

Report says mental health services lag in county

Oakland County's decision to adopt a full management system for its community mental health services will provide the mechanism to upgrade and expand services, according to the state's mental health director.

James K. Haveman Jr. was commenting on a series of issues raised by the state's auditor general who recently released a report on Oakland County's mental health services.

"The report said waiting lists for services are too long, the county's decentralized intake services may not provide an equitable opportunity for receipt of services for all county residents, additional monitoring of client service contracts should be initiated, and reimbursement procedures should be updated. The report covers the period Oct. 1, 1989, through Jan. 31, 1992.

"This report indicates clearly the importance of having a full-management mental health system for Oakland County," said Haveman. "The Board of Commissioners and the county Community Mental Health Board approved last month a new contract with the state which provides considerably more flexibility and authority.

However, some recent moves in the state Legislature to attach restrictions to that agreement has the Oakland County Board of Commissioners uneasy about their contract.

New system ahead

"We believe the decision of the Oakland board to adopt a full management system is the single most important step the county can take to improve and expand

its services," Haveman said. "I commend County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, and members of the Board of Commissioners and Community Mental Health Board for their decision to accept a challenge and initiate work on a more comprehensive service system for residents of Oakland County."

Haveman said the mental health department "is committed to providing assistance to the board in its effort to upgrade quality of care. Our management and technical assistance staff will work with board personnel to ensure the implementation of the full management contract will proceed smoothly and meet all objectives.

"This is an exciting time in the evolution of mental health services in Oakland County," said Haveman. The county under

terms of the new contract now has \$92 million dollars in state match funding to pay for an array of local services. In addition, relatively new models of care — such as assertive community treatment on an outpatient basis — are demonstrating every day in Michigan that it is possible to provide highly effective and cost efficient services in the community, he said.

Increased resources

During the last fiscal year, Oakland County's community mental health board had a state allocation of \$23 million dollars. Under full management, the board will have revenues totaling \$96 million from all sources.

Haveman noted that under the prior dual system of care — with the state providing some services

and the county providing others — it is difficult to coordinate services for all clients.

The new full management system will provide for a single-entry, single-exit service system. All clients will be accepted for service based on common criteria, and priorities for service will be established by the local board.

The new contract which the board signed with the state provides for an additional one-half million dollars for administrative support and contract monitoring staff. The single-entry, single-exit system which the board is developing means that all persons in Oakland County who need mental health services will be evaluated by the county mental health program.

Decisions can then be made as to the most effective, and effi-

cient, service which can be provided for that person. This system should eliminate the process of admitting or readmitting persons to high-cost, intensive hospital or institutional care without first attempting to meet the person's needs in less restrictive and less expensive alternative programs.

Haveman noted that as the county is able to provide services through more cost-effective approaches, additional money will become available to address the needs of persons on waiting lists for various categories of service.

In the recent report, the auditor general noted that "the board was generally in compliance with selected laws, rules, policies, directives and procedures governing community mental health service-board operations."

Later life career changes explored

The Oakland University Continuum Center has designed a four-session, evening workshop to guide adults into successful second, third, or later life careers.

"Career Building: Preparing For Change," will be offered 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, on the Rochester campus. In addition to the four sessions, one hour of private career counseling is included. Career special-

ist Gail Bryan will lead participants through a self-exploration process. This structured program focuses on gaining a clear picture of career direction, assessing job talent, exploring options and setting goals.

The workshop examines the special tactics involved in career transition, the differences and similarities between change by necessity and those by choice,

and techniques to eliminate uncertainty, anxiety, and stress associated with job change.

Fee is \$129 and includes the four sessions plus one hour of private career counseling. The workbook and testing materials are extra; MasterCard/VISA accepted. Register before Tuesday; call 370-3033. Outside Oakland County call toll free 1-800-370-3042.

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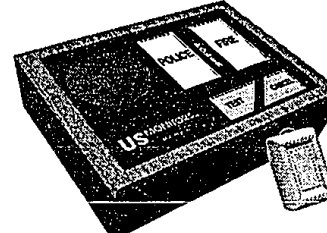
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