Legislative plan prescribes aid for health group

It took the state Legislature to quiet the screams of area hospitals which were told to reduce their bed capacity. A plan to reduce the number of beds

A pian to reduce the number of beds—as a means of controlling rising health care costs—was first announced by the Comprehensive Health Planning Council (CHPC) of Southeastern Michigan in 1979.
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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 CEPC's public affairs and education division. A state Health Coordinating Council was set up to coordinate health planning groups throughout Michigan.

When the federal government decided to fund health planning agencies throughout the country, CHPC was designated as the agency for southeastern Michigan. About 95 percent of its funding now comes from the federal government.

BUT HOSPITALS and some organizations objected to the criteria and too subsections objected to the criteria and course the CIPTO used to devise its first debedding plan. When their compaints reached Lansing, a joint legislative committee was established to investigate CIPTO first plan.

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

leaders from southeastern Michigan who are not associated with the health care indinstry.

Its only function is to hear complaints about the process CEPC uses in establishing debedding numbers.

The Legislature also recommended that a technical work group be established to take part in the process of developing criteria, goals, standards and scores for the hospitals. Previously, CEPC's Plan Development and Coordination Committee (PDCC) had handled the job.

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

THE GROUP includes eight physi-THE GROOP includes eight physicians, two of whom are osteopaths, plus representatives of 19 hospitals. Kingzett said the technical work group studies areas at the request of the PDCC subcommittee and makes recommendations on staffing needs to the subcommittee.

committee.

"Believe me, they had a voice," said Kingzett. "With our first survey, one of the concerns was forms. One that the concerns was forms. One that didn't was Cottage Hospital from the Gresse Pointe area, and it had complaints about the first plan.

"This time we had a 100 percent return on the survey."

Chairing the work group Is Dr. Rich-

ard Horsch of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Vice-chairman is John Freys-lager of the People's Community Hos-pital Authority, which operates five hospitals. Other members include Six-er Xavier Ballance of Providence Hos-pital in Southfield, Allen Breakie of Garden City Osteopathic and Dr. E.J. Conklin of Wayne County General.

"What people don't realize is that we're not an agency with compliance powers," Kingzett said.

He said that only the Michigan De-partment of Public Health, which is-sues hospital locenses, could force a hospital to close. He said that the state Health Coordinating Council is com-posed of consumers who monitor the eight health systems agencies in the

state and advises the Michigan Depart-ment of Public Health.

BUT THE CHPC does advise the coordinating council on whether it finds acceptable local plans to expand, renovate or buy new equipment.

CHPC has problems of its own. King-zett 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

Kingzett said that CHPC curre

Court to determine penalty for party goers

"Basically, I'd say it was the students' fault because of the bottle throwing. I hated that. That p———d me off."

me oft."

DeLorey said the graduation party has already cost him \$22\$ to reclaim his acr, one of 19 towed away by police.

"They mangled my bumper," DeLorey said. "It's piece-of-junk car, but it's all I've got."

Whatever happens in court, DeLorey, said, will help him remember the 1981

high school graduation.

"IN OUR five-year reunion, we'll laugh about it," he said, "Twe been laughing about it all week as it is. Sure, it hurts my pocket book, but it's not anything to worry about."

One person not laughing about the in-cident is Farmington Hills Police Chief Johir Nichols. Nichols stands by the of-

ficial police report version of the incident which states:

"Upon Officer (Gerald) Lynch's arrival he requested assistance, stating that when he attempted to get close to the party, bottles were thrown at — and struck — his vehicle. Officer (Dennis) Brills arrived shortly prior to writer's arrival.

"At this time, the crowd became more disorderly and writer instructed officer Lynch to go on pa. (public address system) and advise the group to disperse. When Officer Lynch did so, the crowd formed a large group and chanted 'Bull ——' while more bottles were thrown at — and struck — Officer Lynch's vehicle.

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

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The report goes on to state that offi-cers were pelted with bottles while waiting for 10 officers from the city of Farmington to arrive along with offi-cers from Livonia, Redford and South-field.

When reinforcements arrived, police cortened the grount to lies on the ground

bordered on a riot.

"Get away from the belief that these are just high school kids on graduation playing boyish pranks or girlish pranks," Nichols said. "It doesn't come out to be fun and games."

IT SOUNDS like many of the students got together after their arrests and concocted a self-serving story to

aid. "Very rarely have I ever arrested hyone who was glad that I came," Ni-

anyone who was giad that I came," Ni-chols said.
"These kids, for the first time, have to stand some responsibility for their actions."

When informed that at least four stu-When Informed that at least four students who were arrested — John Copeland, Darren Yanke, Peter Barbrick and Jim Maloney — claim police used unnecessary force to detain them, Nichols said hell leave it up to the district court judge to decide upon the credibility of winesses.

Asked if he was disturbed by reports that police used profane language addressing arrested students, Nichols repiled:

dressing arrested students, recomplied:
"It grieves me deeply that after all these kinds of verbal insults maybe, just maybe, some of the officers responded in kind.
"If they did, I can understand that."

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The typol gives on state that while walting for 10 officers from the city of Farmington to arrive along with officers from Livonia, Redford and Southfield.

When reinforcements arrived, police ordered the group to lie on the ground lit by spotlights. In the end, 43 young adults and three juveniles were taken into police custody.

ONE HIGH-RANKING police official in the adjacent city of Farmington privately criticizes police in the Bills for their handling of the affair.

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

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