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Actually, the state of Michigan had gotten into the health planning business before the federal government, according to Ralph Kingzett of CHPC's public affairs and education division. A state Health Coordinating Council was set up to coordinate health planning groups throughout Michigan.

That resulted in two new groups added to the planning process. A seven-member appeals body, which reports to the state Health Planning Council, was appointed. Its members include civic

The technical work group now functions parallel to a PDCC subcommittee on excess hospital capacity, according to Kingzett. He said that all hospitals which complained about the first plan found themselves with a representative

"Believe me, they had a voice," said Kingzett. "With our first survey, one of the concerns was that hospitals wouldn't return the forms. One that didn't was Cottage Hospital from the Grosse Pointe area, and it had complaints about the first plan. "This time we had a 100 percent return on the survey."

He said that only the Michigan Department of Public Health, which issues hospital licenses, could force a hospital to close. He said that the state Health Coordinating Council is composed of consumers who monitor the eight health systems agencies in the

CHPC has problems of its own. Kingzett said that it could be out of business when federal funding for the agency runs out in April 1982. He said that the attitude of the Reagan administration is that health systems ought to operate competitively.

Kingzett said that CHPC currently is looking for alternative funding sources from private foundations and from the state.

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One person not laughing about the incident is Farmington Hills Police Chief John Nichols. Nichols stands by the of-

"At this time, Officers (Glen) Brantley and (Bradley) Schwartz arrived and a perimeter was established to contain the group while Officer Brantley began to issue parking tickets. Writer requested reinforcements."

"Don't you think that if officers give an order to disperse, they ought to give

overreacted or aggravated the situation, Nichols said the students' actions

to stand some responsibility for their actions."

"If they did, I can understand that."

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