

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
1972

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gentlemen:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the year 1972.

The gross cost of operation of this department increased from \$4,385,108.14 in 1971 to \$4,622,479.17 in 1972, the net cost to the county decreased from \$1,143,602.03 to \$1,097,524.14 for the 1972 year.

Although the cost of Social Services is a continually increasing item in the total county budget and a serious concern of the Board of Supervisors, we must realize that State mandated programs and expenditures threaten the financial destiny of local governments.

As an example: physicians office fees for medicaid patients have been increased by 50% effective January 1, 1973 by the State Department of Social Services. Yet, at no time was any member of the governing board of Madison County consulted on, or advised of a probable increase. Nor was such an increase projected in the 1973 county budget. However, the county must pay 25% of any increase mandated by the state.

Again, there is a bill pending before the State Legislature which would increase, by 10%, the assistance grants of the Home Relief and Aid to Dependent Children categories. While not arguing the merits for or against this particular bill, we must realize that if passed the minimum result will be an increase in the County Social Services budget of \$175,000.00..

It is obvious, therefore, that our local government is not responsible for the spiraling costs of a Social Services Department whose operations are understood by few, condemned by some and criticized by all.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the members of the Board for the cooperation and understanding they have shown my department and especially my heartfelt thanks to the Social Services Committee for their expert guidance and advice given me during the first six months of my term as Commissioner of Social Services.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Carlson
William T. Carlson, Commissioner

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements:

Personal Services	\$359,530.20
Equipment	1,004.20
Outstanding Encumbrances	1,068.63
Contracted Expense (Travel, postage, tel., etc.)	57,431.09
Outstanding Encumbrances	<u>368.15</u>
	\$419,402.27

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$118,923.39
Federal Reimbursement	257,979.47
Repayments	<u>32.04</u>
	<u>\$376,934.90</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>42,467.37</u>

The gross administration costs increased from \$387,724.83 in 1971 to \$419,402.27 in 1972, while the net local cost decreased from \$44,359.86 to \$42,467.37.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCEDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$233,404.98
Vendor Payments	<u>3,227.71</u>
	\$236,632.69

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 59,251.21
Federal Reimbursement	123,668.14
Refunds or Repayments	<u>12,250.06</u>
	\$195,169.41
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>41,463.28</u>

The average monthly caseload in this category for 1972 was 232 persons, compared to 207 persons in 1971. This shows an increase of 25 for the year. Gross costs decreased from \$243,875.28 to \$236,632.69, while the net cost to the County decreased from \$61,870.60 to \$41,463.28.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDRENDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$1,177,561.65
Vendor Payments	<u>13,144.71</u>
	\$1,190,706.36

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 292,493.74
Federal Reimbursement	612,194.75
Refunds or Repayments	<u>41,507.03</u>
	\$ <u>946,195.52</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>244,510.84</u>

The average monthly caseload in this category in 1972 was 508 cases, representing 1707 persons, compared to 462 cases, representing 1868 persons in 1971. The gross costs decreased from \$1,289,955.66 to \$1,190,706.36, while the net cost to the County decreased from \$335,901.88 to \$244,510.84, showing a decrease of net local costs of \$91,391.04 for 1972 year.

AID TO DISABLEDDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$133,107.37
Vendor Payments	<u>579.91</u>
	\$133,987.28

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 33,535.13
Federal Reimbursement	71,771.95
Refunds or Repayments	<u>4,337.80</u>
	\$109,644.88
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>24,342.40</u>

The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 104 to 130 cases in 1972 year. The gross cost increased from \$116,564.74 to \$133,987.28, while the net cost to the County decreased from \$26,349.93 to \$24,342.40 in 1972.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCEDisbursement:

Nursing Home Care	\$197,043.99
Hospital Care	625,540.15
Physicians Services	216,971.13
Pharmacy & Drugs	181,205.19
Dentists	104,078.29
Opticians & Optometrists	26,919.27
Misc. (clinics, prosthetic devices, etc.)	<u>59,738.83</u>
	\$1,411,496.85

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$366,752.19
Federal Reimbursement	684,618.32
Refunds or Repayments	<u>25,476.08</u>
	<u>\$1,076,846.59</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>334,650.26</u>

The gross cost of this category increased from \$1,202,705.64 to \$1,411,496.85 in 1972 year, while the net cost to the County increased from \$296,930.84 to \$334,650.26. The average monthly case load in 1972 was 744 cases.

