

State action asked on ambulance rerouting

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Farmington Hills elected officials are reaching to the top to put the skids on rerouting of ambulances in southeast Michigan.

The well-publicized problem with rerouting ambulances to hospitals that can accommodate critically ill and injured patients drew the city council's attention last month.

Rather than follow other communities and draft resolutions criticizing the local hospital, such as Bolzford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, the council agreed to urge wholesale changes in the health care industry.

The council's resolution, adopted March 14, addresses industry problems: nursing shortage, inadequate critical care, emergency department capacity, the state's required certificate of need.

... all hospitals in southeastern

Michigan (should) take all appropriate steps to limit and hopefully bring to an end the necessity of rerouting critical care patients by expanding both facilities and staffing necessary to serve the growing population," according to the resolution.

The resolution will be sent to state legislators, county commissioners, public health officials, the Michigan Hospital Association and the Michigan Municipal League.

THE RESOLUTION also has Bolzford hospital officials' blessings.

"I really believe it will help us and other hospitals get to a point where we can address this problem more effectively," said William Scheuber, Bolzford administrator of professional and support services.

Bolzford was ranked fourth among 10 Oakland hospitals, all members of the Oakland County

Council for Emergency Medical Services, for closing the emergency room to incoming ambulances from July to November 1987.

Since December, when ambulances were rerouted 30 percent of the time, Bolzford has steadily improved, Scheuber told the council in February. In January, ambulances were rerouted 20 percent of the time and toward the end of February, 6 percent. No one factor has been attributed to the problem of rerouting ambulances. Lack of enough critical care beds, a shortage of nurses and understaffed emergency rooms play a role.

The osteopathic hospital is making greater efforts to improve wages and benefits to recruit more nurses, Scheuber said. Sixteen telemetry beds have been added to the existing 16. Critical care beds are used when a patient must be watched and monitored. Telemetry beds are used when

a patient is not as critical but must still be monitored.

Hospital officials also plan to renovate the emergency department, which won't necessarily enlarge it but will make it more efficient, Scheuber said.

THE COUNCIL'S resolution addressed renovation plans, such as Bolzford's, that are delayed by the state's required certificate of need. Requiring certificates of need for projects of more than \$150,000 "has hindered the efforts of hospitals to increase critical care and emergency department capacity," according to the resolution.

The council maintains that "the national average threshold" for certificates of need is more than \$1 million. Eleven states have eliminated the requirement altogether, according to the resolution.

The Bolzford emergency depart-

ment projected is estimated at \$600,000-\$700,000. Hospital officials are still awaiting approval from the state on the expansion project that's expected to begin in mid-summer.

In a majority of states, Scheuber said, "such a project would not require a certificate of need. If there was no such requirement in Michigan, hospital officials could have begun the project late last year."

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind we will receive it," Scheuber said, adding that the process is time consuming.

Though he supported the resolution, councilman Aldo Vagnozzi maintained that certificates of need have positive results by eliminating duplication of facilities and services.

Some problems, particularly the nursing shortage, "are not going to be solved by our resolution," Vagnozzi added.



William Scheuber
Bolzford administrator

Leader to yield reins

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have children. Their twins, born in 1985, were conceived through in vitro fertilization, and they were blessed last July with a son conceived naturally.

His close family ties stem from his lifelong wish to help others. Chrzanowski originally considered entering the seminary to study for the priesthood, but ultimately decided teaching would be the best avenue to help young people.

He taught in a parochial school for one year before coming to Farmington schools in 1972.

He taught fifth and sixth grades at Wooddale before being elected FEA president and has taught at both Kenbrook and Forest elementaries. He spends the mornings at the FEA office, then teaches kin-

dergartners at Kenbrook in the afternoon.

HE LOOKS forward to the challenge of teaching again full time, despite some of the recent pressures placed on educators. "Teachers are under a lot more pressure today," he said. "In some respects, it's positive because it keeps us on our toes."

"Every teacher looks for parent support," he added. "We're in a community where that happens."

During his tenure as FEA president, Chrzanowski saw the district change from a junior high school system to one of middle schools, watched enrollment decline and then increase again, and saw teaching ranks move from a high of 850 to just over 700 today.

"Life's been interesting — filled with challenges," he said.

Had he not taken on the challenge of union leadership, he may not have met his wife, whom he married in 1981. The Chrzanowskis met at a social function where she recognized him as an FEA negotiator. His wife was teaching at Harrison High at the time and is now on leave.

"You're always walking a tightrope as a president," Chrzanowski concluded. "I feel for the most part, people have been pleased."

"I just want to be remembered as somebody who did his best for the teachers that he served."

Lawmaker to discuss hunger

State Rep. David Hollister, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Social Services, will address government's responsibility to reallocate its resources to feed the hungry and house the homeless.

He will speak at Our Lady of Sorrows Church hall, Power and Shiawassee in Farmington on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Detroit chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Honor Society is sponsoring the event.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a survey that indicated hunger and homelessness show a steady increase each year. In 1987, one-third of the homeless persons in the survey cities were families with children.

The demand for emergency food assistance increased an average of 18 percent in 1987 in all but two of the 25 major cities surveyed. The problem is not only in the big cities.

Oakland County has 67 emergency food providers. In the tri-county area, food pantries alone provide

over 1.2 million meals to 34,500 families each month; counting soup kitchens and other resources, 1.8 million meals are provided monthly to hungry families.

The committee which Hollister chairs is responsible for recommending to the State House each year the money to be allocated to the Michigan Department of Social Services. The MDSS is the primary conduit for federal and state funds that address the needs of Michigan's poor citizens. Hollister represents the Lansing area.

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