

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
1966

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Gentlemen:

The following Annual Report of this department for the year 1966 is self-explanatory.

The gross cost of operation increased from \$1,743,160.71 in 1965 to \$1,766,998.93 the past year, while the net cost to the county decreased from \$495,137.51 in 1965 to \$489,891.74 in 1966.

As I called to your attention in my last annual report the new Medical Assistance to Needy Persons law was passed and became effective May 1, 1966. I protested the enactment of such a law, but to no avail. As a result, we now have on the statute books of the State of New York the worst give-away program we will probably ever see.

We did not actually feel the impact of this legislation until September of last year. Now, every county welfare district in the state is being deluged with applications for this so-called "Medicaid" and I know of no welfare department which has sufficient money in its budget to finance this program through this year. At the present rate of applications monies allocated to "Medicaid" in the Madison County Welfare Department budget will be exhausted by September of 1967, if not before.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors for their salary increases which were granted to my staff members as well as myself.

We also appreciate the cooperation which various city, village, town and county departments have given this department the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

William Liddle

William Liddle, Commissioner
Madison County Welfare Dept.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements:

Personal Services	\$164,166.85	
Equipment	1,489.16	
Supplies & materials	4,415.21	
Other expenses (travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	31,985.81	
Outstanding encumbrances	<u>2,754.40</u>	
		\$204,811.43

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$ 69,080.33	
Federal reimbursement	<u>82,363.33</u>	
		<u>\$151,443.66</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 53,367.77

Although the gross administrative costs increased from \$194,360.40 in 1965, to \$204,811.43 in 1966, the net local cost decreased from \$54,718.40 to \$53,367.77.

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SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COST

Disbursements:

2/3 Clerk's salary	\$ 2,266.67
Clerk's travel expenses	371.20
Deputies' wages & expenses	2,281.30
Local storage & hauling	1,750.09
Storage & costs - Albany office	1,018.07
Postage	120.00
Printing	21.42
Estimated value of other departmental supplies & services used	<u>300.00</u>

\$8,128.75

Credit

State Reimbursement	\$ <u>4,064.38</u>
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\$4,064.37

NET LOCAL COST

In this program the gross cost increased from \$8,113.45 in 1965 to \$8,128.75 in 1966, while the net cost increased from \$4,056.72 to \$4,064.37.

NOTE: The above figures will not appear in the Statistical Summary as they are included in the General Administrative Disbursements and Credits.

The average number of Surplus Food Certificates issued monthly to Welfare recipients was 192 representing 974 persons, while the number of certificates issued to low income families was 268 representing 1447 persons.

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$120,011.86
Hospital care (1/1-4/30/66)	6,632.70
Doctors, dentists " " "	3,799.00
Drugs " " "	3,265.02
Other expenses	<u>4,560.08</u>

\$138,268.66

Credits:

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 5,825.15
State reimbursement	15,149.30
Federal reimbursement	<u>99,691.46</u>

\$120,665.91

NET LOCAL COST

\$ 17,602.75

It is impossible to present an accurate comparison of the gross and net costs of the above category of assistance in 1966 with that of 1965 as you will note that the medical costs only include the months through April 30, 1966. This is due to the fact that the Medical Assistance to Needy Persons program went into effect after April 30, and all medical costs became a part of that program and no longer were charged to individual categories of assistance. This not only applies to the Above program but also to all other programs on the following pages.

Doctors' and Dentists' fees also include fees paid to Podiatrists, Optometrists, Osteopaths, etc.

The average number of persons receiving Old Age Assistance in 1966 was 152, compared to 159 in 1965.

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$498,363.90
Hospital care (1/1-4/30/66)	20,113.41
Doctors & Dentists " " "	15,770.55
Drugs " " "	5,126.16
Other	<u>7,813.70</u>

\$547,187.72

Credits:

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 35,199.94
State reimbursement	111,855.33
Federal reimbursement	<u>281,551.50</u>

\$428,606.77

NET LOCAL COST

\$118,580.95

The average monthly caseload in this category was 224 for 1966 representing 980 persons, while in 1965 it was 226 cases representing 1001 persons.

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AID TO THE DISABLED

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$55,800.61	
Hospital care (1/1-4/30/66)	9,896.07	
Doctors & dentists " " "	3,099.45	
Drugs " " "	1,892.85	
Other	<u>637.91</u>	
		\$71,326.89

Credits:

Repayments and recoveries	\$ 1,630.19	
State reimbursement	11,605.55	
Federal reimbursement	<u>48,209.00</u>	
		<u>\$61,444.74</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 9,882.15

The average monthly caseload in this category for 1966 was 79 persons compared to 86 in 1965.

