

ANNUAL REPORT
MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
1968

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Gentlemen:

I believe that the following Annual Report for the year 1968 is self-explanatory.

The gross cost of operation of this department increased from \$2,474,159.27 in 1967 to \$3,559,189.20 the past year. The net cost increased from \$644,646.83 in 1967 to \$939, 261.97.

The greatest increase in cost once again occurred in the Medicaid Program with the next greatest increase being in the Aid to Dependent children program.

The prospects for reducing costs in the future appear brighter with the enactment of the new amendments to the Social Services Laws as passed by the 1969 Legislature.

We shall continue to keep the costs at a minimum in this Agency.

I wish to thank the members of the Board of Supervisors for the salary increases and the additional fringe benefits granted to us during the past year. And to the members of the various committees of the Board with whom I have worked I wish to express my sincere appreciation for their continued understanding of the many problems with which we are confronted.

I also appreciate the 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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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Disbursements:

Personal Services	\$197,619.20
Equipment	3,038.19
Supplies & materials	5,374.59
Other expenses(travel, rent, telephone, postage, etc.)	37,142.84
Outstanding encumbrances	2,223.80
	<u>\$245,398.62</u>

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$ 81,931.62
Federal reimbursement	<u>102,092.22</u>
	<u>\$184,023.84</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 61,374.78

Included in the above is the expense of Distribution of Federal Surplus Commodities, which are shown on the following page.

The gross administrative costs increased from \$216,216.92 in 1967 to \$245,398.62 in 1968, while the net local cost increased from \$49,236.40 to \$61,374.78.

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1968SURPLUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION COST:Disbursements:

2/3 Clerk's Salary	\$ 2,452.74
Clerk's travel expenses	527.30
Deputies' Wages and expenses	3,364.00
Trucking	2,187.17
Storage	1,080.08
Postage	321.42
Printing	65.00
Estimated value of other departmental supplies and services used	200.00
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State reimbursement	\$10,197.17
NET LOCAL COST	5,098.58
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	\$5,098.59

Due to the increased amount of surplus foods delivered this past year the gross cost of this program increased from \$8,245.88 in 1967 to \$10,197.17, while the net local cost increased from \$4,122.99 to \$5,098.59 in 1968.

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$143,384.83
Other expenses	<u>4,870.71</u>
	\$148,255.54

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$ 54,217.06
Federal reimbursement	70,550.60
Repayments & recoveries	<u>5,766.14</u>
	\$130,533.80

NET LOCAL COST	\$ 17,721.74
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The average number of recipients of Old Age Assistance in 1968 was 174 per month compared to 169 in 1967. The gross cost of this program decreased from \$148,495.30 to \$148,255.54, while the net cost to the county in 1967 was \$24,085.97 while in 1968 it was \$17,721.74.

HOME RELIEF

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$168,135.82
Other expenses	<u>3,678.88</u>
	\$171,814.70

Reimbursement:

State reimbursement	\$ 88,419.55
Repayments	<u>237.04</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 88,419.55
	\$ 83,395.15

The average caseload in this category increased from 92 representing 392 persons in 1967 to 131 per month representing 527 persons in 1968. The gross cost increased from \$122,136.46 to \$171,814.70 while the net cost to the county was \$60,265.88 in 1967 compared to \$83,395.15 in 1968.

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aid to dependent children

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$722,455.17
Other expense	<u>21,812.57</u>
	\$744,267.74

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$200,467.44
Federal reimbursement	<u>330,986.44</u>
Repayments & refunds	<u>62,784.71</u>
	\$594,238.59
NET LOCAL COST	\$150,029.15

The average monthly caseload in this category in 1968 was 300 representing 1269 persons compared to 238 cases representing 1059 persons in 1967. The gross cost increased from \$572,290.67 in 1967 to \$744,267.74 in 1968, while the net cost to the county was \$127,489.75 in 1967 compared to \$150,029.15 in 1968.

aid to the blind

Disbursements:

Cash grants	\$1,672.50
Other expense	<u>632.65</u>
	\$2,305.15

Reimbursement:

State reimbursement	\$1,141.31
Federal reimbursement	<u>836.24</u>
	\$1,977.55

NET LOCAL COST \$ 327.55

The average monthly caseload in 1968 in this category was 3, compared to 2 persons in 1967. The gross cost in 1967 was \$2,083.93 while in 1968 it was \$2,305.15. The net cost decreased from \$444.48 in 1967 to \$327.60 in 1968.

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1968AID TO THE DISABLEDDisbursements:

Cash grants	\$69,953.41
Other expense	<u>698.73</u>
	\$70,652.14

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$24,033.33
Federal reimbursement	33,576.25
Repayments and recoveries	<u>2,127.86</u>
	\$59,737.44

NET LOCAL COST	\$10,914.70
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The average monthly caseload increased from 73 in 1967 to 79 in 1968. The gross cost increased from \$65,634.20 to \$70,652.14, while the net cost to the county increased from \$9,786.05 in 1967 to \$10,914.70 in 1968.

