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OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

Congressman Carter's district lies within the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program, which has a current award totalling \$346,797. The regional boundaries cross four state lines and include what is known as the Cincinnati-Lexington-Louisville triangle--the Ohio Valley. The Coordinating Headquarters is a new, non-profit organization, known as the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program and Dr. William H. McBeath is the Program Coordinator. A 35-member Regional Advisory Group has been very active in helping to set program goals and in recruiting staff.

While most Regional Medical Programs include parts of one state or cover a total state, the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program is unique in including parts of four states. Planning activities have focused on collecting relevant health data for this regional area which was previously unavailable due to the state orientation of most health data systems. These and other planning activities are outlined in detail in the attached material.

Mr. Carter may also be interested in the activities of the nearby Tennessee Mid-South Regional Medical Program, headquartered in Nashville at the Vanderbilt and Meharry Schools of Medicine. Descriptions of the operational projects now underway in this region are also attached.

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OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

REGION: Most of Kentucky (101 counties) excluding southwest Kentucky bordering on Tennessee, 21 counties in Indiana, 16 counties in Ohio and 2 in West Virginia. Altogether these comprise the Cincinnati-Lexington-Louisville triangle--the Ohio Valley

COORDINATING HEADQUARTERS: Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program

STARTING DATE: January 1, 1967

FUNDING:

<u>Current Award:</u>	\$349,797
<u>Current Request:</u>	\$ 65,000
<u>Projected Next Year:</u>	\$5,000,000

OPERATIONAL STATUS: Anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 1969

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: William H. McBeath, M.D.

ADVISORY GROUP:

1. Chairman: Louis Wozar  
President and General Manager  
Tait Manufacturing Company  
Dayton, Ohio
2. Membership: 35  
Medical Center 8, Practicing Physicians 7,  
Hospital Administrators 5, Voluntary Health  
Agencies 4, Public Health Officials 1,  
Other Health Workers 3, Public 7

Organization and Staffing

The Ohio Valley program is administered by an unincorporated private association known as the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program. The original sponsors of the pre-planning activities in the Region were the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, the University of Kentucky Medical Center and the University of Louisville School of Medicine. The bulk of the planning capabilities are or will be in auxiliary advisory bodies of which there are three types:

Organization and Staffing cont'd.

## A. Standing Committees

- (1) Committee on Medical Practice
- (2) Committee on Community Hospitals
- (3) Committee on Voluntary Health Organizations

B. Reference Panels--not yet constructed but will be used as a review point in the operational phase.

C. Task Forces--the more generalized planning function will be assumed by the Task Forces which are not, at present, in operation. The intended areas are Library Services and Hospital Service Areas.

Policy determination rests with the Executive Board of the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program which consists of a representative from each of the three sponsoring universities and the chairman and vice-chairman of the Regional Advisory Group. Obtaining adequate staff has been a major problem to date, but forward movement in this area is now evident.

Regional Advisory Group

"The nature of the involvement of the Regional Advisory Group has been such as to give it a strong position in advising the Program on the establishment of Program goals." Due to the lead time concerning the Regional Medical Program staffing, the Regional Advisory Group has also been called upon to secure new participants in the regional program. Its members have shown great interest in fully acquainting themselves with the different parts of the region.

Planning Activities

Since this region is made up of parts of four states, it has been extremely difficult to use available data. Much of the basic data work that the "state as a region" RMPs take for granted is not applicable to the Ohio Valley program. As a result, the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program in its first year of planning has concentrated on acquiring the kind of data base that is a prerequisite to the expansion of the program.

Planning Studies - Current on-going studies include:

- (1) Definition of program goals.
- (2) Projection of demand and supply of physician services by various subregions within the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program.
- (3) Manpower inventory of allied health personnel.
- (4) Collection and collation of demographic data for past ten years.
- (5) