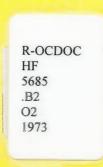
ANNUAL REPORT

1973

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

OAKLAND COUNTY
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May 31, 1974

TO: Daniel T. Murphy, Chairman James M. Brennan, Vice-Chairman M. A. Benson, Jr., Member

"Change is the name of the game." This truly describes the changing responsibilities of the Reimbursement Division during the year of 1973. We shall attempt to list these changes chronologically as they occurred.

Much research was conducted by the Circuit Court judges, and in particular, Judge Robert L. Templin, on the feasibility of seeking reimbursement for Court appointed attorney fees from clients in accordance with their ability to repay Oakland County. This program was put into operation the first of February, and for the following eleven months, just under \$18,000.00 was recovered. Since the inception of the collection of Court costs, etc., in October of 1973, a larger percentage of these attorney fees are being collected, as we now have direct contact with many of the clients.

Those patients under twenty-one years of age, who were hospitalized in state mental facilities, and for whom Oakland County has been responsible for payment of the per diem cost of care to the state for the first year, became eligible for benefits under the Federal-State Title XIX program, providing they met the established criteria. Unfortunately, the Bureau of Social Services, and the Departments of Mental Health and Treasury, were not ready to coordinate this program until late 1973. In fact, some areas were not resolved as late as March, 1974. The delay in implementing this program resulted in considerable extra work and double handling for the Reimbursement Division. Because of the confusion, delay and uncertainty, and as Oakland County was charged for these patients on the Support of Patients, the Reimbursement Division processed insurances and collected from individual payees, so the resulting net adjustment that was received in 1973, and will be received in 1974, will be the amount of expenditures, less payments received. (See detailed report on Page 7.)

It was determined some two years ago by the Civil Counsels of Wayne and Oakland Counties that counties had been improperly charged for the cost of patients in forensic centers and Ionia State Hospital, dating back to 1967. The Reimbursement Division has been negotiating with the Department of Treasury for credit of some \$145,000.00, and \$77,000.00 was received as adjustments on the Support of Patients during

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November and December, 1973. However, as these Support of Patients (adjustments) were not actually received until April of 1974, they will not be reflected in the general accounting procedures of the County until 1974, but are being included in this report.

The responsibility for collecting assessed court costs, restitution, and fines (approximately 1,200 accounts) was transferred from the Probation Department to the Reimbursement Division as of October 15, 1973. For those two and one-half remaining months of 1973, \$27,000.00 was collected.

During the year 1973, the bed availability improved markedly at Clinton Valley Center, which eliminated the need for emergency beds at Woodside Medical, Inc. You will note there was a decided increase in state institution expenditures for the mentally ill in the amount of \$300,000.00 (1973-\$1,244,000.00, and in 1972 - \$944,000.00), and a decrease in the cost of emergency mental care at Woodside Medical of \$157,000.00 (1973 -\$171,000.00 and in 1972 - \$328,000.00), which is a net figure after insurance payments have been deducted. This decrease included an increase in per diem rate beginning on January 1, 1973, from \$35.00 per day to \$52.00 per day.

Also, there has been a trend away from court processed cases to voluntary admittances (952 in 1973, and 279 in 1972), as detailed on Page 7. Because Oakland County is charged the per diem cost (presently \$44.58 per day) for voluntary patients, as well as patients admitted under court orders, the Reimbursement Division conducts the financial investigations and makes recommendations to the superintendent of the hospital as to ability to pay by the patient and/or the responsible relatives.

Yes, we did have a busy, changing year. Please call me if I can answer any questions.

