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From

*W. B. Pahl*

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# MEMO

FROM RUSSELL ROTH

I enjoy the opportunity to serve as back-up reviewer for the South Dakota application, and I would like the record to show that I have chosen to adopt the position that there is no conflict of interest in the fact that I have a Dakota Indian Tribal name - Tonkan-ota-hok skila - which means young boy who discovered rock pile - and relates to my first gall bladder excision - quite successful I may add. The name was bestowed upon me by the patient and his family - notables from the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Perhaps this will merely serve as testimony to my cognizance of the problems of minority representation in an area such as this.

Within this application there are several items of note - and of significance for PMP in my estimation. The first relates to the documentation

of the decrease in the number of physicians - MD and DO alike from the smaller cities in South Dakota. There is here, a striking opportunity to study in relatively poor culture the roots of the problem - the factors that have brought this about - and there is also the opportunity to develop objects or to test schemes for reversing this physician flow.

A ~~second~~ second element of importance is to catch clearly the message that HMO development does not strike the region as being a proper mission for RMP, but that support of Emergency Medical Services does, and the development of Health Center Education Centers does.

This is a relatively simple, straight forward application and I would not believe the issue further. I would support approval of the application for full funding in the amount requested.

N.B. South Dakota, although poor in resources, is one of the healthiest states in the United States to live - which also carries a message in respect to the elements which contribute to the maintenance of good health. It is not all - or even primarily - in the physician - population ratio.

