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REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

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Change continues to be the "Name of the Game".

During 1974, the collection of costs, restitutions and fines, as ordered by our Circuit Court Judges, has gone forward, the program has been refined, and the procedures improved. The Reimbursement Division maintains a close liaison with the Probation Department, and the transfer of the financial responsibility from the Probation Department to the Reimbursement Division has eliminated the need of the probation officer of "wearing two hats", resulting in an improved relationship between probationer and probation officer.

This transfer has proven rewarding as well as it relates to the financial, as in the past, many of these young people have never had to face up to financial obligations, and because they are now required to approach the payment in an adult, responsible manner, it appears they are benefitting.

Recovery of monies expended for Circuit Court appointed attorneys resulted in collection of some \$20,000, with a minimal effort expended. During 1975, it is hoped that the program can be improved by developing a closer liaison with the District Courts. Hopefully, improved communication with the client will result, and through better communication, collections should increase.

On August 6, 1974, Governor William Milliken signed the new Mental Health Act 258, transferring the reimbursement responsibility from the Department of Treasury to the Department of Mental Health. Effective date of the reimbursement Section Eight was November 6, 1974. Section Three, the county to state financial section becomes effective August 6, 1975. After August 6, 1975, the county will be required to pay the state 10% of the net total cost for all residents of Oakland County in state mental hospitals, rather than as it is now, full cost for the first year hospitalized.

To date, little has been done at the state level to implement this transition, and even after the transfer is finalized, it will be in the counties' best interest to remain involved so as to make sure an equitable program is maintained.

April 30, 1975

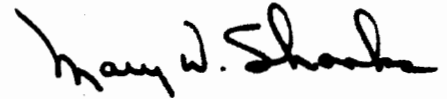
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In 1974, we were asked by the Bureau of Social Services to assist them with their Restrictive and Protective Payee accounts. We receive from the state approximately \$5,000 per month benefits for some 20 odd clients, which is subsequently paid out to landlords, utility companies, and replacement to the county for advances for personal needs of the clients.

This procedure eliminates emergency expenditures, and the necessity for payment of county funds to meet these emergencies.

This year, like last year, 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, 1974, thru December 31, 1974

Report of Activity

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS</u>		
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	5281	5277	5053
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees (Probate Court)	1321	701	74
Mental Institutions and Emergency Care	3283	3865	2398
Reimbursement of Doctor's Exams	12	43	95
Community Mental Health	112	126	25
Oakland County Hospital	36	21	-0-
Reimbursement of Circuit Court Costs	4465	764	-0-
Reimbursement of Circuit Court Attorney Fees	723	732	-0-
Circuit Court Fines	<u>50</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	15,283	11,534	7,645
 <u>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</u>			
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Boys & Girls Training Schools & Boarding Homes	717	813	872
Probate Support	195	217	474
Circuit Court Restitution	<u>362</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	1,274	1,103	1,364
COMBINED TOTAL	16,557	12,637	9,009
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number of Auditors Cash Receipt Transactions	1424	1449	1207
Number of Welfare Client Transactions	312	-0-	-0-
GRAND TOTAL	18,293	14,086	10,216

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1974, thru December 31, 1974

ACCOUNTS:

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$238,221.27	\$217,928.65	\$197,040.48
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees (Probate)	42,372.44	18,952.37	1,886.64
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	829,921.95	808,082.24	433,160.26
Reimbursement of Doctors' Exams	400.00	1,125.00	1,883.25
Community Mental Health	5,017.07	5,259.58	1,548.30
Oakland County Hospital	6,301.22	595.00	-0-
Reimbursement of Circuit Court Costs	147,265.79	24,924.80	-0-
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees (Circuit)	20,746.40	17,773.50	-0-
Circuit Court Fines	8,185.00	20.00	-0-
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TOTAL	\$1,298,431.14	\$1,094,661.14	\$635,518.93

TRUST ACCOUNTS:

