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COUNTY

HOSPITAL

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE MULTNOMAH HOSPITAL

The Multnomah Hospital is operated specifically to provide medical treatment for indigent patients who live within Multnomah County. Patients are admitted on the basis of medical necessity for hospital care, bona fide residence in the county, and lack of sufficient funds to pay for hospitalization. The Multnomah Hospital is the largest single budget appropriation to an operating department in Multnomah County amounting to \$3,378,384 during the current fiscal year. It is headed by Dr. Jarvis Gould who draws \$9,500 of his salary from Multnomah County and the remainder of his salary from the State of Oregon.

The Multnomah Hospital is rather unique in its operation. The building itself is adjacent and attached to the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital with many services centralized for greater efficiency and used by all clinical units on the campus. For example, the Multnomah Hospital does not have a clinical laboratory, X-Ray, electro-encephalography, electro-cardiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, cardiac catheterization laboratory, or a medical records service. These services are furnished by the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital on a fee basis.

The physicians who care for the patients in the Multnomah Hospital are members of the staff of the University of Oregon Medical School whose services are provided without charge to the county or the patients. The close association of the Multnomah Hospital with the University of Oregon Medical School Out-Patient Clinic brings a continuity of care to patients who have been released from the hospital.

For a number of years the Multnomah Hospital did not have an emergency department. Early in 1963 consideration was intensified for an emergency department. A joint committee of the county and the City of Portland studied the problems of emergency care for indigent patients and after some months agreed on the use of the proposed emergency department to be constructed and financing for its operational costs. A contract was awarded for a total of \$359,000 and the construction commenced early in February of 1964. The emergency department opened for business last fall. Arrangements have been consummated with the City of Portland for the city to pay over to Multnomah County an annual decreasing usage rate for the emergency care of the city indigent and transient patients.

Chart I is a functional statement of the responsibilities of the Multnomah Hospital. Exhibits 1 and 2 contain some interesting statistics for calendar years 1962 and 1963 contained in the Multnomah Hospital Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners. Appended hereto are the statutes allowing the operation of county hospitals generally.

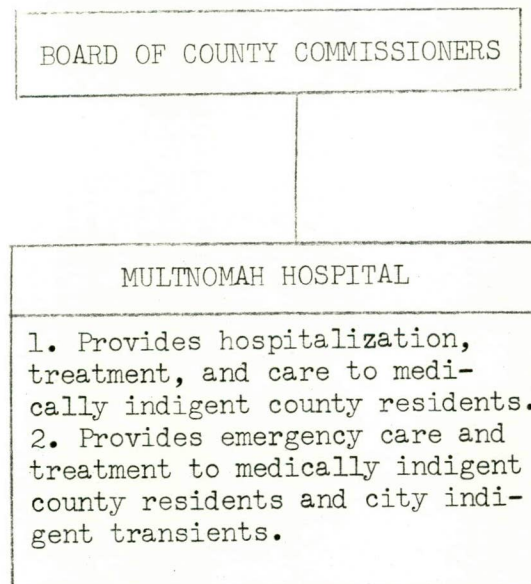


CHART I

MULTNOMAH HOSPITAL
For Calendar Year 1963

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>Percentage of Change</u>
Admissions	8,070	8,341	+ 3.36 %
Hospital Census Days	91,157	89,849	- 1.43 %
Average Days Stay	11.30	10.77	- .53 day
Births	1,646	1,699	+ 3.22 %
Deaths	582	560	- 3.78 %
Autopsies	327	363	+11.01 %
Major Operations	1,991	1,980	- .55 %
Minor Operations	2,032	1,810	-10.93 %
Laboratory Examinations	210,500	212,759	+ 1.06 %
Radiological Examinations	13,288	13,552	+ 1.99 %
Electrocardiographic Exams	6,376	6,374	-
Physiotherapy Treatments	12,595	9,054	-28.11 %
Medical Social Service Cases	1,740	1,762	+ 1.26 %
Total Meals Served	494,889	497,410	+ .51 %
Outpatients	3,170	4,093	+29.12 %

COLLECTIONS FROM ALL SOURCES	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Number of Pay and Part-pay patients	(398)	(472)
Total Collections from Pay and Part-pay Patients	\$ 79,116.15	\$ 94,680.06
MAA Program Paid for This Number of Patients	(104)	(194)
MAA Program Paid This Amount	15,621.40	27,200.33
Total Collections From Estates	56,762.26	49,405.52
Total Number of Estates	(86)	(97)
Total Paid by Welfare Commission	631,641.66	592,370.01
Total Number of Welfare Patients	(3,335)	(3,435)
Percentage of Welfare Patients	(41.33%)	(41.18%)
Cafeteria Income	78,135.83	70,150.61
Room Rent	15,840.10	30,127.10
Miscellaneous Income	238.56	218.05
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TOTAL	\$877,355.96	\$864,151.68

COUNTY HOSPITALS GENERALLY

440.010 Construction and operation of county hospitals; tax levy. (1) The county court or the board of county commissioners in any county may erect, maintain and operate a hospital where the poor of the county may be treated and cared for.

(2) The county court or board of county commissioners may levy taxes, either annually or serially, upon all taxable property within the county for the purposes set forth in subsection (1) of this section. However, any serial tax so levied shall be subject to the limitations and procedures described in subsection (3) of ORS 440.030.
[Amended by 1963 c.607 §1]

440.020 Admission of pay patients; disposition of moneys. In addition to caring for the paupers of the county at a hospital established under ORS 440.010, the county court consisting of the county judge and the commissioners or the board of county commissioners may admit such persons as may be financially able to pay for hospital care and treatment. The income derived from the pay patients shall be used for the maintenance and operation of the hospital. Any surplus remaining after maintaining and operating the hospital, shall be paid into the general fund of the county.

440.030 Care of patients of counties not having a hospital; tax levy. (1) The county court or board of county commissioners of any county not maintaining a county hospital may provide and pay for hospital care and treatment of the poor of the county in any hospital in operation in such county. If there is no hospital in the county, the county court or county commissioners may contract with a hospital in another county for such hospital care and treatment of the poor.

(2) The county court or board of county commissioners may levy an annual tax for the purposes set forth in subsection (1) of this section in an amount not to exceed one-fortieth of one percent (.00025) of the true cash value of all taxable property within the county, computed in accordance with ORS 308.207.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, the county court or board of county commissioners, upon approval of a majority of the electors of the county voting at an election held in accordance with ORS 310.330 to 310.400, may levy taxes serially outside the limitation imposed by section 11,

Article XI, Constitution of the State of Oregon, for purposes set forth in subsection (1) of this section over such period as is authorized by the electors, but not exceeding 10 years.

(4) If taxes are levied serially under subsection (3) of this section, the amount levied each year shall not exceed the maximum amount permitted under subsection (2) of this section for such year.

[Amended by 1963 c.607 §2]

440.040 to 440.100 [Reserved for expansion]