Mary W. Shanks

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REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

Report of Activity

ACCOUNTS	NUMB	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS			
	1973	1972	1968		
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	5277	5526	5055		
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees (Probate Gourt)	701	492	-0-		
Mental Institutions and Emergency Care	3865	3324	2444		
Reimbursement of Doctors' Exams	43	53	130		
Community Mental Health	126	124	9		
Oakland County Hospital	21	32	- 0-		
Reimbursement of Circuit Court Costs (2-1/2 mos		-0-	-0-		
Reimbursement of Circuit Court Attorney Fees (Il n	nos.) 732	5	-0 -		
Circuit Court Fines	5		<u>-0-</u>		
TOTAL	11,534	9,556	7,638		
TRUST ACCOUNTS:					
TROBI NECOUNID.	1973	1972	1968		
Boys & Girls Training Schools & Boarding Homes	813	768	1108		
Probate Support	217	151	471		
Circuit Court Restitution	73	-0-	-0-		
Chourt Court Restruction					
TOTAL	1,103	919	1,579		
COMBINED TOTAL	12,637	11,007	9,217		
MISCELLANEOUS:					
	1973	1972	<u>1968</u>		
Number of Auditors Cash Receipt Transactions	1449	1451	1133		
TOTAL:	14,086	12,458	10,350		

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

	ACCOUNTS:		AMOUNT RECEI	VED
-		1973	<u>1972</u>	1968
	Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$217,928.65	\$253,502.14	\$181,409.21
	Reimbursement of Attorney Fees (Probate	<u>-</u>	11,517.50	-0-
-	Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	808,082.24	618,927.30	394,001.47
	Reimbursement of Doctors' Examinations	1,125.00	1,434.00	3,186.42
_	Community Mental Health	5,259.58	6,037.20	1,123.15
	Oakland County Hospital	595.00	1,546.06	-0-
	Reimbursement of Circuit Court Costs	24,924.80	-0-	-0-
	(Two and one-half months)	•		
	Reimbursement of Circuit Court Attorney	17,773.50	410.00	-0-
<i>5</i> .	Fees (Eleven months) Circuit Court Fines	20.00	-0-	-0-
				
	TOTAL	\$1,094,661.14	\$893,374.20	\$579,720.25
-	TRUST ACCOUNTS:			
		1973	1972	1968
سه فعد				
	Boys and Girls Training Schools and Boarding Homes	\$ 14,117.07	\$ 13,708.40	\$ 18,981.45
	Probate Support	9,869.38	12,540.13	23,057.21
	Circuit Court Restitution	2,277.41	-0-	-0-
-	Onout Court Restriction	2,2// • ±1		
	TOTAL	\$ 26,263.86	\$ 26,248.53	\$ 42,038.66
	COMBINED TOTAL	\$1,120,925.00	\$919,622.73	\$621,758.91

JUVENILE ACCOUNTS Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

		1973	1972	1968	
	Child Care	\$217,928.65*	\$253,502.14	\$181,409.21	
	Trust Accounts				
	Boys & Girls Vocational Schools, Half-Way Houses and Board & Care	14,117.07	13,708.40	18,981.45	
	Probate Support	9,869.38**	12,540.13	23,057.21	
	COMBINED TOTAL	\$241,915.10	\$279,750.67	\$223,447.87	
	WARDS OF THE STA	TE OF MICHIGAN			
	BOARD & CARE, INDI AND BOYS & GIRLS TRAININ		-		
		<u>1973</u>	1972	<u>1971</u>	
	Cost to County	\$157,299.26	\$195,697.68	\$222,214.43	
	Reimbursement	14,117.07	13,708.40	14,498.96	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (PROBATE)					
		1973	1972	1971	
	Cost to County	\$127,195.00	\$ 72,446.33	\$ 75,652.00	
	Reimbursement	18,952.37	11,517.50	8,915.40	

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of all charges ordered by the Probate Judges for care supplied by the County through the Juvenile Court. Whenever a child receives this care, a financial statement is taken and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

^{*}This amount includes \$2,366.18 credited to Oakland County on the State Support of Patients and represents one-half of the Social Security and Veterans' benefits collected by the Department of Revenue.

^{**} Probate Support accounts represent monies collected and paid out as received to the person caring for the child. This is as decreed by the Probate Court order.