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Boys & Girls Training Schools and Group Homes	\$ 16,982.91	\$ 14,117.07	\$ 17,479.28
Probate Support	15,837.04	9,869.38	22,420.63
Circuit Court Restitution	41,577.58	2,277.41	-0-
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TOTAL	\$ 74,397.53	\$ 26,263.86	\$ 39,899.91
COMBINED TOTAL	\$1,372,828.67	\$1,120,925.00	\$675,418.84

Note: For additional information, please refer to Expenditures, Page 6.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTS  
Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1974, thru December 31, 1974

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Child Care	\$238,221.27*	\$217,928.65	\$197,040.48
Trust Accounts			
Boys & Girls Vocational Schools, Half-Way Houses and Group Homes	16,982.91	14,117.07	17,479.28
Probate Support	<u>15,837.04**</u>	<u>9,869.38**</u>	<u>22,420.63**</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	\$271,041.22	\$241,915.10	\$236,940.39

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$258,879.37	\$157,299.26	\$167,909.69
Reimbursement	16,982.91	14,117.07	17,479.28

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (PROBATE)

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$195,809.00	\$127,195.00	\$ 48,610.64
Reimbursement	42,372.44	14,117.07	1,886.64

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 \$826.75 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 a Probate Court order.

SUMMARY OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION

OF MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

January 1, 1974 thru December 31, 1974

MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ACCOUNTS:

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>
Hospitals for the Mentally Ill (including emergency mental)	\$811,330.49	\$766,229.77	\$403,754.61
Hospitals for the Mentally Handicapped	14,182.16	41,450.42	28,901.65
Hospitals for the Criminally Insane	4,409.30	-0-	504.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$829,921.95	\$807,680.19	\$433,160.26

It is the responsibility of the Reimbursement Division to collect monies due the County of Oakland, as ordered by the Probate Judges, or from those admitted voluntarily, 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.

Regarding patients admitted voluntarily, see page 7.



STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1974, thru December 31, 1974

REIMBURSEMENTS

	Amt. Collected by County <u>1974</u>	Credits fr. Dept. of Rev. <u>1974</u>	Total Amt. Collected <u>1974</u>	Total Amt. Collected <u>1973</u>
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL</b>				
Hawthorn Center	\$ 3,874.69	\$ 45.00	3,919.69	23,970.07
Kalamazoo	4,326.10	-0-	4,326.10	-0-
Lafayette Clinic	88,149.71	245.35	\$ 88,395.06	\$ 94,022.23
Northville	6,215.96	-0-	6,215.96	843.07
North Oakland Center (W)	-0-	7,467.87	7,467.87	1,298.96
Oakland Medical Center	-0-	343.12	343.12	1,172.57
Clinton Valley Center and Emergency Care	657,629.49	42,419.88	700,049.37	643,279.55
Traverse City	90.00	90.00	180.00	-0-
Ypsilanti	415.08	18.24	433.32	1,643.32
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TOTAL:	\$760,701.03	\$ 50,629.46	\$811,330.49	\$766,229.77
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED</b>				
Oakdale Center (Lapeer)	\$ 11,169.06	\$ 25.00	\$ 11,194.06	\$ 35,813.52
Macomb-Oakland	1,938.10	50.00	1,988.10	5,636.90
Mt. Pleasant	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00	-0-
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TOTAL:	\$ 14,107.16	\$ 75.00	\$ 14,182.16	\$ 41,450.42
<b>CRIMINALLY INSANE</b>				
Ionia	\$ 4,409.30	\$ -0-	\$ 4,409.30	\$ -0-
COMBINED TOTAL:	\$779,217.49	\$ 50,704.46	\$829,921.95	\$807,680.19

Note: For additional information, please refer to Expenditures, Page 6.

