

Coalition formed

Nursing home reform is sought

By CRAIG PIECHURA

Citing "inadequate care and blatant disregard of the physical and emotional well-being of nursing home patients," 18 organizations banded together Monday to form the Coalition for Nursing Home Reform.

Represented at a press conference by members of Citizens for Better Care (CBC), a health consumer group, and the United Auto Workers Retired Workers Council, coalition spokesmen said support of a comprehensive nursing home reform bill is their first priority.

Senate Bill 658, a piece of legislation currently in the state Senate, would strengthen patients' rights and establish penalties for repeated violations of state health law, according to Frieda Gorrechi, CBC spokesman.

At the press conference the names of 38 nursing homes listed on the "intent to deny license" list compiled by the Michigan Department of Public Health were released.

Two local nursing homes—West Trail of Plymouth and Dion of Canton Township—were included on the list of homes in non-compliance at last inspection.

"The day of the idle threat of 'intent-to-deny license' would be over with the enactment of Senate Bill 658," Ms. Gorrechi stated.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, that bill has not received the support of nursing home owners and administrators in the state. Chuck Harmon, executive director of Health Care Association of Michigan, said the bill "has been significantly improved" over earlier versions introduced by State Sen. John Otterbacher (D-Grand Rapids).

However, Harmon, who represents 250 privately-owned nursing homes in Michigan, believes the "bottom line is, is the state prepared to support the financial implications of that bill?"

"It will require certain types of homes to have additional nurses on duty," Harmon said. "How do we find a means of paying these nurses and what about the availability of nurses who'll work in a nursing home?"

Harmon said that the problem, as nursing home owners see it, is that approximately 70 per cent of the patients in Michigan nursing homes are receiving Medicaid assistance. Many nursing home operators find the

Medicaid payment inadequate, Harmon said, and any new, costly demands will make things even more difficult.

A BILL OF RIGHTS for patients outlined in the proposed bill does not bother Harmon. But he said he wonders if the state isn't duplicating a similar federal requirement that must be met by homes receiving Medicaid.

In the current substitute bill in the senate, patients would be told their medical condition and be able to refuse treatment. No physical or chemical restraints could be put on a person unless it is ordered by a physician or an emergency occurs.

Nursing home patients would be able to receive their mail unopened each day, receive visitors during regular hours and keep personal belongings that don't infringe on others.

If a patient's rights have been judged to be violated by the Michigan Department of Public Health, the nursing home owner must pay a resident "for costs incurred or \$100, whichever is greater, plus a penalty of \$150 or \$15 per patient, whichever is lesser."

Some homes placed on the "intent-to-deny" list have been cited as substandard for seven years, Ms. Gorrechi said. She said the new legislation is needed because the department of health "has been less than vigilant" in enforcing existing laws.

One provision of the new law makes patient abuse and neglect a violation for the first time, according to the coalition.

"Right now there's nothing in the regulation that says you can't abuse a patient," Ms. Gorrechi said. "You have to bring criminal charges against the facility. That's why we need this law—to make the rules and regulations work. If the law is passed we can say these are the rules and regulations and you don't do this or that."

Some violations of the new law, if passed, could put nursing home personnel in trouble with the law. Anyone misrepresenting fact on state forms or operating an establishment without a license is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Persons who retaliate against a complainant, engage in false or misleading advertising, or participate in a Medicaid kickback scheme would also be committing a misdemeanor.



Quilting

Hebel helps her students create their own heirloom in quilting classes which begin Feb. 1 in Farmington Community Center. The teacher recommends that persons thinking about

entering the class have either some quilting experience, or a strong background in sewing. Registrations are being taken now, by calling the center, 477-8404.

Deaf to study gardening

A course to start March 2 at Midvale College will give instruction in gardening to the hearing impaired. Hearing individuals may also sign up.

While Marie Payne of Western interprets in sign language, teacher Philip Schmitt of Birmingham will present information on many aspects of gardening.

