

# Oakland expects little state mental cash

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Still pointing the finger at Lansing, an Oakland County panel is asking \$18 million from the state for community mental health programs — with virtually no hope of getting it.

"We've got people suing us. Do you think this will prompt the state to

give us more?" asked county commissioner James E. Lanni, R-Royal Oak, during a finance committee meeting last week.

"Don't expect much," replied Dr. James H. Graves, director of community mental health services.

Parents and guardians of seven mental patients last month filed a class action lawsuit against the state Department of Mental Health and

Oakland County, charging a lack of services for patients discharged from the state's Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac.

Oakland's defense will be that the state has failed to fund its 90 percent share of the cost.

THE COUNTY board's finance committee approved an application for \$18 million in state money, pledging to put up \$454,000 for its 10 percent matching share, for 45 programs.

The request for state money goes next to the county board's health and human services committee, then to the full board.

A draft resolution notes: "It is unlikely that, because of budget constraints at the state level, only a few, if any, of the proposals submitted will be funded. But the Community Mental Health Services Board believes that it is important to docu-

ment unmet needs and take all possible steps to secure the resources required in Oakland County."

The programs would serve more than 5,800 patients and require 74 full-time and seven part-time county personnel.

"Last year we asked for \$18 million and got \$250,000," said Graves.

EXAMPLES OF services in Oakland's request:

- "Mobile Crisis Team" — contract with a private agency to respond to psychiatric crises in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department; budget \$300,000; estimated 100 people to benefit.

- Screening for admission to CVC; budget \$367,000; benefit to 1,000 people.

- Discharge planning services for mental patients; budget, \$124,000; benefit to 500.

- Pontiac General Hospital psychiatric consultant — increase of 68 work hours a week to handle outpatient clinic; budget \$177,000; benefit to 200 people.

- Substance abuse admission screener to assist with more than one-third of patients who are dually diagnosed — \$40,500; benefit to 500.

- "Family Life Skills Training" — train parents and families of adolescent clients in emotional nurturing, problem solving and communication skills — \$129,000; benefit to 125 families.

GRAVES SAID class-action suits are being filed around the country by the Alliance for the Mentally Impaired, not just in Oakland County.

"What their criteria are, I don't know. They want to get a lot of press," he said. "It's a political tactic."

Graves quoted an official of a na-

tional group as saying "we've been rather disappointed" at the results of the lawsuits. "We may have some new resources two or three years from now."

THE NEWS was better for one program. The finance committee accepted \$150,000 from the state Mental Health Department for an Arabic-Chaldean mental health program. The county will put up \$16,667, a 10 percent match.

The program would be operated under contract by the Arab-American and Chaldean Communities Social Services Council.

The program would consist of a mental health needs assessment of the Arabic-Chaldean-speaking population; a community awareness education and prevention service; and individual and group mental health treatment services.

## 54 prep bands in competition

Fifty-four high school marching bands will gather at the Pontiac Silverdome Friday and Saturday for the Bands of America 1988 Grand National Marching Band Championship.

They will present complex programs, with music ranging from classical to jazz, show tunes to pop, with costuming, colorful props and choreography.

Outstanding marching bands represent a dozen states. More than 30,000 participants, parents and spectators are expected at the two-day event.

IT WILL include an exhibition performance by the 300-plus-member James Madison University Marching Royal Dukes from Virginia. The "Dukes" have been featured with Walt Disney Productions and at professional football games.

Thirteen Michigan bands are scheduled to participate.

The event returns to Pontiac for the second year. It is sponsored in part by Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurants and several Hilton Inns — Troy and Northfield — and the Michigan Inn.

SOME 26 BANDS will perform Friday in preliminary competition beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The remaining 28 bands will perform on Saturday beginning at 8:15 a.m.

The top 12 bands from preliminary competition will then perform in the finals at 7 p.m. Saturday. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens for each day of prelims; all finals reserved seats are \$10.

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy is proposing a \$35 million bond issue to pay for construction of three new Oakland County buildings.

In an outline capital improvement plan, Murphy last week proposed \$18 million for an addition to the courthouse, \$11 million for a computer center and \$5 million for a law library.

"I knew this was coming, but I hadn't seen it," said Commissioner Anne Hobart, R-White Lake, who chairs the board's planning and building committee.

HER PANEL will take up the plan at its next meeting, Nov. 22, Hobart said.

The general thinking, she added, is to make bond payments from current revenues without seeking additional taxes.

The size of the court addition already has stirred up controversy. The circuit judges, supported by Murphy, want new courtrooms with the latest in security precautions. Many commissioners oppose that large a plan, opting instead to build new courtrooms only for the addi-

tional judges Oakland will get.

Currently, Oakland has 14 circuit judges in the busiest circuit in the state. Two more judges are due to be added in 1990 and two more in 1992, for a total of 18.

THE COUNTY has hired the firm of Minoru Yamasaki Associates of

Troy as architect for all three projects.

Yamasaki has yet to make a recommendation on how much space to add. Not only are courtrooms for judges involved, but space for probation, Friend of the Court and other offices.

## Murphy asks bond issue for 3 projects

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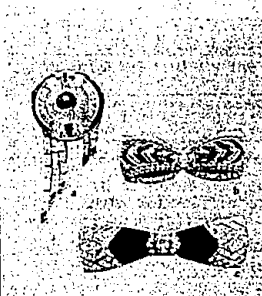
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