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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TO : HRP Executive Staff

DATE: September 10, 1974

FROM : R.L. Peterson 

SUBJECT: HRP Executive Staff Meeting, September 9

Tom Croft reported briefly on the current position ceiling status of the three HRP programs. It was suggested that this ceiling (284 positions) be centrally controlled with prior executive staff approval of any proposed outside recruitment of headquarters professional staff, required hereafter. This was agreed to; and Mr. Croft will confirm and spell out in writing the procedures to be followed with respect to HRP ceiling control.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to HRP organization, including the issue of whether or not the hospital construction grant program, Hill-Burton, should be a part of a new bureau. This issue had been raised specifically by Dr. Greene in his memo of August 26 to Mr. Rubel.

Drs. Graning and Pahl agreed that Hill-Burton should be included within a new HRP bureau, that on balance the arguments and logic supported such a view. They and others noted that historically a special relationship, a close liaison had existed between health planning and facilities construction; that hospital-based services and resources, quite apart from facilities construction per se, of necessity had to be a major concern and focus of health planning; that Section 1122 and certificate of need requirements had the effect of linking the two; and that programming responsibility for area development funds would reside with the new bureau and thus, responsibility for statewide resource development funds (i.e., facilities construction and modernization) also should. Mr. Croft in conjunction with Dr. Graning was requested to prepare a paper setting forth the pro's and con's on this issue and reflecting the discussion of the HRP executive staff with respect to it.

There also was some discussion of the draft proposal for an HRP organization previously distributed. Questions were raised and reservations expressed specifically as to the need for both an agency development and operations division. Drs. Pahl and Graning felt that the liaison and monitoring functions of the latter would be better served if they were a more integral part of the proposed agency development and the other two more specialized divisions (i.e., facilities construction and systems regulation).

Mr. Croft noted, and Mr. Rubel reiterated the need to achieve some general consensus on a proposed HRP division-level organization within a reasonable short time, perhaps within several weeks. Thus, individuals were requested to give Mr. Croft their substantive comments in writing by the end of the week.

The HRP executive staff will meet again next Monday, September 16, at 9 a.m. There will be further discussion of the draft organizational proposal at that time.

cc: Dr. Wherritt
Dr. Ellis