

Clinton Valley jobs saved

Several hundred jobs at the Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac will be saved as a result of a court-ordered consent decree between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the state Department of Mental Health.

The agreement was to be signed Wednesday.

"This consent decree is a victory for the employees and the patients," said AFSCME area director Jim Jarmer.

The court-ordered improvements in the Clinton Valley Center will make it a better place to work, and will create a much healthier environment for the patients," Jarmer added.

The U.S. DISTRICT Court order was a result of a lawsuit filed by AFSCME Coun-

cil 45 in 1980. The union went to court after continued efforts at informal and grievance-related attempts to resolve the problems at Clinton Valley had failed to produce changes, the union said.

Improvements in patient care and in the physical facility are also major components of the agreement. Overcrowding and short staffing will be corrected, with improved staffing levels to be maintained for the next six years, according to AFSCME.

In anticipation of the agreement, the state has already called back 83 persons and has begun to make repairs in the physical plant.

Employees had complained that the sprinkler system was inoperative, that windows had no screens and that improper door locks had been installed.

In addition, the Pontiac mental health fa-

cility was nearly 30 percent overcrowded, and staffing had been allowed to fall to 70 percent of the minimum necessary for certification.

THE AGREEMENT specifies that the state must end the overcrowding within 15 months by opening two new wards and transferring patients to other facilities.

In addition to its impact on the direct-care employees, represented by AFSCME, the agreement also covers maintenance of sufficient numbers of social workers, activity therapists, registered nurses and psychologists.

"We're happy to have played a role in winning major improvements for the patients and the employees at this mental health facility," Jarmer said.

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All funds have been made available through Title III of the Older Americans Act as legislated by the U.S. Congress and through additional funds allocated by the state legislature.

Awarded contracts are:

- Homemakers Services of Metropolitan Detroit for homemaker and personal care services.

- City of Farmington Hills for outreach services to identify the needs of isolated area residents as well as another contract for home chore services for older adults.

- Older Person's Commission in Rochester for outreach services.

- City of Oak Park for chore and outreach services.

- Area Services Association for outreach and home chore services to seniors in south Oakland County.

- Chore and outreach services for the elderly will be provided by the city of Royal Oak through a contract award.

- Catholic Social Services of Oakland County for continuation of counseling services for older Oakland County residents.

- New contracts with Jewish Family Service provide homemaker and counseling services for limited-English-speaking persons.

- Mature Minglers in Bloomfield Hills School District have been allocated funds to

expand their programming with the services of a Senior Center Program Developer.

- Jimmy Prentiss Morris Branch of Jewish Community Center is being funded for a Senior Center Program Developer Position.

- Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency and Oakland County Mobile Meals for congregate meal programs as well as home delivered meals services. Oakland Livingston also received contracts for a Senior Center Program Developer position and outreach services.

- Michigan Association of Elderly Deaf and Hearing Impaired and the Greater Society of the Blind for education and outreach and rehabilitation teaching.

- Citizens for Better Care for nursing home ombudsman services.

Medical society names new officers

New officers have been named to head the Oakland County Medical Society.

Dr. Gerald F. Conway was installed as president. The urologist succeeds Dr. Peter A. Duhamel as president of the 1,200 member organization.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frederick V. Minkow has been elected president-elect of the organization. He will be installed president at next year's annual meeting in November 1984.

Conway, a Birmingham resident, practices in Royal Oak.

He earned his medical degree from the State University of Iowa, College of Medicine. He served an internship at Youngstown Hospital Association, Ohio, and residencies in general surgery and urology at Harbor Hospital, Detroit.

Conway is a past president of the Michigan Branch, American Urological Association, serving also as a member of its execu-

tive committee and as secretary-treasurer.

Minkow, whose practice is limited to hand surgery, served internships at Denver General Hospital, Duke University Medical Society, N.C.; and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Bloomfield Hills resident spent two years with the U.S. Army Medical Corps and has been in practice in Oakland County since 1972.

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