20, 1980. Most deficiencies and recommendations have been resolved.
 - B. Admissions to Byrnes Clinical Center increased during the fiscal year. Admissions 1978-79 total 713 while admissions 1979-80 total 878 which represents an increase of 165 patients treated.
 - C. Multi-disciplinary Audit was instituted in November, 1979, and has proven to be a very worthwhile meaningful undertaking. Mini-audits were begun in March, 1980, and have been found extremely useful in upgrading patient care, records and charting.
 - D. The Cathode-ray Tube installed in April, 1980, has developed into a great asset and efficient tool in the records service.
 - E. Significant increases in services provided at Byrnes Clinical Center were noted as listed in the following departments:
 1. Electroencephalography — 631 examinations representing an increase of 196 tracings over the previous fiscal year.