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Minutes of Thirteenth Meeting 1/ 2/

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The National Advisory Council on Regional Medical Programs convened for its thirteenth meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 1968, in Conference Room 4, Building 31, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Stanley W. Olson, Director, Division of Regional Medical Programs, presided for Dr. Robert Q. Marston, Administrator, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, who was unable to be present for all of the meeting.

The Council members present were:

Dr. Edwin L. Crosby	Dr. George E. Moore (8/26 only)
Dr. Michael E. DeBakey	Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino
Dr. Bruce W. Everist	Dr. Alfred M. Popma
Dr. John R. Hogness	Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz
Dr. Clark H. Millikan	

The Council members absent were:

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds Dr. James T. Howell Dr. Curtis Treen

Public Health Service members attending some of the sessions included:

Dr. Samuel M. Fox, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Dr. George E. Goodman, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Dr. Daniel Horn, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Dr. O.W. Maddrey, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Dr. Robert Q. Marston, Administrator, Health Services and Mental Health Administration
Dr. Frank W. Mount, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Mr. John L. Pendleton, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Mr. Donald Riedesel, National Center for Chronic Disease Control
Dr. W.H. Ross, National Center for Chronic Disease Control

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Liaison members attending:

Dr. Sidney Farber, NCI Council
Dr. A. Earl Walker, NIND Council (8/26 only)

Others Attending:

Dr. J.E.U. Brown, NIGMS
Dr. William D. Mayer, University of Missouri
Dr. Mathilde Solowey, NIND
Miss Pauline Stephan, NCI

DRMP Staff:

Mr. Stephen Ackerman, Associate Director for Planning and Evaluation
Mr. Nicolas Cavarrochi, Financial Management Officer
Dr. Donald R. Chadwick, Deputy Director, DRMP
Mr. Cleveland R. Chambliss, Assistant Associate Director for Operations
Mr. Edward M. Friedlander, Associate Director for Communications and
Public Information
Mrs. Eva M. Handal, Committee Management Officer
Mr. Charles Hilsenroth, Executive Officer, DRMP
Dr. Charles A. Imboden, Assistant Associate Director for Organizational
Liaison
Mr. Gregory Lewis, Chief, Grants Management Branch
Dr. Richard Manegold, Associate Director for Program Development
and Research
Mr. Maurice E. Odoroff, Assistant to the Director for Health Data
Mr. Roland Peterson, Assistant Associate Director for Planning and
Evaluation
Mrs. Martha L. Phillips, Chief, Grants Review Branch
Dr. Alexander Schmidt, Chief, Continuing Education and Training Branch
Dr. Margaret Sloan, Associate Director for Organizational Liaison
Dr. Richard Stephenson, Associate Director for Operations

Miss Cecilia Conrath, Continuing Education and Training Branch
Mr. Arthur Curry, Grants Management Branch
Miss Joyce Finnegan, Grants Management Branch
Mrs. Mary V. Geisbert, Office of Planning and Evaluation
Dr. Louis Gerber, Operations Officer
Mr. Sam O. Gilmer, Jr., Operations Officer
Mrs. Sheila B. Gould, Committee Management Office
Mr. George Hinkle, Grants Management Branch
Mr. Bryant Jones, Operations Officer
Mr. Robert Jones, Grants Review Branch
Dr. Anthony Komaroff, Operations Officer
Mr. Glenn Lamson, Operations Officer
Mr. Robert Lawton, Consultant to DRMP
Mrs. Emily Macafee, Continuing Education and Training Branch
Mrs. Patricia McDonald, Grants Review Branch
Mr. Thomas J. McNiff, Office of Planning and Evaluation
Miss Leah Resnick, Planning and Evaluation Branch
Mr. Richard Russell, Grants Review Branch

Mrs. Rebecca Sadin, Continuing Education and Training Branch
Mrs. Jessie Salazar, Grants Review Branch
Mrs. Ella R. Scates, Planning and Evaluation Branch
Mr. Alphonse Strachocki, Operations Officer
Mr. Lee Teets, Grants Management Branch
Mrs. Mary A. Teller, Planning and Evaluation Branch
Mr. Francis L. Van Hee, Continuing Education and Training Branch

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Doctor Olson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doctor Olson made general announcements about the Service Desk, and called attention to the statements on, "Conflict of Interest," and "Confidentiality of Meetings."

III. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Council reaffirmed the following date:

November 25-26, 1968 (Monday-Tuesday)

These dates for 1969 were tentatively approved:

February 20-21, 1969	(Thursday-Friday)
May 26-27, 1969	(Monday-Tuesday)
August 18-19, 1969	(Monday-Tuesday)
November 20-21, 1969	(Thursday-Friday)

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF MAY 1968 MEETING

The Council unanimously recommended approval of the Minutes of the May 27-28, 1968, meeting as written.

V. LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

1. Budgetary Status

Doctor Olson presented the current status of the budget situation for Fiscal Year 1969. There are carry-over funds from Fiscal Year 1968 in the amount of approximately \$35 million. The total amount which will be available for Fiscal Year 1969 will depend on whether the Senate or the House version of the authorization Bill is finally approved. The Senate Bill would result in approximately \$63 million for a total (with carry-over) of \$98 million, whereas the House Bill would permit \$50 million for a total of \$85 million.

With continuation requirements for Fiscal Year 1969 of approximately \$42 million, it is estimated that the total funds available for Fiscal Year 1969 will be available before the end of the Fiscal Year.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has earmarked at least \$5 million for clinical trials of Aramid "C"

2. RMP Legislation

Different versions of the authorization Bill for RMP have been passed by the Senate and the House. It remains for these differences to be resolved in conference. The significant differences are: (1) a three-year extension in the Senate Bill and a two-year extension in the House Bill; and (2) \$65 million for Fiscal Year 1969 and \$140 million for Fiscal Year 1970 in the Senate Bill, and \$50 million in Fiscal Year 1969 and \$100 million in Fiscal Year 1970 in the House version.

VI. REORGANIZATION OF HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Doctor Olson introduced Dr. Donald R. Chadwick, Deputy Director of the Division of Regional Medical Programs, who, prior to this appointment, was Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Control.

Doctor Olson discussed the organization of the new Health Services and Mental Health Administration (HSMHA). He also discussed the relationship of the Division of Regional Medical Programs to the Division of Chronic Disease; Comprehensive Health Planning; and the National Center for Health Services Research and Development.

VII. GRANTS REVIEW AND MANAGEMENT WORKLOAD

The Council reviewed only supplemental requests at this meeting in the amount of approximately \$10.8 million.

Staff presented the expected workload in the grants review process for the next review cycle. All regions are expected to have operational activities by the end of the Fiscal Year. It would be desirable, not only in order to reduce the workload of the Council but also to carry out a more effective review, for each Region to have a single anniversary date and, therefore, submit one application per year.

VIII. STATUS OF THE 54 REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Doctor Manegold presented a brief report of the current developmental status of the individual regional medical programs. He briefly described the individual strengths and weaknesses of each region, characterizing strengths as:

1. The existence of a strong coordinator and adequate central program staff able to provide positive leadership to the program and the region;
2. A regional advisory group truly representative of the region and which knows its role and accomplishes it in an effective manner;
3. The existence in the region of plentiful resources involved in the development of the program;
4. The formulation by the region of a valid planning and operational concept consistent with regional medical program philosophy;

5. Involvement of the critical elements of the region, most often the medical school(s), private practitioners and the medical society, hospitals of all types, and allied health interests;
6. Sound and workable cooperative arrangements established among the above;
7. Grant proposals well presented and reflecting activities within the strategic concepts of the region, adequate evaluation of the activities, and a good balance of activities among the categorical areas;
8. Sound relationships with comprehensive health planning;
9. Balance between health service and continuing education activities, and attention being paid to particular regional problems, such as the urban ghetto, migrant field laborers, etc.