The course, which will be held from

7-9 p.m. Thursdays, will cost \$3 for four sessions. Registration may be done at the college or at the first class.

For information, contact Diana Warzski at the college at 425-3000. Those who are deaf and own a teletypewriter may call the phone number and have their message picked up by a special device that picks up sound waves.

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DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES OF THE
NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTHFIELD

In the state of Michigan, at the office of the auditor, under title 12, 1st and 2nd State Code, Section 101.

| ASSETS | |
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| Cash and due from banks | 11,216,000.00 |
| U.S. Treasury securities | 5,498,000.00 |
| Deposits of other U.S. Gov't agencies and corps | 5,498,000.00 |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions | 61,000.00 |
| Other bonds, notes and debentures | 5,345,000.00 |
| Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock | 150,000.00 |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | 3,650,000.00 |
| Loans, Total (including unearned income) | 60,584,000.00 |
| Less Reserve for possible loan losses | 1,339,000.00 |
| Loans net | 59,245,000.00 |
| Direct lease financing | 429,000.00 |
| Bank premises, furniture and fixtures and other | 9,780,000.00 |
| Real estate owned and other real estate premises | 912,000.00 |
| Other assets | 1,862,000.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 103,358,000.00 |

| LIABILITIES | |
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| Demand deposits of individuals, partners and corps | 26,198,000.00 |
| Time and savings deposits of individuals, partners and corps | 51,449,000.00 |
| Deposits of United States Government | 201,000.00 |
| Deposits of States and political subdivisions | 12,428,000.00 |
| Deposits of commercial banks | 21,000.00 |
| Certified checkers checks | 1,482,000.00 |
| TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS | 91,857,000.00 |
| Total demand deposits | 31,109,000.00 |
| Total time and savings deposits | 60,748,000.00 |
| Mortgage indebtedness | 4,700,000.00 |
| Other liabilities | 1,667,000.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) | 98,114,000.00 |
| Subordinated notes and debentures 8% due 6-30-81 | 1,000,000.00 |

| EQUITY CAPITAL | |
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| Common stock: No shares outstanding 165,000 | 1,478,000.00 |
| Surplus | 2,700,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 94,000.00 |
| TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL | 4,272,000.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL | 103,358,000.00 |

MEMORANDA

Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date

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| Cash and due from banks | 8,598,000.00 |
| Feed funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | 7,880,000.00 |
| Totals | 16,478,000.00 |
| Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices | 15,500,000.00 |
| Total deposits | 32,028,000.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 103,080,000.00 |
| Steady letters of credit (outstanding as of report date) | 21,000.00 |
| Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date) | 9,402,000.00 |

Securities in the above statement, having a principal amount of \$1,600,000 are pledged to secure public deposits and for other purposes as required by law. The Treasurer, State of Michigan, has on deposit \$4,470.

I, Aurel Ursu, Senior Vice President and Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that the Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Aurel Ursu
January 19, 1978

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Thomas A. Doolley
Don B. Dean
Jay P. Bunker
Directors

Housing project eyed for Farmington

While Farmington Hills officials continue to wrangle about mid-rise senior citizen housing, the City of Farmington may beat its sister city to the punch.

If the price is right, the Farmington Board of Education will sell about three acres of land in downtown Farmington to Forest City Dillon, Inc., a private development firm.

The company intends to construct a six-story senior citizen housing complex on the site of the old Farmington Junior High on Thomas Street.

Timing is a factor, however, since the company is operating on an extension of a rent subsidy grant approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Board of Education Tuesday night unanimously agreed to enforce the concept of selling 3.24 acres of land to the company, directing administration to receive appraisals of the property. While Forest City Dillon officials have agreed to pay the fair market price of the property, the board recommendation noted that the appraisals would be necessary prior to a further consideration of disposal of the property.

