



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

C H A R T E R

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Purpose

The Secretary and by delegation the Administrator, Health Resources Administration, are authorized under Sections 900-910, of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 USC 299-299j, to make grants and contracts, to encourage and assist in the establishment of regional cooperative arrangements among medical schools, research institutions, and hospitals for research and training (including continuing education), for medical data exchange, and for demonstrations of patient care in the fields of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and kidney disease, and other related diseases, and for other purposes. The Council will provide advice on policy and strategy for carrying out those responsibilities.

Authority

42 USC 299e --- Section 905 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. Council is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463 which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Function

The National Advisory Council on Regional Medical Programs shall advise and assist the Secretary and the Administrator, Health Resources Administration, in the preparation of regulations for, and as to policy matters arising with respect to, the administration of this program. The Council shall consider all applications for grants under Title IX, and make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to approval of applications for, and the amounts of, grants under Title IX.

Structure

The Council shall consist of the Assistant Secretary for Health, or his designee, as Chairman, the Chief, Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration who shall be an ex officio member, and 20 members selected by the Secretary, not otherwise in the regular full-time employ of the United States, who are leaders in the fields of the fundamental sciences, the medical sciences, health care administration, or public affairs.

At least two of the appointed members shall be practicing physicians; one shall be outstanding in the study or health care of persons suffering from heart disease; one shall be outstanding in the study or health care of persons suffering from cancer; one shall be outstanding in the study or health care of persons suffering from stroke; one shall be outstanding in the study or health care of persons suffering from kidney disease; two shall be outstanding in the field of prevention of heart disease, cancer, stroke, or kidney disease; and four shall be members of the public.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms; except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

Management and staff services shall be provided by Special Assistant to Director, DRMP, who shall serve as Executive Secretary.

Meetings

Meetings shall be held three times annually at the call of the Chairman, who shall also approve the agenda.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted, and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

Compensation

Members who are not full-time Federal employees shall be paid at the rate of \$100 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations.

Annual Cost Estimate

Estimated annual cost for operating the committee, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$7,500. Estimate of annual man-years of staff support required is .5, at an estimated annual cost of \$4,500.

Reports

An annual report shall be submitted to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health, through the Administrator, Health Resources Administration, not later than August 15 of each year which shall contain as a minimum a list of members and their business addresses, the Council's functions, dates and places of meetings, and a summary of council activities and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Officer.


Duration

Continuing.

APPROVED:

DEC 26 1974

Date



Secretary