



Commonwealth Fund records, Board of Directors, SG 1, Series 7

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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

The Commonwealth Fund was established in 1918 with an endowment of \$10 million from Mrs. Stephen V. Harkness for "benevolent, religious, educational and like purposes." The early grants supported a variety of programs while generally promoting welfare, especially child welfare. Several grants were made in the field of medical research, but the Board of Directors decided in 1920 that this field was already sufficiently supported by other philanthropic organizations.

Despite this decision, by the mid-1920s the chief interest of the Fund had become public health, including mental hygiene, community health, rural hospitals, medical research, and medical education. Other grant areas included war relief, educational and legal research, child welfare, and international medical fellowships.

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Scope and Contents

Types of records include: meeting minutes, financial statements, and reports.

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Arrangement note

This series is arranged in 5 subseries:

Subseries 1 Board Meetings, Annual Meetings of the Corporation, and Special Meetings

Subseries 2 Financial Statements

Subseries 3 General Files

Subseries 4 Reports of the Board of Directors

Subseries 5 Special Reports

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File Plan note

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Controlled Access Headings

- Child mental health
- New York (N.Y.)
- Child welfare
- Child psychology
- Hygiene
- Education, Rural
- Legal issues
- Law
- Medical education
- Legal research
- Medicine, Rural
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Medicine -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc.
- War relief
- Public health
- New York (State)
- United States
- Public welfare

Collection Inventory

Board Meetings, Annual Meetings of the Corporation and Special Meetings, 1924-1980

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Agendas, December 26, 1956-March 20, 1980 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| Minutes, December 2, 1924-November 10, 1971 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Minutes, December 2, 1924-November 10, 1971 | box 1 | folder 3 |

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| Minutes, December 2, 1924-November 10, 1971 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Minutes, December 2, 1924-November 10, 1971 | box 1 | folder 5 |
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| Minutes, December 2, 1924-November 10, 1971 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| Minutes, February 9, 1972-September 25, 1980 | box 2 | folder 9 |
| Minutes, February 9, 1972-September 25, 1980 | box 2 | folder 10 |
| Minutes, February 9, 1972-September 25, 1980 | box 2 | folder 11 |
| Minutes, February 9, 1972-September 25, 1980 | box 2 | folder 12 |
| Minutes, February 9, 1972-September 25, 1980 | box 2 | folder 13 |
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| Notices, December 26, 1956-November 13, 1980 | box 2 | folder 15 |
| Retreat, March 30-April 20, 1979 | box 2 | folder 16 |

Financial Statements, 1918-1976

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960 | box 3 | folder 17 |
| October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960, October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960 | box 3 | folder 18 |
| October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960, October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960 | box 3 | folder 19 |
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| October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960, October 23, 1918 to June 30, 1960 | box 3 | folder 21 |
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| June 30, 1961 to June 30, 1976, June 30, 1961 to June 30, 1976 | box 4 | folder 24 |
| June 30, 1961 to June 30, 1976, June 30, 1961 to June 30, 1976 | box 4 | folder 25 |

General Files, 1963-1979

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Chapman, Carleton B., February 20, 1973-November 17, 1976 | box 4 | folder 26 |
| Commission on Medical Education, May 31, 1979 | box 4 | folder 27 |

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| Conference on Alternatives for Future Commonwealth Fund Programs, October 19, 1976 | box 4 | folder 28 |
| Conference on Bioethics in Medical Education, December 7, 1978 | box 4 | folder 29 |
| Corporate Foundations, January 24-April 23, 1979 | box 4 | folder 30 |
| Dunlop, John (Harvard University), July 20-November 20, 1978 | box 4 | folder 31 |
| Evaluation of Commonwealth Fund Grants (R. H. Fitz Report), 1972 | box 4 | folder 32 |
| Evaluation of Commonwealth Fund Grants (Quigg Newton Report), 1977 | box 4 | folder 33 |
| Evaluation of Commonwealth Fund Grants (Walter Donway and M. Lipkin Report), 1978 | box 5 | folder 34 |
| Foundation Surveys, April 9, 1975-October 14, 1976 | box 5 | folder 35 |
| Health Legislation, June 14-November 29, 1978 | box 5 | folder 36 |
| Humanities in Premedical Education, July 20, 1978-March 1, 1979 | box 5 | folder 37 |
| Library Job Analysis, May-June 1966 | box 5 | folder 38 |
| Luncheon Meeting on Corporate Foundations, March 8, 1979 | box 5 | folder 39 |
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| Meeting on Privately Sponsored Commissions, December 12, 1975 | box 5 | folder 42 |
| Memoranda on Evaluations, February 5, 1973-September 15, 1978 | box 5 | folder 43 |
| National Health Care Policy and Health Systems Group, October 24, 1973-March 31, 1976 | box 5 | folder 44 |
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| Program Directions, 1976-1978 | box 6 | folder 47 |
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| September 30, 1921 to June 30, 1957, September 30, 1921 to June 30, 1957 | box 7 | folder 53 |
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| Medical Education, November 1955, November 1957, April and October 1959 | box 8 | folder 61 |
| Medical Research, November 1953 | box 8 | folder 62 |
| Medical Research Review #1 1931-1936 (September 1936), #2 1936-1944 (September 1946), 1931-1936 (September 1936), 1936-1944 (September 1946) | box 8 | folder 63 |
| Medical Research Review #3 1944-1951 (February 1953), #4 1952-1958 (January 1960), 1944-1951 (February 1953), 1952-1958 (January 1960) | box 8 | folder 64 |
| Mental Health Projects (Review by Iago Galdston), January 1959 | box 9 | folder 65 |
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| Special Report on General Policy (Donal Sheehan), March 1948 | box 9 | folder 67 |
| Special Report on Programs and Policy (Malcolm P. Aldrich), May 1957 | box 9 | folder 68 |
| Study and Report on Medical Education (Paul J. Sanazaro), January 1962 | box 9 | folder 69 |