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DISBURSED

12,000.00
10,000.00
8,000.00
6,000.00
4,000.00
2,000.00

Other
Dues
Dues & benefits
Hospital care (1/2-1/3)
Cash grants

11,350.00

1,000.00
1,000.00
1,000.00
1,000.00

Medical reimbursement
State reimbursement
Reimbursement and reimbursement

11,350.00

11,350.00

NET LOCAL COST

The average monthly amount in this category for 1966 was 19
persons compared to 10 in 1965.

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AID TO THE BLIND

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$2,323.44
Doctors & dentists (1/1-4/30/66)	107.70
Drugs	30.91
Other	<u>534.20</u>

\$2,996.25

Credits:

Recoveries	\$ 913.70
State Reimbursement	416.49
Federal reimbursement	<u>2,125.00</u>

\$3,455.19

NET LOCAL COST

Credit balance

\$ 458.94

The average number of recipients in this category was 3 persons compared to 5 in 1965.

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11,383.44
101.70
10.21
524.80

Good House
House of Commons (1965-1966)
Dated
1966

18,000.00

Expenditure:

2,122.00
412.42
2,534.42

Recreation
State Retirement
Federal Retirement

22,422.13

428.24

Credit balance

THE TOTAL COST

The average number of recipients in this category was 3 persons compared to 5 in 1965.

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HOME RELIEF

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$102,096.95	
Doctors & dentists (1/1/-4/30/66)	7,539.17	
Drugs " " "	2,712.98	
Other	<u>4,000.24</u>	
		\$116,349.34

Credits:

Repayments & recoveries	\$ 192.45	
State reimbursement	<u>58,137.34</u>	
		<u>\$ 58,339.79</u>
NET LOCAL COST		\$ 58,009.55

The average monthly caseload in this category in 1966 was 89 representing an average of 400 persons, while in 1965 it was 105 representing 496 persons.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY PERSONS

(Exclusive of care at the Gerrit Smith Infirmary, which is reported separately)

Disbursements:

Nursing home care	\$ 4,286.16
Hospital care	137,701.98
Physicians	74,706.50
Prescriptions	50,959.57
Dentists, optometrists, etc.	36,328.68
Prosthetic appliances	6,900.18
Transportation	<u>70.30</u>
	\$310,953.37

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 1,231.48
State reimbursement	76,108.66
Federal reimbursement	<u>103,148.17</u>
	\$180,488.31
NET LOCAL COST	\$130,465.06

NOTE: The amount of reimbursement shown is not typical of this program and is somewhat out of proportion due to the fact that the program has not been under way for a sufficient length of time to reflect normal costs and State & Federal trends.

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REIMBURSEMENT TO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

(Exclusive of care at the Geriatric Institute, which is reported separately)

Disbursements:

Nursing home care
 Hospital care
 Physicians
 Prescriptions
 Dentists, optometrists, etc.
 Prosthetic appliances
 Transportation

112,003.88
 4,386.16
 137,701.98
 14,706.50
 50,959.57
 36,328.68
 6,900.18
 10.30

237,023.37

23,742.67

Credits:

Repayments
 State reimbursement
 Federal reimbursement

1,231.48
 16,103.66
 103,148.17

218,048.31

213,042.06

NET LOCAL COST

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Payments to hospitals	\$19,003.86	
Payments to doctors	3,817.74	
Transportation	<u>90.04</u>	
		\$22,911.64

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 200.00	
State reimbursement	<u>13,742.67</u>	
		<u>\$13,942.67</u>

NET LOCAL COST		\$ 8,968.97
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*This category discontinued 4/30/66 when it became part of
the new MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY PERSONS PROGRAM 5/1/66.

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BURIALSDisbursements:

Paid to funeral directors	\$9,621.50
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Credits:

Repayments	\$2,093.43	
State reimbursement	<u>3,110.59</u>	
		<u>5,204.02</u>

NET LOCAL COST	\$4,417.48
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NON-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Disbursements

For services to clients	\$ 258.42
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Credits:

Repayments	\$1,128.60	
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NET LOCAL COST	Credit Balance \$ 870.18
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*This account was discontinued at the close of 1966.

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)

Disbursements:

Board	\$54,645.98
Clothing	4,425.00
Supplies	792.03
Physicians' fees	500.00
Prescriptions	301.36
Optical expense	30.67
Hospital charges	5.00
Dental fees	817.00
Miscellaneous	<u>243.91</u>

\$61,760.95

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 5,030.74
State reimbursement	<u>29,246.49</u>

\$34,277.23

NET LOCAL COST

\$27,483.72

In this program, as in the other public assistance programs, it is impossible to give you a true comparison of the costs in 1966 with those in 1965 due to the fact that all medical costs after 4/30/66 became a part of the Medical Assistance Program and are not reflected in the above medical costs.

The total monthly caseload ranged from a low of 89 children to a high of 134 compared to a low of 120 children in 1965 to a high 132.

There was a total of 232 referrals in 1966 compared to 256 in 1965. The greatest number of referrals, 82, came from Family Court, 61 from families, 32 from our Public Assistance Division and the remainder from out of county, schools and other sources.