BURIALSDisbursements:

Payments to funeral directors	<u>\$16,705.90</u>
	\$16,705.90

Credits:

Repayments and recoveries	\$ 2,270.72
State reimbursement	<u>5,100.45</u>
	\$ 7,371.17

NET LOCAL COST	\$9,334.73
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The gross cost increased from \$15,499.60 in 1967 to \$16,705.90 in 1968, while the net local cost increased from \$8,951.41 to \$9,334.73.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Disbursements:

Nursing Home Care	\$ 22,862.57
Hospital care	459,769.71
Physicians' Services	422,136.70
Dentists' Services	414,982.75
Druggists	219,701.66
Opticians, Optometrists, prosthetic devices, etc.	48,318.02
Clinic	984.50
Other care	<u>48,843.68</u>
	\$1,637,599.59

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$502,330.45
Federal reimbursement	629,510.78
Repayments	<u>15,755.39</u>
	\$1,147,596.62
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 490,002.97

The above gross amount includes over \$200,000.00 remaining from 1967 which was paid in 1968. Compared with the above 1968 gross figure, the gross amount expended in 1967 was \$933,817.92. The net cost to the county last year was \$490,002.97, while in 1967 it was \$333,337.94. The total cost average per month during the first six months of 1968 was approximately \$151,000.00, while during the last six months it dropped to \$125,000.00. The first four months of this year (1969) the cost has dropped considerably below \$125,000.00 and with the reduction in eligibility which was passed by this year's legislature it would appear that the cost of this program will continue to decrease substantially.

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CHILD WELFARE DIVISION (FOSTER CARE)

The total monthly caseload in this division ranged from a low of 154 children to a high of 212 compared to a high of 154 and a low of 113 in 1967.

The number of children in Foster Homes in 1968 ranged from a low of 88 to a high of 112 compared to a low of 77 and a high of 96 in 1967.

The number of referrals to this division decreased from 290 in 1967 to 280 in 1968. The greatest number of referrals came from Court, 78, Families, 72, Schools, 43, with the remainder coming from our Public Assistance Division, out of county, private citizens and other sources.

There were 31 unmarried mothers referred also for advice and services.

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1968FOSTER CAREDisbursements:

Board	\$99,520.77
Supplies	532.94
Clothing	7,078.11
Miscellaneous	1,287.80
	<u>\$108,419.62</u>

CREDITS:

State reimbursement	\$48,501.27
Repayments	<u>11,417.04</u>
	<u>\$ 59,918.31</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$ 48,501.31

JUVENILE DELINQUENTSDisbursements:

Board	\$18,617.74
Clothing	62.93
Miscellaneous	5,632.64
To state for Institutional Care	<u>35,477.12</u>
	<u>\$59,790.43</u>

Credits:

State reimbursement	\$14,094.36
Repayments	<u>2,676.38</u>
	<u>\$16,770.74</u>
NET LOCAL COST	\$43,019.69

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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 33,039 compared to 28,411 in 1967.

The total number of patients under care at the beginning of 1968 was 84; total number of patients under care during the year was 154; total number of discharges, including deaths was 65; total number of patients under care at end of the year was 89.

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1968GERRIT E. SMITH MEMORIAL HOME AND INFIRMARY1969Disbursements:

Salaries, wages and fees	\$258,971.80	308,027.77
Equipment	5,764.80	6,803.00
Food	30,720.51	36,577.32
Maintenance supplies	11,500.13	12,028.34
Drugs and Medical supplies	26,330.77	24,921.52
Fuel	6,706.18	5,698.18
Drygoods and clothing	681.46	752.49
Tobacco, etc. <i>Razor blades, etc.</i>	918.50	64.95
Gasoline	197.00	251.32
Ordinary repairs	761.57	24,742.37
Laundry and dry cleaning	5,575.51	10,148.96
Light & power	3,150.88	3,442.40
Telephone	1,330.83	1,505.35
Elevator service	372.50	360.00
Other(extermination service, petty cash, advertising, freight, cleaning septic tanks, etc.)	<u>997.32</u>	<u>2,775.74</u>
		\$353,979.76
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Credits:

Repayments	\$ 70,809.04	74,283.68
Federal reimbursement	172,353.72	167,634.91
State reimbursement	<u>86,176.86</u>	<u>83,817.46</u>
		<u>325,736.05</u>
		<u>\$329,339.62</u>
NET LOCAL COST	<u>\$ 24,640.14</u>	
		112,365.66

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1968STATISTICAL SUMMARYDisbursements:

General Administration	\$245,398.63
Old Age Assistance	148,255.54
Home Relief	171,814.70
Aid to Dependent Children	744,267.74
Aid to the Blind	2,305.15
Aid to the Disabled	70,652.14
Medical Assistance	1,637,599.59
Burials	16,705.90
Child Welfare	108,419.62
Juvenile Delinquents	59,790.43
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	353,979.76
	<u>\$3,559,189.20</u>

Credits:

General Administration	\$184,023.84
Old Age Assistance	130,533.80
Home Relief	88,419.55
Aid to Dependent Children	594,238.59
Aid to the Blind	1,977.55
Aid to the Disabled	59,737.44
Medical Assistance	1,147,596.62
Burials	7,371.17
Child Welfare	59,918.31
Juvenile Delinquents	16,770.74
Gerrit E. Smith Infirmary	329,339.62
	<u>\$2,619,927.23</u>

NET LOCAL COST

\$ 939,261.97