THE FIRM originally applied for the HUD grant with a nearby site in mind, but that deal fell through. It is expected that the school district site,

which is similar to the original site, will be approved.

"This is one of the top sites in the state of Michigan," City of Farmington Mgr. Robert Desmond told the board.

"But how long Forest City will be able to continue getting extensions, I don't know."

If the board agrees to sell the land, the district would retain ownership of the western building, now the Farmington Training Center, a special education facility. The old building, the original Farmington Junior High, would be demolished to make way for the senior citizen complex.

City of Farmington councilmember Ralph Yoder, who was in the audience at Tuesday's board meeting, approves of the senior citizen complex proposal.

"I'm all for it," he said. "I think there's a definite need for it."

Board of Education Trustee Michael Shpiece agrees.

"I think it's indeed appropriate that our board take action that will provide housing to those people that helped build the school district many years ago," Shpiece said.

City officials are hoping the board's approval of the sale concept, with the city's support of the project, will convince HUD officials to extend the grant if needed for further time to officially act on the project.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 1978

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in regular session at City Hall on January 9, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. Council Members present were: Alkatech, Deacon, Dolan, Jones, Oppenheimer, Smith, and Soronen. Others present were: City Manager Majors, City Clerk Cairns, and City Attorney Donohue.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-119 a request to rename property located on the west side of Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads from Light Industrial use (L-I-1) to Business Service use (B-3) and Parking use (P-1) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-120 a request to rename property located on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads from Business Service use (B-3) to Expressway Service use (E-3) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-121 a request to rename property just east of the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Middlebelt Roads from Business Service use (B-3) to Office Service use (O-3) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-122 a request to rename part of lots 1 and 2 of Supervisor's Plat Eight Mile Grand River Acres subdivision No. 1 located on the northeast corner of 8 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads from Light Industrial use (L-I-1) to Business Service District use (B-3) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-123 a request to rename lot 56 of Farmington Acres Subdivision located west of Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile Road from Office Service District use (O-3) to Business Service District use (B-3) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-124 a request to rename lots 88 through 95 of Builders Park Subdivision located north of Botwick, west of Farmington Road from Business Service District use (B-3) to Single Family Residential use (R-4) was unanimously enacted.

Amendatory Ordinance No. C-125 a request to rename lots 68-87 of Builders Park Subdivision located south of Nine Mile, west of Farmington Road from Business Service District use (B-3) to Business Service District use (B-1) was unanimously enacted.

Appointments of Floyd Cairns, Robert Amori, and George Major to the Building Authority were unanimously approved. Appointment of Ben Mark to the Building Authority was approved by a vote of 5 to 2. Mr. Alkatech and Mrs. Soronen opposed.

Consideration of a request from Norman Adelsberg and Mike Watzman for a new Dance Permit to be held in conjunction with a 1977 Class C licensed business (De My Guest) located at 2565 Nine Mile Road, Farmington Hills was tabled until formal police report is received and the proponents could be present.

Consideration of a request from Ward J. Atkinson and William Baloh to appear before the City Council in reference to the new full year Class B hotel license with Dance Permit and two bars to be located at 3800 Grand River was postponed.

Preliminary Plat for the Hartens Pointe Subdivision, (271 lots) located between 13 and 14 Mile Roads on the west side of Drake was unanimously approved.

Joan Soronen designated Delegate and Jan Dolan as Alternate to represent the City at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) unanimously approved.

Request to extend a land fill permit in Farmington Freeway Industrial Park No. 2, lots 37 and 38 was unanimously approved.

Recommendation to the Building Authority to hire Richard L. Gould Architectural Associates for construction of the new Fire Station No. 4 located on the west side of Drake Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads was unanimously approved.

Exemption of 1978 Business Licensing deadline until January 31, 1978 unanimously approved.

Special Assessment District established for Linden Street, from Middlebelt west for sanitary sewer improvements.