SUMMARY OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION

OF MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

January 1, 1973 thru December 31, 1973

MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ACCOUNTS:

	1973	1972	1968
Hospitals for the Mentally III (including emergency mental)	\$766,229.77	\$598,427.87	\$380,214.41
Hospitals for the Mentally Handicapped	41,852.47	18,999.43	12,962.06
Hospitals for the Insane	- 0 -	1,500.00	825.00
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$808,082.24	\$618,927.30	\$394,001.47

It is the responsibility of the Reimbursement Division to collect monies due the County of Oakland, as ordered by the Probate Judges, on all active and past due mental hospital accounts. All responsible relatives are interviewed by the Reimbursement Division and a detailed financial statement is compiled and submitted to the Probate Judge to assist him in making his determination as to ability to pay. Through these interviews, the need for verification of settlement and residence is often indicated, and the matter is investigated by the Reimbursement Division. Many hundreds of dollars each year are saved by this county as a result of these investigations; the charge is properly billed to the patient's county of residence, or assumed by the state-at-large, rather than by our county, the committing county.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

REIMBURSEMENTS

	Amt.Collected by County 1973	Credits fr. Dept.of Rev. 1973	Total Amt. Collected 1973	Total Amt. Collected 1972
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL				
Hawthorn Center Lafayette Clinic Northville North Oakland Center Oakland Medical Cent Clinton Valley Center	\$ 23,930.07 92,434.05 843.07 -0- er -0-	\$ 40.00 1,588.18 -0- 1,298.96 1,172.57	\$ 23,970.07 94,022.23 843.07 1,298.96 1,172.57	\$ 5,430.47 13,791.71 1,213.80 -0- -0-
& Emergency Care Traverse City Ypsilanti	625,109.70 -0- 820.16	18,169.85 -0- 823.16	643,279.55 -0- 1,643.32	577,929.54 -0- 62.35
TOTAL	\$743,137.05	\$ 23,092.72	\$766,229.77	\$598,427.87
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPP				
Caro Coldwater Oakdale Center (Lapeer)	\$ 112.05 -0- 33,940.12	\$ -0- -0- 1,873.40	\$ 112.05 -0- 35,813.52	\$ 59.30 45.00 18,458.75
Macomb-Oakland Plymouth	5,611.90 140.00	25.00 150.00	5,636.90 290.00	-0- 436.38
TOTAL	\$ 39,804.07	\$ 2,048.40	\$ 41,852.47	\$ 18,999.43
CRIMINALLY INSANE				
Ionia	\$ -0-	-0-	-0-	\$ 1,500.00
COMBINED TOTAL	\$782,941.12	\$ 24,935.30	\$808,082.24	\$618,927.30

STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

EXPENDITURES

			diem cost pd. 1 Dept. of Rev. 1973		diem cost pd. Dept.of Rev. 1972	diem cost pd. Dept.of Rev. 1968
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE	MENTALLY	ILL				
Hawthorn Center Kalamazoo Lafayette Clinic Northville North Oakland Center Oakland Medical Cente Clinton Valley Center (I Traverse City Ypsilanti		\$	19,432.66 432.60 140,509.42 1,100.72 68,703.11 14,636.48 997,117.84 634.48 1,240.12	\$	15,359.08 3,984.02 59,200.63 2,509.08 -0- 51,712.87 803,784.08 1,075.72 6,358.50	\$ 62,433.05 969.00 48,240.00 4,326.90 -0- -0- 486,134.23 -0- 2,175.50
	TOTAL	\$1	1,243,807.43*	\$	943,983.98	\$ 604,278.68
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPE						
Caro Howell Oakdale Center (Lapeer Mt.Pleasant Macomb-Oakland Resid Plymouth		\$	170.25cr -0- 902.99 cr 670.50 cr 16,457.35 -0-		-0- -0- 26,533.95 100.00 880.00 -0-	\$ 12,857.55 3,238.40 104,842.34 3,194.07 -0- 11,111.65
	TOTAL	\$	14,713.61	\$	27,513.95	\$ 135,244.01
COMBINED	TOTAL	\$1	1,258,521.04	\$	971,497.93	\$ 739,522.94
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE						
Ionia and Forensic Psychiatric Units	Charges - Credits -	\$ \$	10,122.84 67,995.73 cr	\$	-0- 2,278.36	\$ -0- 17,953.90
	TOTAL	\$	57,872.89 cr	\$	2,278.36	\$ 17,953.90
EMERGENCY CARE-MEN	TALLY ILL	\$	171,151.49	\$	328,354.40	\$ 57,534.65
EMERGENCY CARE-HAN	DICAPPED	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$ 7,906.10
TRANSPORTATION FOR F	PATIENTS	\$	7,213.16	\$	7,770.00	\$ 9,809.30
	TOTAL	\$	178,364.65	\$	336,124.40	\$ 93,203.95
GRAND	TOTAL	\$]	1,379,012.80	\$1	,309,900.69	\$ 832,726.89