**STATE INSTITUTIONS**  
 January 1, 1974, thru December 31, 1974  
**EXPENDITURES**

	Per Diem cost pd. to Dept. of Rev. <u>1974</u>	Per diem cost pd. to Dept. of Rev. <u>1973</u>	Per diem cost pd. to Dept. of Rev. <u>1969</u>
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL</b>			
Hawthorn Center	\$ 36,665.61 (11,399.56)cr	\$ 19,432.66	\$ 45,971.20
Kalamazoo	3,893.50	432.60	-0-
Lafayette Clinic	178,676.58 (9,338.06)cr	140,509.42	56,481.70
Northville	(3,505.21)cr	1,100.72	8,918.11
North & West Oakland Center	204,094.09 (25,311.22)cr	68,703.11	-0-
Oakland Medical Center	31,919.96	14,636.48	-0-
Clinton Valley Center	1,446,519.57 (291,450.91)cr (6,536.00)cr*	997,117.84	511,156.61
Traverse City	267.48	634.48	132.75
Ypsilanti	-0-	1,240.12	103.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,554,495.83</b>	<b>\$1,243,807.43</b>	<b>\$622,763.62</b>
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED</b>			
Caro	\$ -0-	\$ (170.25)cr	\$ 3,635.90
Oakdale Center	11,165.75	(902.99)cr	193,781.17
Mt. Pleasant	-0-	(670.50)cr	2,615.15
Macomb-Oakland Center	16,078.95 (6,033.19)cr	16,457.35	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,211.51</b>	<b>\$ 14,713.61</b>	<b>\$200,032.22</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,575,707.34</b>	<b>\$1,258,521.04</b>	<b>\$822,795.84</b>
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE</b>			
Ionia and Forensic	\$ (514.55)cr	\$(57,872.89)cr	\$ 11,748.00
<b>EMERGENCY CARE-MENTALLY ILL</b>	<b>\$ 64,316.43</b>	<b>\$171,151.49</b>	<b>\$170,287.88</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,009.50</b>	<b>\$ 7,213.16</b>	<b>\$ 11,240.10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 67,811.38</b>	<b>\$120,491.76</b>	<b>\$193,275.98</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,643,518.72</b>	<b>\$1,379,012.80</b>	<b>\$1,016,071.82</b>

Oakland County was originally charged for hospitalization for all patients under 21 years of age. Subsequently, many of the patients were qualified for Title XIX benefits (Medicaid), and Oakland County received credit for charges that remained after insurance credits, in the amount of some \$347,000. The Reimbursement Division made financial investigations (see explanation under voluntary admissions on Page 7), and filed and collected insurance benefits due on these accounts. These insurance monies are included in reimbursement total "Mental Institutions and Emergency Care".

\* The new Mental Health Act 258, effective November 6, 1974, requires that attorneys be appointed to represent patients in hearings before the Probate Court. For the months of November and December, Oakland County expended \$6,536.00 in payment to attorneys and this amount has been deducted from monies owing to the State of Michigan for cost of care of these patients.

VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total</u>
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
1974	87	84	78	75	87	80	102	107	93	105	87	108	1,093

In 1972, a new voluntary admission statute became effective. This resulted in many patients being admitted to state institutions voluntarily, rather than by Probate Court Orders. Prior to 1972, the majority of patients were admitted by Court Order.

Even though the superintendent of the hospital, prior to November 6, 1974, was designated by statute as the person who was to make the financial determination, the county remained responsible for payment to the State of Michigan for the cost of care for the first year, and because of this financial responsibility, it was in the county's best interest to continue to secure financial information from the patient and/or responsible relatives, so ability to pay, as well as residency, could be determined. Recommendation as to ability to pay is made to the superintendent.

PATIENT DAYS IN  
STATE INSTITUTIONS

<u>HOSPITALS FOR THE</u> <u>MENTALLY ILL</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Hawthorn Center	1,356	1,097
Kalamazoo	129	15
Lafayette Clinic	4,309	5,903
Northville	79	6
Clinton Valley Center (formerly Pontiac State)	43,356	44,265
Traverse City	6	22
Ypsilanti	0	152
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	49,235	51,460

<u>HOSPITALS FOR THE</u> <u>MENTALLY HANDICAPPED</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Oakdale Center (formerly Lapeer)	788	727
Macomb-Oakland Residential Cntr.	2,072	2,316
Mt. Pleasant	0	37
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	2,860	3,080
 COMBINED TOTAL IN DAYS:	 52,095	 54,540