Characteristics that seem to impede regional development are:

(a) an inability to express thoughts and ideas via grant requests or during a site visit, (b) difficulty in recruiting adequate staff and establishing a regional advisory group, (c) the region being awkwardly constituted, (d) the region enmeshed in a difficult political situation, and (e) the program has become deeply involved with one particular institution or interest.

The issues raised by this summary suggest possible means of Regional Medical Programs achieving better the programs' goals.

IX. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVISION OF CHRONIC DISEASE

Doctor Chadwick discussed the organization and function of the Division of Chronic Disease (DCD). The functions of DCD are to carry out applied research, to promote the development of improved health services, and to support the training of health personnel in chronic disease prevention and control.

Staff from the Division of Chronic Disease was introduced, and presentations were then made by Dr. Samuel M. Fox, III, Chief, Heart Disease and Stroke Control Program; Dr. George E. Goodman, Chief, Kidney Disease Control Program; and Dr. William L. Ross, Chief, Cancer Control Program.

X. COORDINATORS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 1968

The second meeting of the Program Coordinators will be held at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel, Arlington, Virginia, on September 30-October 1, 1968.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council met in Executive Session the afternoon of August 26 with Dr. [Name] and Chadwick. [Name] presided at this meeting.

XII. SITE VISIT REPORTS

Council received summaries of all of the site visits which were made as a result of Council action at the May 1968 meeting.

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

APPROVED IN TIME AND AMOUNT REQUESTED

3 G02 RM 00019-02S1, California RMP

The Council recommended approval in the time and amount requested with the provision that the region clarify and document the program's relevance to the categorical diseases.

The Council viewed the proposal more favorably than the Review Committee, while essentially agreeing with its concerns. The consensus was that its shortcomings were insignificant and remediable by clarification and documentation of the relevance to heart, cancer, and stroke.

The amount requested for a three year period beginning July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1972, is \$418,243, plus appropriate indirect costs.

3 G02 RM 00028-02S3, Alabama RMP

The Council concurred in general with the recommendations of the Review Committee and recommended approval in the time and amount requested. It was noted that the previous successes of this Region tend to substantiate its ability to accomplish a reasonable portion of the proposed activities.

The amount requested for a ten-month period beginning September 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969, is \$273,509, plus appropriate indirect costs.

3 G02 RM 00062-02RS2, Tri-State RMP

The Council recommended approval in the time and amount requested. The Council requested that staff advise the Region that in preparing future applications, special attention should be given to clearly describing the relationship of the proposal to the objectives of the Regional Medical Program. Also, unusual budget requests such as limousine service and automobile rental should be thoroughly justified.

The amount requested for a fifteen-month period beginning September 1, 1968, through November 30, 1969, is \$198,439. No indirect costs were requested.

3 G02 RM 00051-02S1, Memphis RMP

The Council recommended approval in the time and amount requested. A minor concern was expressed regarding the relationship of the Regional Medical Program to the Mid-South Medical Center. Council noted the

The amount requested for a one year period beginning July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969, is \$248,184, plus appropriate indirect costs.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1 G03 RM 00001-01, Hawaii RMP

The Council concurred with the Review Committee's recommendation for conditional approval of the core planning and administration component in the amount of \$334, 123 plus appropriate indirect costs for one year, with a site visit and reconsideration of requested future years of support at the next Council meeting.

The amount requested for a five year period beginning September 1, 1968, through August 31, 1971, is \$2,503,417, plus appropriate indirect costs.

3 G03 RM 00032-01S1, WICHE (Mountain States) RMP

The Council recommended approval of the Core Administration, Advanced Planning and Evaluation portion subject to the findings of, and at a level to be recommended by, the site visit team for a period not to exceed one year; site visitors to consider reduced staffing and funding commensurate with the viability and appropriateness of the region.

The amount requested for a five year period beginning November 1, 1968, through October 31, 1973, is \$8,123,165, plus appropriate indirect costs.

3 G03 RM 00037-02S1, Wisconsin RMP

The Council recommended conditional approval of the core program component for one year in the amount requested, \$438,974, plus appropriate indirect costs, with a site visit and reconsideration of future years of support at the next Council meeting.