^{*}This figure includes adjustments for Title XIX benefits for patients under twenty-one years of age in the amount of \$182,800.00. These adjustments were credited on the November and December Support of Patients, but not received by Oakland County until April, 1974, so will not be reflected in the general accounting procedures of Oakland County until 1974.

SUMMARY REPORT PATIENTS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE STATE CHARGE ON ADMISSION

Hospital	Accounts	Days	Charges	Personal Payment	Insurance Received
Clinton Valley Center	195	12,937	\$342,724.32	\$5,155.49	\$67,425.53
Lafayette Clinic	34	2,841	66,455.94	595.00	18,361.73
Oakdale Center (Lapeer)	2	352	8,311.95	-0-	-0-
Macomb-Oakland	13	2,093	11,361.50	3,674.56	-0-
Hawthorn Center	8	984	24,032.66	438.41	6,507.33
Ypsilanti	1	109	3,143.56	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	253	19,316	\$456,029.93	\$9,863.46	\$92,294.59

Adjustment due Oakland County: \$353,871.88

Oakland County was charged for the above patients under twenty-one years of age during the year 1973. Because they qualify for benefits under the Federal-State Title XIX program, they will be reclassified as a State-At-Large charge, and Oakland County will eventually receive adjustment for these patients. Some \$182,800.00 of these adjustments were credited on the November and December Support of Patients and are included in this report, but were not actually transmitted to Oakland County until late April, 1974, so will not be reflected in the general accounting figures until 1974.

PATIENTS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE CHARGEABLE TO OAKLAND COUNTY ON ADMISSION

Hospital	Accounts	Days	Charges	
Clinton Valley Center	74	5,000	\$112,042.97	
Lafayette Clinic	29	1,784	52,708.10	
Oakdale Center	3	395	7,943.98	
Macomb-Oakland	3	382	2,093.00	
Hawthorn	1	114	741.00	
TOTAL	110	7,675	\$175,529.05	

VOLUNTARY ADMITTANCES TO STATE INSTITUTIONS

	<u>Feb</u> .	March	April	May	June	<u>July</u>	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1972 0	23	0	1	21	27	25	29	41	43	41	28	279
1973												
61	75	85	76	92	80	90	86	88	96	68	55	952

PATIENT DAYS IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL	1973	<u>1972</u>
Hawthorn Center	1,097	600
Kalamazoo	15	157
Lafayette Clinic	5,903	2,189
Northville	6	87
Clinton Valley Center (formerly Pontiac State)	44,265	32,613
Traverse City	22	37
Ypsilanti	152	71
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	51,460	35,754
HOSPITALS FOR THE		
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED	1973	1972
Oakdale Center (formerly Lapeer)	727	2,104
Macomb-Oakland Residential Ctr.	2,316	176
Mt.Pleasant	37	20
	3,080	2,300
COMBINED TOTAL IN DAYS:	54,540	38,054

STATE INSTITUTIONS

SUMMARY OF ADMITTANCES AND DISCHARGES

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

	Admitted 1	973 <u>Discharged</u> <u>State</u>	-At-Lā	Admitted	<u>Discharged</u> (Includes State-At-Large)
Clinton Valley Center, (formerly Pontiac State Ho Northville State Hospital Kalamazoo State Hospital Ypsilanti State Hospital, Traverse City State Hospi	, , and	1,069	12	742	701
Hawthorn Center and Lafayette Clinic	85	85	0	51	27
HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED					
Oakdale Center (formerly Lapeer), Mt.Pleasant, an Macomb-Oakland Residen Center		14	1	25	21

The above report was compiled from the "Support of Patients" - the form used by the Department of Revenue, State of Michigan, to bill counties for the first 365 days of hospitalization in state institutions. Oakland County is charged for the first 365 days an Oakland County resident is hospitalized, and care after this initial period is as a state-at-large patient. Therefore, a percentage of those patients listed as discharged might still be hospitalized as state-at-large charges.

