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JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW

Application: This application requests \$724,786 for support of core staff (\$252,961) and feasibility studies (\$50,000) and eight new proposals (\$421,825). Since June Council recommended no funding for the May application, this represents the Maryland RMP's total request for support of the programs from September through June 30, 1975. None of the new proposals were included in the May application; seven are specifically directed toward RMP's top priority: "Facilitate health programs aimed at urban and rural poor," the eighth is a state-wide hypertension education proposal. The application includes CHP comments and specific information on RAG consideration of the one negative comment.

EO/7/15/74

JULY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONCritique:

MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEWRequest: \$762,663Committee Recommendation: -0-Overall assessment by individual reviewers: Poor

Critique: This application was discussed at length by Panel B, both in its initial deliberation and on the final day when all the Panel's recommendations were reviewed. The reviewer had served on the site visit team several years ago when concerns about staff capability, RAG functioning, grantee over-influence, concentration of program effort in the Baltimore area, and emphasis on data collection were noted as problems. These problems for the most part seem to persist except that activities are now being proposed for areas outside metropolitan Baltimore.

The Maryland RMP does not appear to be a vital force in Maryland; there is no programmatic focus and the funds seem to be supporting a series of separate activities. The Committee concluded that the Maryland RMP did not appear to be a vital regional medical program in the traditional sense nor a useful vehicle for transition for the future. The Committee recommended this RMP be phased out. No funding recommendation was made but the Committee assumes that any needed funds for an orderly transition would be made available.

JULY/AUGUST REVIEWEstimated request as of May 1974: \$400,000

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 13-14, 1974

Council concurred with Committee recommendation

DRMP FUNDING DECISION - 0

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