CHILD WELFARE

(Foster Care)

Disbursements:

Boarding Homes	\$132,870.97
Private Institutions	<u>62,480.07</u>
	\$195,351.04

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$ 75,263.74
Refunds or Repayments	<u>14,888.17</u>
	\$ 90,151.91
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$105,199.13</u>

The average monthly caseload of Foster Care children in this Department was 121 in 1971, as compared to 125 for 1972. The gross cost of Foster Care in 1971 was \$190,377.52, as compared to \$195,351.04 for 1972, while the net local cost to the County increased from \$96,427.18 to \$105,199.13.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES

(Day Care Program)

Disbursements:

Vendor Payments to	
Day Care - Mothers,	
Day Care - Centers,	
Baby Sitters & Housekeepers	\$104,309.03

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$18,135.36
Federal Reimbursement	74,597.16
Refunds or Repayments	<u>3,597.57</u>
	\$ <u>96,330.39</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ <u>7,978.64</u>

The Day Care Program gross cost for the year 1972 was \$104,309.03, compared to \$44,080.81 for the 1971 year, resulting in an increase of \$60,228.22. The net local cost to the County for year 1971 was \$14,103.99, compared to 1972 year cost of \$7,978.64, with the result a decrease of \$6,125.35.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTSDisbursements:

No Payments Made in Year	- 0 -
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Credits:

State Reimbursement	- 0 -
Federal Reimbursement	- 0 -
Refunds or Repayments	<u>- 0 -</u>
	<u>- 0 -</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>- 0 -</u>

No comparison can be made between 1971 and 1972 years, as no expenditures were made by this Department in 1972. When the Division of Youth (a new division of the state) submits its billings to this Department, we anticipate expenditures to equal its appropriation for 1973.

BURIALSDisbursements:

Cash Payments to Funeral Directors	\$18,699.00
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Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$3,991.50
No Federal Reimbursement	-----
Refunds or Repayments	<u>447.00</u>
	\$ 4,438.50

NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$14,260.50</u>
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The gross costs of burials decreased the past year from \$20,839.25 to \$18,699.00, while the net local cost increased from \$8,798.82 in 1971 to \$14,260.50 in 1972.

AID TO BLINDDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$4,036.30
Vendor Payments	<u>960.34</u>
	\$4,996.64

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$1,314.44
Federal Reimbursement	2,156.26
Refunds or Repayments	<u>- 0 -</u>
	\$3,470.70
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$1,525.94</u>

The average monthly caseload in this category was 5 compared to 6 in 1971. The gross cost decreased from \$6,936.34 to \$4,996.64 in 1972, while the net local cost decreased from \$1,893.91 to \$1,525.94.

HOME RELIEFDisbursements:

Cash Grants	\$337,652.85
Vendor Payments	<u>5,541.93</u>
	\$343,194.78

Credits:

State Reimbursement	\$161,302.26
Federal Reimbursement	<u>- 0 -</u>
Refunds or Repayments	<u>3,818.32</u>
	\$165,120.58
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$178,074.20</u>

The average monthly caseload in this category increased from 204 cases representing 867 persons in 1971, to 254 cases representing 897 persons in 1972. The gross cost decreased from \$360,937.13 to \$343,194.78, while the net local cost decreased from \$183,337.39 to \$178,074.20.

GERIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL INFIRMARYDisbursements:

Salaries	\$434354.76
Equipment	1903.52
Food	46767.04
Drugs	23110.98
Med. Supplies	17523.88
Fuel	6224.47
Propane Gas	494.76
Gasoline	327.92
Drygoods & Linen	1132.59
Elevator Service	390.00
Exterminator Service	216.00
Telephone Service	1573.40
Electricity	4362.77
Garbage removal	480.00
Diaper Service	3127.44
Laundry Service	6535.48
Repairs	1777.41
Cleaning Service	439.00
Registering meals & mileage	301.90
maint. Supplies	11227.85
Architect Fees	850.50
Others (Petty cash, Inspat. Fire alarm sys., Advertising, Freight, Service contract copy mach., Storage charg., Care cemetery lot.)	<u>581.56</u>
Total	<u>\$563703.23</u>

Credits:

Refunds & Repayments	97273.13
State Reimbursement	121126.17
Fed. Reimbursement	<u>242252.35</u>
Total	<u>460,651.65</u>
Net Local Costs	<u>\$103,051.58</u>

The total number of days' care rendered to patients during 1972 was 34,371 compared to 34,312 in 1971. The monthly average number of patients under care thru the year (1972) was (97). Total gross cost for maintenance and operation of Infirmary in 1971 was \$517,202.93 compared to \$563,703.23 in 1972. The net local cost in 1971 was \$69,219.62 compared to \$103,051.58 in 1972 with a resultant increase of \$33,331.96.

STATISTICAL SUMMARYDisbursements:

General Administration	\$ 419402.27
Old Age Assistance	236632.69
Aid to Dependent Children	1190706.36
Aid to Disabled	133987.28
Home Relief	343194.78
Medical Assistance	1411496.85
Child Welfare (F.C.)	195351.04
Aid to Blind	4996.64
Purchase of Services (Day Care)	104309.03
Burials	18699.00
Juvenile Delinquents	-0-
Gerrit E. Smith Inf.	<u>563703.23</u>
Total	\$4,622,479.17

Credits:

General Administration	\$ 376934.90
Old Age Assistance	195169.41
Aid Dependent Children	946195.52
Aid to Disabled	109644.88
Home Relief	165120.58
Medical Assistance	1076846.59
Child Welfare (F.C.)	90151.91
Aid to Blind	3470.70
Purchase of Services (Day Care)	96330.39
Burials	4438.50
Juvenile Delinquents	-0-
Gerrit E. Smith Inf.	<u>460651.65</u>
NET LOCAL COSTS	<u>\$3,524,955.03</u>
	<u>\$1,097,524.14</u>