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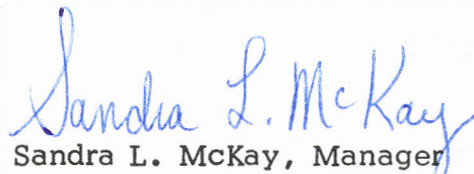
To: Daniel T. Murphy
Oakland County Executive

The activities of the Reimbursement Division for the year of 1980 are presented in this report for your perusal.

With the continued down trend in the economy as well as our location in the West Wing basement of the Court House, the amount of revenue that we were able to collect was less than we had anticipated.

Because of the poor economy, many Circuit Court defendants that would normally have been considered indigent were allowed to join the Court Community Service Program in order to satisfy their probation costs. There was a total of \$45,491.93 in work referral credits during the year.

If you have any questions concerning this report, I would be most happy to discuss them with you.


Sandra L. McKay, Manager
Reimbursement Division

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cc: James M. Brennan

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REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980

REPORT OF ACTIVITY

<u>ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PAYMENTS</u>		
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	6,065	5,932	5,347
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Juvenile)	3,236	3,123	1,647
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Mental Health)	271	284	
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	207	299	2,298
Doctors' Exams	8	8	3
Community Mental Health	44	15	71
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	83	95	173
Circuit Court Costs	10,068	16,517	5,696
Circuit Court Attorney Fees	6,383	9,843	970
Circuit Court Fines	172	170	91
Paternity Blood Test Fees	39	15	
Filing Fees	1		
Transcript Fees	8	8	
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Total	26,585	36,309	16,296
 <u>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</u>			
Boys' & Girls' Training Schools & Group Homes	657	509	686
Probate Support	159	194	123
Circuit Court Restitution	2,597	2,468	599
State of Michigan Mental Health Reimbursement Collections		3	
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Total	3,413	3,174	1,408
Combined Total	29,998	39,483	17,704
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>			
Number of Auditors Cash Receipt Transactions	92*	70	1,770
Number of Welfare Client Transactions			361
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Total	92	70	2,131
Grand Total	30,090	39,553	19,835

*As of January, 1978, the Accounting Division assumed this function for all transactions other than Land Sales and the Building Fund.

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980

ACCOUNTS:

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 376,888.17	\$ 371,433.51	\$ 260,027.23
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Juvenile)	79,042.99	76,701.34	46,036.12
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Mental Health)	15,206.76	15,003.59	
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	10,984.73	24,885.65	791,874.52
Doctors' Exams	305.00	170.00	150.00
Community Mental Health	2,330.85	931.50	2,186.00
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	13,956.33	38,115.15	58,949.98
Circuit Court Costs	386,153.08	380,897.36	184,074.24
Circuit Court Attorney Fees	182,613.06	183,892.05	24,414.49
Circuit Court Fines	25,292.00	13,971.00	7,715.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	758.00	137.50	
Filing Fees	116.50		
Transcript Fees	140.00	110.00	
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Total	\$1,093,787.47	\$1,106,248.65	\$1,375,427.58

TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Boys' & Girls' Training Schools and Group Homes	\$ 42,769.95	\$ 22,402.77	\$ 17,136.41
Probate Support	15,044.25	35,442.01	13,561.13
Circuit Court Restitution	228,327.37	236,088.28	32,048.71
State of Michigan Mental Health Reimbursement Collections		7,184.37	
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Total	\$ 286,141.57	\$ 301,117.43	\$ 62,746.25
Combined Total	\$1,379,929.04	\$1,407,366.08	\$1,438,173.83

JUVENILE ACCOUNTS - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980

ACCOUNTS:

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Child Care	\$ 376,888.17	\$ 371,433.51	\$ 260,027.23
Attorney Fees	79,042.99	76,701.34	46,036.12
Trust Accounts:			
Boys' & Girls' Training Schools,			
Group Homes & Half-Way Houses	42,769.95*	22,402.77	17,136.41
Probate Support	<u>13,794.96**</u>	<u>31,584.52</u>	<u>13,561.13</u>
Total	\$ 512,496.07	\$ 502,122.14	\$ 336,760.89

*This amount includes \$13,426.36 credited to Oakland County on the State Support of Patients and represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services.

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

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD & CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,
BOYS' & GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 738,750.00	\$ 795,481.00	\$ 321,222.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 42,769.95	\$ 22,402.77	\$ 17,136.41

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (JUVENILE)

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 378,945.67	\$ 351,863.00	\$ 270,128.43
Funds Recovered	\$ 79,042.99*	\$ 76,701.34	\$ 46,036.12

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.

*Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment, as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately, thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area.

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980

ACCOUNTS:

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Court Costs	\$ 386,153.08	\$ 380,897.36	\$ 184,074.24
Attorney Fees	182,613.06	183,892.05	24,414.49
Fines	25,292.00	13,971.00	7,715.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	758.00	137.50	
Transcript Fees	140.00	110.00	
Trust Account - Restitution	<u>228,327.37</u>	<u>236,088.28</u>	<u>32,048.71</u>
Total Funds Recovered	\$ 823,283.51*	\$ 815,096.19	\$ 248,252.44

In October, 1973, the responsibility for collection of the above ordered payments was transferred to the Reimbursement Division from the Probation Department.

*The Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$4,555.00 of the above funds from defendants who are placed on the Work Release Program.

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>
Court Costs	\$ 26,068.00	\$ 10,563.25
Attorney Fees	14,538.00	3,349.00
Restitution	<u>4,885.93</u>	<u> </u>
Total Credits Recovered	\$ 45,491.93	\$ 13,912.25

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants, short of imposing costly jail sentences. This program is supervised by the Probation Department.

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Cost to County	\$1,058,269.55	\$ 889,744.86	\$ 697,015.30
Funds Recovered	\$ 182,613.06*	\$ 183,892.05	\$ 24,414.49

Upon the approval and direction of the Circuit Court Bench and the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee, in July, 1972, the Board of Auditors (now known as Oakland County Executive), through its Reimbursement Division, and in conjunction with the Court Administrator, began to formulate a collection procedure to recover funds expended by Oakland County for court-appointed attorneys in felony matters.

*The 46th and 52/1 District Courts have required defendants that they have placed on probation to repay attorney fees, thus assisting this Division in collecting \$7,583.50 of the above funds.

PATERNITY BLOOD TEST FEES

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 758.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 575.00

The Reimbursement Division became active in the collection of fees paid for blood tests in paternity matters in the fall of 1977.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1980

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Accounts for patients hospitalized under Act 54 are referred to the Reimbursement Division for investigation and collection. From November, 1976, until January, 1979, this office was responsible for the billing and collection of services for the out-patient clinics. This responsibility was assumed by the clinics in 1979. The Community Mental Health out-patient clinics have continued to refer accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action is required.

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 2,330.85	\$ 931.50	\$ 2,186.00

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1975</u>
Funds Recovered	\$13,956.33	\$38,115.15	\$58,949.98

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

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES (PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH)

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Cost to County	\$87,803.00	\$77,270.00	\$57,826.54
Funds Recovered	\$15,206.76	\$15,003.59	\$12,730.61