

Abstract

Research Title : "Psychiatrists' Opinions About the Efficiency of the Mental Health Department, Public Health Ministry."

The main objectives of the study are twofold : First, to find out the psychiatrists' opinions about the efficiency of the mental health department. Second, to determine the relationship between the psychiatrists' opinions and various factors (sex, length of tenure, office location, position, and nature of work).

To achieve the objectives of the study, 105 psychiatrists were accidentally selected for interview. The obtained data were then analyzed with the help of the t-test.

The analysis of the data reveals the following :

(1) On the whole, the majority of the psychiatrists are of the opinion that "the efficiency of the mental health department" is "fairly satisfactory" with respect to structure, objectives, operation strategy and personnel.

(2) Psychiatrists working in Bangkok and those working in up province have different opinions about the efficiency of the operation strategy. Likewise, Psychiatrists providing general services and those providing special services differ in their opinions about the efficiency of the operation strategy.

(3) Psychiatrists who administer and those who practice have different opinions about the efficiency of the personnel. Likewise, Psychiatrists working in the Bangkok and those working in up province differ in their opinions about the efficiency of the personnel of the mental health department.