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JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW CYCLE

Application: This application requests \$480,906 for support of 19 new project activities. June Council recommended \$2,350,000 for the May application. Six projects address Health Quality Improvement, three Quality Assurance, two, Availability of Health Assistance, two, Accessibility to Health Care, three, Availability of Health Care, and three, Quality of Health Care. The application includes CHP comments and action of RAG and staff to them.

MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEW

Request: \$3,849,425

Committee Recommendation: \$2,000,000

Overall assessment by individual reviewers: Above Average

Critique:

Concerns were expressed by the Committee regarding the failure of the region to add more minority members to staff. The Program's efforts in this direction were thwarted by the planned phase-out in February 1973. The IRMP insists that the minority effort continues.

Support for reductions in the amount requested is based on past experience with the region's habitual "inflated" fund proposals. The Program has demonstrated its resilience in the past and will continue to react positively with a restructured program based on the funds awarded. This positive ability to react has been one of the Region's outstanding talents.

Project #63 - Health Information Assistance to Regional State Legislatures (\$111,894) raised concern regarding its increased budget. Past funding for 6 months was \$19,349.

JULY/AUGUST REVIEW

Estimated request as of May 1974: \$400,000 - 500,000 MCO 6/4/74

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 13-14, 1974

Council recommended that the Intermountain RMP application be funded at the level of \$2,350,000, rather than \$2,000,000 as suggested by the Review Committee.

DRMP Funding Decision - \$2,232,899

MCO 7/9/74