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ILLINOIS REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Illinois Regional Medical Program is still in the first year of planning for which it has a grant of \$336,366. The five medical schools in this Region have formed a new, nonprofit corporation to administer the program. Dr. Wright, formerly an Associate Dean at the University of Chicago, is the Program Coordinator. The Regional Advisory Group which is broadly representative of the health resources and interests of the entire Region, was appointed by the Governor.

The initial planning effort is being spearheaded by six task forces i.e., manpower, research, education, continuing education, demography, evaluation. Program objectives have formalized (see attached summary) and studies of patient care problems in the Region are underway.

More specific details on the Illinois Regional Medical Program follow.

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<u>REGION</u>	State of Illinois
<u>COORDINATING HEADQUARTERS</u>	Coordinating Committee of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals of Illinois
<u>STARTING DATE</u>	July 1, 1967
<u>FUNDING</u>	Current award \$336,366 Projected next year \$700,000
<u>OPERATIONAL STATUS</u>	Anticipated in 1969
<u>PROGRAM COORDINATOR</u>	Wright Adams, M.D. Associate Dean, Biological Sciences University of Chicago
<u>ADVISORY GROUP</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oglesby Paul, M.D. Professor of Medicine Northwestern University, School of Medicine Medical Center 9, Practicing Physicians 6, Hospital Administrator 1, Voluntary Health Agencies 4, Public Health Officials 3, Public 3.

About 2½ years ago, a committee of the five Medical School Deans in Illinois, the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society and the Chicago Health Department to study the legislation pertaining to the Regional Medical Programs. Later, Governor Kerner formed the present Advisory Group, and a coordinating committee designed to initiate the planning grant application and to provide the interim structure for organizing the Regional Medical Program. As the program progresses, it is expected that trustees of the principal participating organizations will be appointed to create a non-profit corporation.

Organization and Staffing

The Region is organized around the Regional Advisory Group and the Coordinating Committee of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals of Illinois and operates through the Executive Committees of both groups. Wright Adams, M.D., is the Executive Director of the Illinois Regional Medical Program. Dr. Adams is presently seeking to hire Assistant Executive Directors in the areas of Demography, Economics and Health Manpower; the Coordinating Committee; and Education.

It is anticipated that regional activities will be supervised and reviewed through a series of Task Forces---

- (1) Task Force on Demography and Medical Economic Factors of the Region
- (2) Task Force on Medical and Allied Health Professions Manpower
- (3) Task Force on Continuing Education
- (4) Task Force on Education
- (5) Task Force on Research
- (6) Task Force on Evaluation Mechanisms

Regional Advisory Group

The Advisory Committee to the Regional Medical Program for Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke of Illinois consists of 26 members. Many of the Regional Advisory Group functions will be carried out through its Executive Committee.

Subregionalization

From the outset, the Region realized that the delineation of the boundaries of the "operational regions" might result in subregionalization. The Illinois Regional Medical Program is now trying to further delineate the scope of their Region through data studies and other planning activities.

Planning Activities

While still in the recruitment phase of establishing a Regional Medical Program, Illinois has done some preliminary work on setting planning objectives.

Planning Objectives

1. To develop demographic, medical-economic and sociological studies by which valid information will be gathered on population movements, prevailing patterns of delivery of health services and gaps in the availability of care in certain areas.
2. To further delineate, in light of the activities conducted under the previous objective, the regional boundaries and the advisability of further subregionalization.
3. To refine and expand the current efforts in continuing education for all medical manpower.
4. To identify research programs where new or additional emphases might be directed to improved health services for the public.
5. To achieve, through voluntary means, inter-institutional relationships which are meaningful and productive in the areas of patient care demonstrations, education and clinical research.
6. To improve both the mechanism and the availability of reliable screening mechanisms for these and other diseases.
7. To intensify efforts to refine and implement preventive practices.
8. To assist the health care institutions of the region to better evaluate their programs and develop facilities equal to the missions they undertake.
9. To relate the regional arrangements among institutions to the principle in use by area-wide planning agencies.
10. To provide the framework in which the individual practitioner can have access to the support which will bring to bear on his professional activities the best in knowledge, patient care practices and techniques.
11. To utilize optimally the experience and expertise in the voluntary health agencies.
12. To make use of already existing programs being performed under the auspices of the Illinois Department of Public Health and other official agencies.
13. To explore the possibilities of automation in the health field.

14. To seek improved means for generating more interest on the part of the public in health problems related to heart disease, cancer and stroke.

Relations with 749

Realizing the implications of P.L. 89-749, the region has sought to create a dialogue between the State Health Department, the designated State agency and Regional Medical Programs. The Director of the State Health Department, Dr. Yoder, is vice-chairman of the Regional Medical Program Regional Advisory Group.

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