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Abstract: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) convened a special hearing on the health sector on 17-18 June 1997. This hearing fell within the broad framework of the TRC of documenting past human rights violations and making recommendations for the future of human rights within health care. Subsequently, the Reparations and Rehabilitation Committee of the TRC also convened a special hearing on the mental health needs of victims and survivors of human rights abuses.

Introduction

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Notes

The collection contains eleven submissions prepared for either of these hearings. Included are submissions from the Centre for Psychosocial and Traumatic Stress, the Society of Psychiatrists of South Africa, The Medical Association of South Africa, and various personal submissions from health care professionals and patients.

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

The TRC Archival Audit

Between 2003 and 2006, SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand embarked on a project to locate, retrieve and make available records relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process, including this collection. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.www.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at



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