STATE INSTITUTIONS

SUMMARY OF ADMITTANCES AND DISCHARGES

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>1974</u>		<u>Admitted</u>	<u>1973</u>	
		<u>Discharged</u>	<u>State-At-Large</u>		<u>Discharged</u>	<u>(Includes State-at-Large)</u>
Clinton Valley Center, (formerly Pontiac State), Northville State Hospital, Kalamazoo State Hospital, Ypsilanti State Hospital, and Traverse City State Hospital.	1,018	1,008	16	1,102	1,081	
Hawthorn Center and Lafayette Clinic	87	82	0	85	85	

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Oakdale Center (formerly Lapeer), Mt. Pleasant and Macomb-Oakland Residential Center.	11	9	1	13	15	
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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 1974, the number of individual cases hospitalized at Woodside Medical, Inc., under our emergency mental program, totalled 165, in contrast to 403 cases in 1973.

**LENGTH OF STAY**

<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
1 - 7	122	252
8 - 14	22	69
15 - 30	15	52
31 - 42	2	12
43 - 90	4	12
91 - 180	0	6
181 - 365	0	0

As of January 1, 1975, there were no persons hospitalized.

**DISPOSITION OF CASES**

Transferred to State Institutions	79	231
Transferred to Veterans' Hospitals	1	17
Cases Dismissed	56	124
Transferred to other hospitals	29	30
Expired during stay at hospital	0	1

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**EMERGENCY MENTAL HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSE TO OAKLAND COUNTY**

January 1, 1974, thru December 31, 1974

	<u>Paid by County</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Paid by County</u> <u>1973</u>
<b>EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL</b>		
Woodside Medical, Inc.	\$ 64,316.43	\$ 171,151.49
<b>TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS</b>		
Ambulance Charges	\$ 4,009.50	\$ 7,213.16
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY OAKLAND COUNTY:</b>	<b>\$ 68,325.93</b>	<b>\$ 178,364.65</b>

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.

The new Mental Health Act 258, effective November 6, 1974, requires that the Department of Mental Health provide care and treatment for all emergency mentally ill persons. This eliminated the need for hospitalization of patients by Oakland County at Woodside Medical, Inc., after November 6, 1974.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOCTORS' EXAMINATIONS

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

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Cost to County	\$ 3,080.00	\$ 3,920.00
Reimbursement	400.00	1,125.00

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>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Reimbursement	\$ 5,017.07	\$ 5,259.58

OAKLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Reimbursement	\$ 6,301.22	\$ 595.00

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

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES ( PROBATE COURT)

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Cost to County	\$195,809.00	\$127,195.00
Reimbursement	42,372.44	14,117.07

REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES (CIRCUIT COURT)

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>
Reimbursement	\$20,746.40	\$17,773.50

CLINTON VALLEY CENTER

Number of Patients in Hospital  
as of 12-31-72  
190

Number of Patients in Hospital  
as of 12-31-73  
211

1973	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital
January	106	64	232
February	50	77	205
March	109	77	237
April	88	106	219
May	96	91	224
June	93	85	232
July	103	109	226
August	93	96	223
September	104	82	245
October	98	82	261
November	91	120	232
December	65	86	211
Total	1,095	1,063	

1974	Admittances	Discharges	State At-Large	Persons in Hospital
January	91	73	0	229
February	86	100	2	213
March	95	79	1	228
April	91	70	1	248
May	87	93	2	240
June	82	107	1	214
July	82	86	2	208
August	83	72	3	216
September	89	77	0	228
October	85	95	0	218
November	71	84	3	202
December	69	67	1	203
Total	1,013	1,003	16	

Number of Patients Hospitalized  
as of 12-31-74  
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STATE HOSPITALS

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Hospital	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital 12-31-73	Admittances	Discharges	State at-Large	Persons in Hospital 12-31-74
Hawthorn	5	6	4	7	6	0	5
Kalamazoo	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lafayette	80	79	20	80	78	0	22
Lapeer (Oakdale Center)	1	5	1	3	1	1	2
Macomb-Oakland	12	9	7	7	9	0	5
Mt. Pleasant	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Northville	2	2	0	3	3	0	0
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traverse City	1	1	0	2	1	0	1
Ypsilanti	2	3	0	0	0	0	0