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RM 00055

JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW

Application:

Requests \$403,482 for five new projects and one continuation project. CHP comments are favorable and included in the application.

Status of RAG-Grantee Relationships Policy: 1

On July 15, DRMP received a new set of bylaws which were adopted by the RAG on June 20. These bylaws appear to reflect compliance by the ARMP with the DRMP policy. Hovever, in a telephone conversation with the ARNP Director and his deputy on July 12, DRMP was informed that there still remains some local concern that the Board of Regents of the University of Arizona may not wish to accept a modified role for the grantee in ARMP. The Board will consider the new bylaws on July 20. Should the Board decide not to approve these bylaws, the Executive Committee of ARMP, along with the Dean of the College of Medicine, is prepared to recommend that ARMP be permitted to operate under the new bylaws until June 30, 1975 At that time, the ARMP would incorporate and divorce itself from the University, should future conditions permit. The ARMP Deputy Coordinator reported that, even if the Board of Regents accepts the new bylaws, there is a general feeling in ARMP that it should separate from the University. Legal counsel has been retained to investigate the establishment of a separate organization.

Request for Reconsideration of Council Action on May 1 Application:

ARMP requests that the action on the previous application be reconsidered in view of "the apparent misunderstanding about ARMP's continuing commitment for improving the availability and accessibility of health services in medically underserved areas in response to high priority needs identified by CHP agencies. To that end,

the Executive Committee unanimously agreed that should the funding level requested in our May 1, 1974, application be restored, such additional funds will be used to support that commitment as an indication of a change in priority rating."

The May 1 application requested \$1,351,128. Counce recommended \$860,000. The ARMP was funded at \$817,146 with the condition that the ARMP be prohibited for initiating any new activities until it was in full compliance with the RMP Policy on Grantee-Regional Advisory Group Responsibilities. Further, Council noted that the RAG placed the lowest priority on the rather successful activities aimed at improving the availability and accessibility of health services in medically underserved areas. There was some concern that the RAG's decision had been unduly influenced by a representative of the grantee.

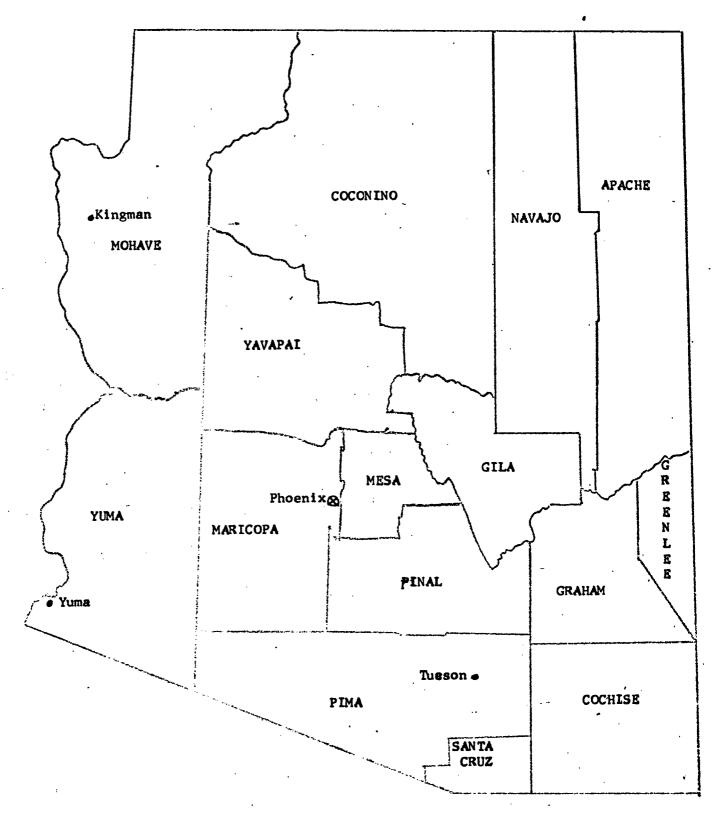
Change in Chairman of RAG:

On June 20, George Bock, M.D. of the Indian Health Service, was elected Chairman. Dr. Bock replaces Richard Flynn, M.D., who served as Chairman of the RAG since the beginning of the ARMP in 1967. DRMP anticipates that Dr. Bock will bring a different type of leadership to ARMP.

JULY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Critique:

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ARIZONA RMP OVERVIEW 'May 1 and July 1 Applications

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MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEW

Request:	\$1,351,128	}

Committee Recommendation: \$860,000

Overall assessment by individual reviewers: Below average

Critique:

Arizona is considered below average for several reasons, none of which is of recent origin. Non-compliance with DRMP guidelines concerning grantee-RAG relationships has made it necessary to withhold certification of the review process of the Region. It appears, also, that individual representatives of the grantee may unduly influence the programmatic direction of ARMP, including program staff activities. Finally, the leadership ability of the Coordinator is questionable.

The RAG membership, which is appointed by the Dean of the Medical School, has recently been increased by six. The staff appears stable.

To the Review Committee, this appeared to be a pedestrian application. Future support of the continuing education program is still under study. The region needs encouragement to move out of the urban areas and to focus on rural health problems.

The Regional Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on June 20, 1974 to review new by-laws. ARMP staff will be in contact with the Region to determine what progress is being made in this regard.

The Committee recommends approval of the application at a reduced level of \$860,000, pending final resolution of the RAG-grantee relationships and verification of a review process.

JULY/AUGUST REVIEW

Estimated request as of May 1974: \$350,000 -425,000

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Council concurred with the amount recommended by Committee, however, rather than having an award contingent upon resolution of the Rag-grantee policy and verification of review process, Council recommended approval at \$860,000 with the following condition:

The ARMP be prohibited from initiating any new activities until the ARMP is in full compliance with the RMP Policy Concerning Grantee and Regional Advisory Group Responsibilities.

DRMP FUNDING DECISION - \$817,146