

ANNUAL REPORT  
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
1970

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gentlemen:

The following Annual Report for the year 1970 is, as in the past, self-explanatory.

The gross cost of operation of this department increased from \$3,209,175.29 in 1969 to \$3,688,590.48 in 1970. The net cost to the county increased from \$893,162.44 in 1969 to \$999,109.42 the past year.

These increases are continuing in 1971 and the future as far as costs of Welfare are concerned looks pretty bleak. The State Legislature and the Federal Government need to take a real, hard look at the mounting costs of Welfare and consider the taxpayer rather than the recipients of these benefits. It is time that serious consideration be given to projects similar to PWA and WPA which existed during the depression. I realize that this is an unpopular recommendation for me to make, but I have made unpopular recommendations before, and I shall continue to do so as long as I am Commissioner.

Another unpopular recommendation that I wish to make is that the State Legislature should pass legislation which will prohibit strikers and their dependents from becoming eligible for Welfare benefits while a strike is in progress.

I wish to again thank the members of the Board and the members of the various Committees with whom I have worked during the past year for their continued understanding of the many problems in the administration of this department with which we are confronted.

I also wish to express my appreciation for the continued cooperation which we have received from city, town, village and other county departments and officials.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Liddle*

William Liddle, Commissioner

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Personal Services	\$297,744.16
Equipment	1,641.50
Supplies & materials	5,733.73
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	44,806.70
Outstanding encumbrances	<u>2,325.00</u>
	\$352,251.09

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$145,473.49
State reimbursement	<u>140,996.32</u>
	\$286,469.81
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 65,781.28

The gross administrative costs increased from \$313,221.64 in 1969 to \$352,251.09 in 1970, while the net local cost decreased from \$87,938.15 to \$65,781.28.

Included in the above is the expense of Distribution of Federal Surplus Commodities and the cost of the Food Stamp Program, which is shown on the following page.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COST (1/1 - 6/30/70)

Deputies' wages and expenses	\$3,588.60
75% Clerk's salary	1,577.60
Clerk's travel expense	199.00
Trucking expense	2,265.88
Postage	250.00
Printing	50.00
Estimated value of other supplies	<u>50.00</u>
	\$7,981.08

FOOD STAMP COSTS (7/1 - 12/31/70)

To banks for "Authorization to purchase" certificates	\$2,162.15
Staff travel expense	117.99
90% Clerk's salary	1,893.15
Other wages connected with Food Stamp administration	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$7,173.29
GROSS COST, SURPLUS FOOD & FOOD STAMPS	\$15,154.37

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$10,340.49
Federal reimbursement	<u>2,349.90</u>
	\$12,690.39
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 2,463.98

PURCHASE OF SERVICES

Disbursements:

Total expenditures	<u>36,760.01</u>
	\$6,760.01

Reimbursement:

Federal reimbursement	\$4,602.32
State reimbursement	<u>1,155.63</u>
	\$5,757.95

NET LOCAL COST	\$1,002.06
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$195,471.19
Other payments	<u>3,695.50</u>
	\$199,166.69

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$103,647.90
State reimbursement	53,309.31
Repayments & recoveries	<u>5,472.64</u>
	\$162,429.85
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 36,736.84

The average monthly caseload in this category for 1970 was 198 persons compared to 188 in 1969. The gross cost increased from \$173,236.73 in 1969 to \$199,166.69 in 1970, while the net cost increased from \$22,461.46 to \$36,736.84.

HOME RELIEF

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$259,872.84
Other payments	<u>1,194.21</u>
	\$261,067.05

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$126,741.44
Repayments & recoveries	<u>532.24</u>
	\$127,273.68
NET LOCAL COST	\$133,793.37

The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 143 representing 564 persons in 1969 to 157 representing 676 persons in 1970. The gross cost increased from \$198,482.74 to \$261,067.05 while the net cost increased from \$99,155.34 in 1969 to \$133,793.37 in 1970.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$1,095,028.13
Other expenses	<u>1,243.94</u>
	\$1,096,272.07

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$471,501.59
State reimbursement	282,991.04
Repayments and refunds	<u>43,592.79</u>
	\$ 798,035.42
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 298,186.65

The average monthly caseload in this category in 1970 was 410 representing 1696 persons compared to 312 representing 1305 persons in 1969. The gross cost increased from \$824,372.42 to \$1,096,272.07, while the net cost to the county increased from \$195,094.87 in 1969 to \$298,186.65 in 1970.

AID TO THE BLIND

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$2,198.59
Other expenses	<u>750.54</u>
	\$2,949.13

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$1,099.28
State reimbursement	<u>1,051.96</u>
	\$2,151.24
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 797.89

The average monthly caseload in this category was 4 compared to 3 in 1969. The gross cost increased from \$2,375.97 in 1969 to \$2,949.13 in 1970, while the net cost to the county increased from \$296.77 to \$797.89.

