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**REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

DANIEL T. MURPHY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 11, 1982

To: Daniel T. Murphy
Oakland County Executive

The activities of the Reimbursement Division for the year of 1981 are summarized in this report for your review.

The continued downtrend in the economy had a detrimental effect on the amount of revenue that we were able to collect on behalf of the county.

Again this year, because of the poor economy, many of the Circuit Court defendants that would normally have been considered indigent were allowed to work in the Court Community Service Program in order to satisfy their probation costs. There was a total of \$71,636.75 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

Sandra L. McKay, Manager
Reimbursement Division

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cc: James M. Brennan

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REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1981

REPORT OF ACTIVITY

<u>ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PAYMENTS</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	6,790	6,065	6,290
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Juvenile)	3,496	3,236	2,148
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Mental Health)	254	271	154
Mental Institutions and Emergency Care	123	207	1,536
Doctors' Exams	17	8	2
Community Mental Health	22	44	627
Oakland Medical Care Facility	52	83	177
Circuit Court Costs	10,235	10,068	8,704
Circuit Court Attorney Fees	6,384	6,383	1,510
Circuit Court Fines	150	172	111
Paternity Blood Test Fees	41	39	
Filing Fees	1	1	
Transcript Fees	5	8	
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Total	27,570	26,585	21,259
 <u>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</u>			
Boys' & Girls' Training Schools & Group Homes	639	657	825
Probate Support	167	159	179
Circuit Court Restitution	2,804	2,597	932
State of Michigan Mental Health Reimbursement Collections			<hr/> 193
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Total	3,610	3,413	2,129
Combined Total	31,180	29,998	23,388
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>			
Auditors Cash Receipt Transactions *	99	92	1,978
Welfare Client Transactions			<hr/> 963
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Total	99	92	2,941
Grand Total	31,279	30,090	26,329

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

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1981

ACCOUNTS:

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 396,221.57	\$ 376,888.17	\$ 308,626.43
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Juvenile)	85,582.00	79,042.99	60,050.36
Attorney Fees (Probate Court - Mental Health)	14,087.09	15,206.76	11,274.50
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	9,726.99	10,984.73	447,297.81
Doctors' Exams	958.00	305.00	300.00
Community Mental Health	1,154.20	2,330.85	35,255.88
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	65,334.72	13,956.33	67,147.82
Circuit Court Costs	354,413.39	386,153.08	285,195.43
Circuit Court Attorney Fees	172,451.85	182,613.06	46,799.83
Circuit Court Fines	23,950.30	25,292.00	23,605.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	852.75	758.00	
Filing Fees	34.18	116.50	
Transcript Fees	50.00	140.00	
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Total	\$1,124,817.04	\$1,093,787.47	\$1,285,553.06

TRUST ACCOUNTS:

Boys' & Girls' Training Schools and Group Homes	\$ 36,883.02	\$ 42,769.95	\$ 21,383.21
Probate Support	23,742.69	15,044.25	27,231.38
Circuit Court Restitution	229,109.15	228,327.37	58,969.13
State of Michigan Mental Health Reimbursement Collections			319,694.18
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Total	\$ 289,734.86	\$ 286,141.57	\$ 427,277.90
Combined Total	\$1,414,551.90	\$1,379,929.04	\$1,712,830.96

JUVENILE ACCOUNTS - STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1981, through December 31, 1981

ACCOUNTS:

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 396,221.57	\$ 376,888.17	\$ 308,626.43
Attorney Fees	<u>85,582.00</u>	<u>79,042.99</u>	<u>60,050.36</u>
Total	\$ 481,803.57	\$ 455,931.16	\$ 368,676.79
Trust Accounts:			
Boys' & Girls' Training Schools, Group Homes & Half-Way Houses	36,883.02*	42,769.95	21,383.21
Probate Support	<u>23,742.69**</u>	<u>13,794.96</u>	<u>27,231.38</u>
Total	\$ 60,625.71	\$ 56,564.91	\$ 48,614.59
 Total Funds Recovered	 \$ 542,429.28	 \$ 512,496.07	 \$ 417,291.38

*This amount includes \$15,383.70 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>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 803,810.00	\$ 738,750.00	\$ 491,813.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 36,883.02	\$ 42,769.95	\$ 21,383.21

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (JUVENILE)

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 375,720.39	\$ 378,945.67	\$ 264,711.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 85,582.00*	\$ 79,042.99	\$ 60,050.36

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, 1981, through December 31, 1981

ACCOUNTS:

REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Court Costs	\$ 354,413.39	\$ 386,153.08	\$ 285,195.43
Attorney Fees	172,451.85	182,613.06	46,799.83
Fines	23,950.30	25,292.00	23,605.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	852.75	758.00	
Transcript Fees	50.00	140.00	
Total	<u>\$ 551,718.29</u>	<u>\$ 594,956.14</u>	<u>\$ 355,600.26</u>
Trust Account:			
Restitution	<u>229,109.15</u>	<u>228,327.37</u>	<u>58,969.13</u>
 Total Funds Recovered	 \$ 780,827.44*	 \$ 823,283.51	 \$ 414,569.39

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 \$19,118.82 of the above funds from defendants who are placed on the Work Release Program.

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>
Court Costs	\$ 41,175.75	\$ 26,068.00	\$ 10,563.25
Attorney Fees	24,630.00	14,538.00	3,349.00
Restitution	<u>5,831.00</u>	<u>4,885.93</u>	<u> </u>
 Total Credits Recovered	 \$ 71,636.75	 \$ 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>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Cost to County:			
Regular Program	\$ 898,688.75	\$ 972,018.80	\$ 836,865.39
Appellate Program	249,560.00	86,250.75	85,809.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 172,451.85*	\$ 182,613.06	\$ 46,799.83

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 \$4,423.00 of the above funds.

PATERNITY BLOOD TEST FEES

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 852.75	\$ 758.00	\$ 137.50

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, 1981, through December 31, 1981

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>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,154.20	\$ 2,330.85	\$ 35,255.88

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 65,334.72	\$ 13,956.33	\$ 67,147.82

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

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES (PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH)

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1976</u>
Cost to County	\$111,803.24	\$ 87,803.00	\$ 45,155.33
Funds Recovered	\$ 14,087.09	\$ 15,206.76	\$ 11,274.50