Consent to Deposit Edgemoor at Middlebelt and 1498 unanimously granted.

Assignment of sanitary sewer easements for the 10 Mile Rouge Sanitary Drain to the Oakland County Drain Commission was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Submitted by: FLOYD A. CAIRNS,
City Clerk

Approved by: JAN DOLAN
Mayor

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 16, 1978
(Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held Monday, January 16, 1978 in the Council Chambers, 2800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

Present: Councilmembers Ben Buckner, Tupper, Viane, Yoder.

Absent: Councilman Hartsock (Arrived at 8:30 P.M.).

City Officials Present: City Mgr. Desmond, Dir. Byrnes, Dir. Jones, Atty. Kelly, Clerk Viane.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of Other Boards were received and filed.

Council directed the Planning Commission to review the greenbelt and landscaping requirements of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed rezoning from R-3 to R-1-9 for Parcel No. 23-27-351-024 located at 33100 Freedom Road.

Ordinance C-125-78 amending the Zoning Map was introduced.

Council approved request to convert property at 33100-10 Grand River into a two-unit apartment.

Council approved a variance to the sign ordinance at 33200 Grand River.

Council authorized \$85.00 for participation in the Wolverines Boys State Program.

Council instructed City Manager to stay in contact with the State Highway Department regarding the proposed improvement to M-102, Ten Mile Road and Grand River intersections.

Proclamation was issued designating January 22-28, 1978 as JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT WEEK.

Council authorized payment for work completed through December 31, 1977 at the DPS Facility in the amount of \$78,504.96.

Council authorized payment of \$1,386.00 for Michigan Municipal League Membership Fee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

-Accepting designation as a Management Agency for planning construction and operation of the city's Sewer Interceptor System, and for the collection and payment of a surcharge to support the functions of continuing areawide Water Quality Management Plan.

-Opposing SB-104 and HB-471.

-Approving Agreement with Oakland County Road Commission for modernization and interconnection of Traffic Signals on Orchard Lake Road.

Council appropriated \$1,100 from the 1977-78 Contingency Fund and accepted the proposal of Henderson Glass & Auto Service for installation of doors in the Municipal Bldg. lobby.

Council authorized the employment of One (1) Public Safety Officer to be funded with CETA funds.

Council supports the SEMTA 5-year service improvement program and instructed the City Manager to suggest extension of routes in the City of Farmington.

The following reports were received:

Building Dept. Quarterly Report ended 12-31-77

Financial Report General Fund, 6 Months ended 12-31-77

Financial Report Water & Sewer Funds, 2nd Quarter ended 12-31-77

Financial Report 4th District Court, 6 Months ended 12-31-77

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
14 MILE ROAD AND FARMINGTON ROAD
(FARMINGTON HILLS AND WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP)
INTERSECTION PROJECT

The Oakland County Road Commission hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing at 2:30 P.M. on Monday, February 27, 1978, at the Oakland County Road Commission Board Room, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010.

The purpose of the hearing is to present the design concept for the proposed intersection widening and signaling of 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road, and to provide an opportunity to all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments and suggestions about said project prior to approval by the Board.

This project was initiated at the request of the Oakland County Road Commission and consists of a widening to three lanes (all left), signalization, grading and drainage. Should right-of-way acquisition be necessary it will be purchased tentatively between March 1 and June 1, 1978. Bidding for the work is scheduled for May 22 with construction proposed for between June 1 and October 30, 1978.

Copies of the pre-preliminary design sketch with proposed cross-section and intersection diagrams are available and may be obtained by contacting the Transportation Planning and Environmental Concerns Department of the Oakland County Road Commission at 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010. (Phone: 645-2000). Copies will also be available at the public hearing. All written statements or exhibits to be presented at the hearing must be conveyed to the Board of County Road Commissioners at least 10 days before this hearing.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

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West Bloomfield Twp. 14 MILE RD. Farmington Hills PROJECT LOCATION

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