The number of children cared for in Foster Homes in 1966 ranged from 62 to 76.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

Disbursements:

Board	\$11,901.50
Clothing	86.35
Physicians' fees	80.00
Dental fees	8.00
Miscellaneous	1,986.10
To State for Institutional care	<u>17,349.29</u>

\$31,411.24

Credits:

Repayments	\$ 1,024.47
State reimbursement	<u>5,536.57</u>

\$ 6,561.04

NET LOCAL COST

\$24,850.20

The gross cost for care of Juvenile Delinquents increased from \$30,026.99 in 1965 to \$31,411.24 last year. The net local cost decreased from \$26,598.24 in 1965 to \$24,850.20 in 1966.

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THE GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME AND INFIRMARY

The total number of days' care rendered to patients during the past year was 23,770 as compared to 28,614 in 1965.

The total number of patients under care at the beginning of the year was 78; total number of patients under care during the year was 159; total number of discharges, including deaths, was 74; total number of patients at the end of 1966 was 85.

The gross cost of operation in 1966 was \$249,141.52 compared to \$224,178.72 in 1965, while the net cost to the county in 1966 was \$37,592.26 as compared to \$56,999.90 in 1965.

We were particularly happy to have our Infirmary approved on December 29 as an Extended Care Facility, effective 1/1/67. As a result of this approval we are able to provide care for Medicare patients, one of four public home infirmaries in the state to be so approved.

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GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME & INFIRMARYDisbursements:

Salaries, wages & fees	\$174,833.15
Equipment	1,008.35
Food	29,293.33
Maintenance supplies	7,733.67
Drugs & medical supplies	17,456.68
Fuel	4,961.25
Drygoods and clothing	891.74
Tobacco, etc.	871.33
Ordinary repairs	807.79
Laundry services	4,800.50
Light & power	2,856.64
Telephone	1,411.95
Insurance	1,081.24
Servicing elevator	300.00
Other (extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, cleaning septic tank, etc.)	<u>833.90</u>

\$249,141.52

Credits:

State reimbursement (MAA)	\$14,528.53
Federal reimbursement (MAA)	29,057.55
State reimbursement (AD)	3,820.35
Federal reimbursement (AD)	2,127.50
State reimbursement (AB)	436.00
Federal reimbursement (AB)	230.00
State reimbursement (QAA)	203.78
State reimbursement (MA)	21,628.96
Federal reimbursement (LA)	63,257.89
Repayments of Assistance	<u>43,963.78</u>

\$211,549.26

NET LOCAL COST

\$ 37,592.26

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GERMANTOWN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOME & LUNARARY

Disbursements:

Salaries, wages & fees	8174.833.12
Repayment	1,008.32
Food	29,293.33
Maintenance supplies	7,733.67
Drugs & medical supplies	17,456.68
Fuel	4,961.22
Dry goods and clothing	897.74
Tobacco, etc.	877.33
Ordinary repairs	807.79
Laundry services	4,800.50
Light & power	2,826.64
Telephone	1,411.92
Insurance	1,081.24
Service: elevator	300.00
Other (extinction services, petty cash, advertising, freight, cleaning supplies, tank, etc.)	833.90

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Credits:

State reimbursement	814,528.23
Federal reimbursement	29,027.22
State reimbursement	3,880.32
Federal reimbursement	2,727.50
State reimbursement	436.00
Federal reimbursement	230.00
State reimbursement	203.78
Federal reimbursement	21,628.96
State reimbursement	63,227.89
Federal reimbursement	43,963.78

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NET LOCAL COST

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Disbursements:

General Administration	\$204,811.43
Old Age Assistance	138,268.66
Aid to Dependent Children	547,187.72
Aid to the Disabled	71,326.89
Aid to the Blind	2,996.25
Home Relief	116,349.34
Medical Assistance to Needy Persons	310,953.37
Hospital Only	22,911.64
Burials	9,621.50
Non-Public Assistance	258.42
Child Welfare	61,760.95
Juvenile Delinquents	31,411.24
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	<u>249,141.52</u>

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Credits:

General Administration	\$151,443.66
Old Age Assistance	120,665.91
Aid to Dependent Children	428,606.77
Aid to the Disabled	61,444.74
Aid to the Blind	3,455.19
Home Relief	58,339.79
Medical Assistance to Needy Persons	180,488.31
Hospital Only	13,942.67
Burials	5,204.02
Non-Public Assistance	1,128.60
Child Welfare	34,277.23
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Home Relief	116,349.34
Medical Assistance to Needy Persons	10,923.37
Hospital Only	22,911.64
Burials	9,621.20
Non-Public Assistance	228.42
Child Welfare	61,760.92
Juvenile Delinquents	31,411.24
Geriatric E. Smith Infirmary	249,141.22

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