The amount requested for a five year period beginning August 1, 1968, through July 31, 1973, is \$4,488,182, plus appropriate indirect costs.

2 G03 RM 00026-02, Greater Delaware Valley RMP

The Council recommended conditional approval in principle at the present level of monthly obligation, with a site visit to assist the Region in a reasonable revision of the present application and with delegation of authority to the visitors to set the appropriate level of funding.

The amount requested for a three year period beginning September 1, 1968, through August 31, 1971, is \$7,846,690, plus appropriate indirect costs.

DEFERRED

3 G02 RM 00024-02S1, Florida RMP

The Council recommended deferral of this application with a site visit and return for reconsideration to use appropriate unobligated funds.

The amount requested for a three year period beginning November 1, 1968, through October 31, 1971, is \$658,200, plus appropriate indirect costs.

3 G02 RM 00040-02S2, Colorado/Wyoming

The Council recommended deferral for a site visit for additional information and clarification. Further, the Council delegated authority for staff to amend the current planning grant by increasing the funds awarded for personnel in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 provided there is a sound basis and justification for additional funds.

The amount requested for a one year period beginning July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969, is \$281,527, plus appropriate indirect costs.

1 G03 RM 00008-01, Connecticut RMP

The Council recommended deferral pending satisfactory confirmation of cooperative arrangements required by law, and of support for the proposed operational program by the groups upon which implementation would depend, specifically the practicing physicians. Message conveyed to Region should emphasize that Council is impressed with the progress to date of the Regional Medical Program developing in Connecticut, that the deferral action was taken to facilitate the rapprochement between the CRMP and the Connecticut State Medical Society, and that a site visit of Council and staff will be made to help if the parties at issue request it.

The amount requested for a five year period beginning July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1973, is \$21,237,593, plus appropriate indirect costs.

Mr. Robert Lawton absented himself.

DISAPPROVED

3 G02 RM 00060-02S1 North Dakota

The Council recommended disapproval of this application.

Among other things, the North Dakota RMP not only has to determine the incidence of the categorical diseases, but also determine the available facilities and care.

SPECIAL ACTIONS

The Council approved the Special Actions on the following:

5 G02 RM 00013-02, Western New York (Buffalo) RMP

The Council recommended approval in principle of the proposed planning study on stroke but without a commitment of additional funds beyond the current grant award period.

5 G03 RM 00037-02, Wisconsin RMP

The Council recommended approval in principle of the application authority to increase the second year award for the stroke therapy and management program up to \$94,006 in direct costs provided it can be demonstrated that the computer costs involved cannot otherwise be met.

5 G02 RM 00058-02, New York Metropolitan RMP

The Council recommended approval of the request to provide interim support in order to continue the Memorial Hospital Feasibility Study in cancer for the six months period beginning January 1, 1969.

3 G02 RM 00061-02S1, Illinois RMP

The Council recommended approval of the request for \$32,000 for direct costs.

Mr. Friedlander commented on the Conference which was held recently by the American Hospital Association. The proceedings have been edited by Mr. Friedlander, and these should be ready in about two months.

XIV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY BY NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS TO THE DIVISION OF REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS STAFF FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN AMOUNTS OF ON-GOING GRANTS

On August 28, 1967, the Council approved the delegation of authority to the Division staff to approve increases in amounts for active grants for four general purposes. The second of these was:

"(2) Extension of grant period with additional funds, at a rate not to exceed the current rate of support, for a period not to exceed six months-- in order to prevent hardship to personnel or loss of investment already made under the grant, to provide additional time for preparation, review, and approval of a renewal application, or to provide for orderly termination of the grant. Such extension would be reported to the Council."


On August 27, 1968, Council approved the further use of this authority in the following circumstances:

"In the case of grants which included commitments for a final budget period of 12 full months but which were arbitrarily shortened (and amounts concomitantly reduced) by the Division's decision to extend commitments no longer than 12 months beyond the life of P.L. 89-239 (June 30, 1969)."

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m., August 27, 1968.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.



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