Please see pages 12 thru 13 for a more detailed report of individual hospitals.

EMERGENCY MENTAL HOSPITALIZATION

During the year 1973, the number of individual cases hospitalized at Woodside Medical, Inc., under our emergency mental program, totalled 403, in contrast to 1,066 cases in 1972.

LENGTH OF STAY

Number of Days	Number o	of Cases
	1973	1972
1 - 7	252	491
8 - 14	69	205
15 - 30	52	297
31 - 42	12	47
43 - 90	12	20
91 - 180	6	6
181 - 365	0	0
Not included in above report: Still hospitalized - January 1, 1974	10	
DISPOSITION OF CASES		
Transferred to State Institutions	231	471
Transferred to Veterans' Hospital	17	29
Cases Dismissed	124	519
Transferred to other hospitals	30	4 5
Expired during stay at hospital	1	2
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EMERGENCY MENTAL HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSE TO OAKLAND COUNTY

January 1, 1973, thru December 31, 1973

	Paid by County 1973	Paid by County 1972
EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL		
Woodside Medical, Inc.	\$ 171,151.49	\$ 328,354.40
TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS		
Ambulance Charges	\$ 7,213.16	\$ 7,770.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY OAKLAND COUNTY	\$ 178,364.65	\$ 336,124.40

Since August 15, 1960, the County of residence has received day credit for this emergency hospitalization as a part of the first year of care in a state institution. These days accrue after days covered by Act 229 have been exhausted.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOCTORS' EXAMINATIONS

These charges are for doctors' examinations approved by the Probate Court made prior to committment to a state institution, as required by statute.

	1973	1972
Cost to County	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,405.00
Reimbursement	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,434.00

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Accounts for patients hospitalized under Act 54 are referred to the Reimbursement Division for investigation and collection, based on findings of ability to pay of the patient and/or his responsible relatives.

	<u>1973</u>	1972		
Reimbursement	\$ 5,259.58	\$ 6,037.20		

OAKLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL

	<u>1973</u>		<u>1972</u>	
Reimbursement	\$	595.00	\$	1,546.06

The above receipts cover delinquent accounts that were referred to the Reimbursement Division for collection.

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES (PROBATE COURT)

	1973	1972
Cost to County	\$127,195.00	\$72,446.33
Reimbursement	\$ 18,952.37	\$11,517.50

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES (CIRCUIT COURT)

	<u>1973</u>		<u>1972</u>	
Reimbursement	\$17,773.50	\$	410.00	

CLINTON VALLEY CENTER

$\frac{\text{Number of Patients in Hospital}}{\underset{\underline{\text{as of } 12-31-71}}{\underline{149}}}$

$\frac{\text{Number of Patients in Hospital}}{\underset{\underline{\text{as of } 12-31-72}}{\underline{190}}}$

			Persons in
1972 Admi	Ittances	Discharges	Hospital
anuary	50	50	149
ebruary	48	49	148
arch	48	52	144
oril	38	47	135
аy	74	55	154
ne	74	65	163
ly	58	72	149
gust	65	56	158
ptember	74	73	159
ctober	68	53	174
ovember	63	62	175
ecember	74	59	190
tal 7	34	693	

Number of Patients Hospitalized as of 12-31-73 211

STATE HOSPITALS

<u>1972</u>

Hospital	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital 12-31-72	Admittances	D i scharges	State at-Large	Persons in Hospital 12-31-73
Hawthorn	8	3	5	5	6	0	4
Kalamazoo	2	3	0	1	0	0	1
Lafayette	43	24	19	80	79	0	20
Lapeer	19	20	5	1	5	0	1
(Oakdale Cen Macomb-Oakla		1	4	12	8	1	7
Mt.Pleasant	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Northville	4	4	0	2	2	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traverse City	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Ypsilanti	1	0	1	2	3	0	0