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AID TO THE DISABLED

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$78,615.97
Other expenses	<u>106.75</u>
	\$78,722.72

Credits:

Federal reimbursement	\$38,646.86
State reimbursement	21,325.58
Repayments and recoveries	<u>1,616.10</u>
	\$61,588.54
NET LOCAL COST	\$17,134.18

The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 72 in 1969 to 81 in 1970. The gross cost increased from \$66,166.52 to \$78,722.72, while the net cost to the county increased from \$10,862.86 in 1969 to \$17,134.18 in 1970.

BURIALS

Disbursements	\$21,638.85
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Credits:

State reimbursement	\$4,843.25
Repayments & recoveries	<u>4,023.20</u>
	\$8,866.45
NET LOCAL COST	\$12,772.40

Due to the increase in the number of burials in 1970, the gross cost increased from \$13,138.50 in 1969 to \$21,638.85 in 1970, while the net cost to the county increased from \$7,662.03 to \$12,772.40.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Nursing Home Care	\$ 82,000.31
Hospital Care	429,519.69
Physicians' Services	202,166.72
Dentists' Services	91,377.46
Druggists	162,744.86
Opticians, optometrists, etc.	29,015.39
Other care	<u>43,008.82</u>
	\$1,039,833.25

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$278,449.01
Federal reimbursement	482,851.65
Repayments and recoveries	<u>14,644.40</u>
	\$ 775,945.06
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 263,888.19

The gross cost of this program increased from \$988,123.68 in 1969 to \$1,039,833.25 in 1970, while the net cost to the county increased from \$247,839.57 to \$263,888.19.

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)

The total monthly caseload in this division ranged from a low of 208 children to a high of 227 in 1970 compared to a low of 197 children and a high of 221 in 1969.

The number of children in Foster Care in 1970 ranged from a low of 108 children to a high of 126 compared to a low of 107 children and a high of 131 in 1969.

The number of referrals to this division increased from 234 in 1969 to 320 in 1970. The greatest number of referrals came from families, 108; from court, 64; while the remaining numbers were divided between private citizens, Public Assistance Division, Schools and other sources.

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FOSTER CARE

Disbursements:

Board, clothing, supplies	\$126,921.82
Other	<u>9,984.89</u>
	\$136,906.71

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$ 61,680.70
Repayments	<u>10,576.77</u>
	\$ 72,257.47
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 64,649.24

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Disbursements:

Board, tuition, etc.	<u>\$11,176.21</u>
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Credits:

Refunds	\$ 29.11
	\$ 29.11
NET LOCAL COST	\$11,147.10

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GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL INFIRmary

Disbursements:

Salaries, wages and fees	\$367,274.70
Equipment	2,113.45
Food	40,621.15
Maintenance supplies	10,635.47
Drugs and medical supplies	28,850.80
Fuel	6,515.54
Drygoods and linon	1,855.81
Gasoline	284.38
Repairs	4,840.69
Laundry and Diaper service	10,934.13
Light and power	3,743.60
Telephone	1,522.43
Elevator service	360.00
Other (Extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, garbage disposal, cleaning septic tanks, etc.)	<u>2,294.55</u>
	\$481,846.70

Credits:

Refunds and repayments	\$ 88,912.33
State reimbursement	99,843.95
Federal reimbursement	<u>199,870.20</u>
	<u>\$388,626.48</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 93,220.22

The total number of days' care rendered to patients during 1970 was 34,047 compared to 33,134 in 1969. The total number of patients under care at the beginning of 1970 was 90; the total number of patients under care during the year was 171; the total number of discharges, including deaths, was 77 and the total number of patients under care at the end of 1970 was 94.

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1970STATISTICAL SUMMARYDisbursements:

General Administration	\$352,251.09
Purchase of Services	6,760.01
Old Age Assistance	199,166.69
Home Relief	261,067.05
Aid to Dependent Children	1,096,272.07
Aid to the Blind	2,949.13
Aid to the Disabled	78,722.72
Burials	21,638.85
Medical Assistance	1,039,833.25
Child Welfare	136,906.71
Juvenile Delinquents	11,176.21
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>481,846.70</u>
	\$3,688,590.48

Credits:

General Administration	\$286,469.81
Purchase of Services	5,757.95
Old Age Assistance	162,429.85
Home Relief	127,273.68
Aid to Dependent Children	798,085.42
Aid to the Blind	2,151.24
Aid to the Disabled	61,588.54
Burials	8,866.45
Medical Assistance	775,945.06
Child Welfare	72,257.47
Juvenile Delinquents	29.11
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>388,626.48</u>
	<u>\$2,689,481.06</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 999,109.42