

After the general meeting the group was divided into four divisions of interest. One division concerned health; the second, economical and social welfare; the third, education; and the fourth, the preservation of customs, traditions, and heritages. After considerable discussion by the several groups, the conference reconvened in a general meeting to hear reports from each section.

REPORT OF THE GROUP ON HEALTH

This group, under the direction of Miss Eula E. Fullerton, of the State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, elected Earnest E. Downing as chairman and Mrs. Hugh Conner as secretary. The group discussed and arrived at an agreement as to the current problems concerning health and also discussed briefly the effect of the transfer of the health service from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Public Health. The following recommendations were made by the group:

1. That there is a definite need for health education in the homes, in the schools, and in the community. There must be a better coordination of work between the Indians and the non-Indians with regard to the health education of both groups for the betterment of their community. Both the Indians and the non-Indians must realize that they are now members of the same community and their health problems are the same, and a well-rounded health education program would do a great deal to point out this mutual responsibility.

2. There is a need for a coordinated referral system of federal, state, county, and local governments of the varied health programs which have to do with aid to Indians in order that they can get the greatest benefit from any of the existing resources.