



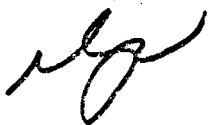
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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HEALTH RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TO : HRP Executive Staff

DATE: August 29, 1974

FROM : Roland L. Peterson 

SUBJECT: Report on RO Involvement in HRP Implementation

This is a brief report on developments with respect to the above subject. We plan to have further consideration and discussion of this matter at our meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 9 a.m. in Mr. Kubel's office.

Pursuant to our previous discussions, Dr. Lindsay introduced the subject of how active and substantive regional office involvement in HRP implementation effort, including the HRP executive staff itself, might best be achieved, in ORO's regular weekly conference call to the RHAs on August 20. This past Tuesday, August 27, the matter was again discussed with them, and it was determined that Dr. Holman Wherritt, RHA/Region VII, would be the "lead" RHA for HRP implementation with Dr. Frank Ellis, RHA/Region V, serving as his alternate.

Dr. Lindsay and I have arranged to meet with Drs. Wherritt and Ellis on September 23 for the purpose of (1) laying out for them the general approach we're following with respect to HRP implementation, developments and progress to date, etc., and (2) getting from them their more specific thoughts as to how the "lead" RHA will function, his role in communicating with the other RHAs, what part he will play in arranging for RO participation in and inputs to individual work groups, etc. This matter also will be discussed with all the RHAs in their regular bi-monthly meeting here on September 24 & 25.

It is reasonably clear, however, that Dr. Wherritt will not be able to regularly attend our weekly meetings. Therefore, Dr. Lindsay as the ORO representative will of necessity be required to serve as their "surrogate" in that connection.

In the interim, between now and our meeting with Drs. Wherritt and Ellis in September, I would propose that we:

1. Begin sending them copies of all draft and other agenda items for our weekly HRP executive staff meetings, summaries of those, and the like.
2. Forward to them for their background information previous agenda materials and meeting summaries.
3. Contact Dr. Wherritt with regard to any specific items or matters we identify that it would be desirable to have RO reactions, comments, or assistance.