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910 APPLICATION

TITLE:

Southeastern RMP Inter-Regional Program

APPLICANT:

Medical Association of Georgia

DIRECTOR OF PROJECT:

Barrow, Gordon J., M.D.

FUNDING REQUESTED: (1/1/73-12/31/75)

	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Indirect</u>	<u>Total</u>
01:	\$49,204	\$4,610	\$53,814
02:	51,002	4,864	55,866
03:	52,900	5,131	58,031

SUMMARY:

The Southeastern Coordinators met during the latter part of 1968 to discuss the feasibility of hiring someone to encourage information sharing between and among their regions. In April of 1969, they finalized their discussions by formally agreeing to share proportionately in the support of an interregional person who was responsible for information sharing among the participating regions. Since that time, the Southeastern Coordinators have had 3 1/2 years experience with the interregional program and have deemed it to be worthwhile and beneficial.

This application, which represents a consensus on the part of all coordinators, provides support for an Inter-Regional Coordinator whose basic responsibility would be to promote and encourage inter-regional cooperation among the fourteen Southeastern regional medical programs and also, will provide the salary of a part-time secretary (50%). Other items, such as domestic travel, employee benefits, supplies, etc. have been included.

The elements that constitute the basis for support of this program have been enumerated upon in the application. Briefly, they are as follows: (1) the need on the part of the regions to have information from other regions on what is working and what is not; (2) the need to have beneficial information from other regions concerning structural and programmatic matters; (3) the need for planning activities that may be more conducive on an interregional/multiregional scale rather than on a single regional basis.

Based on past experiences and what is envisioned for the future, there will be three basic approaches utilized in facilitating the exchange of information to the region. First, the Inter-Regional Coordinator will visit each region to familiarize himself with all aspects of the region's operation in order to act as the resource person for all regions by knowing what kinds of approaches have been attempted for similar problems. Secondly, he will be expected to prepare written reports on all aspects of the participating regions' operation. Thirdly, counterpart meetings are to be planned to bring together staff members and/or volunteers for the purpose of sharing experiences and information.

As proposed, the Inter-Regional Coordinator will be employed by the Medical Association of Georgia upon recommendation by a majority of the Southeastern Coordinators and housed at the Georgia RMP offices. For all interregional programmatic activities, he will be responsible to the Chairman of the Southeastern Coordinators and administratively responsible to the grantee organization, the Medical Association of Georgia, through the Director of Georgia RMP. A copy of the job description is attached.

The objectives, as stated in the application, are as follows:

- 1) To provide support for a mechanism to facilitate information exchange among the 14 Southeastern RMPs.
- 2) Assist in the planning, development and implementation of programs which affect two or more RMP's within the Southeastern Region.
- 3) Provide coordination for any cooperative activities that emerge.

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COORDINATOR OF INTER-REGIONAL PROGRAMS  
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Job Description

Primarily responsible for facilitating the exchange of information between and among Regional Medical Programs in the Southeastern United States.

Responsible for assisting in the planning, development, and implementation of programs affecting two or more RMPs in the Southeastern United States.

Works with the Chairman of the Southeastern RMP Coordinators in planning agendas and preparing the summaries of all meetings of the Southeastern Coordinators. Also makes recommendations to the Southeastern Coordinators concerning future "counterpart" meetings and actions arising from them.

Must become knowledgeable about all aspects and components of each Program's organization and core staff as well as past, current, and future planning and operational activities so a comparative analysis can be made of the Program progress and individual Program elements.

Should be available to consult with each Program Director and appropriate members of his staff as often as necessary to discuss ways and means of developing more effective communication of pertinent news, information, and data within the various Regions as well as between Regional Medical Programs in the Southeast.

Must be able to consult with fourteen Southeastern RMP Coordinators and their key staff members and volunteers concerning ways in which individual RMPs may benefit from past experiences of other RMPs.

Should be able to think and write succinctly and logically so matters of interest to the Southeastern Coordinators can be brought to their attention.

Should possess experience in dealing with the type of people who are at the highest level in each RMP organizational structure, as well as have the initiative and imagination to develop new types of interregional programs that would be beneficial to the regions.

Although a specific type of educational and job experience is not required, this position requires a person who does have substantial experience in health affairs with proficiency in administration, writing, government operations and procedures, and an understanding of national and local health relationships.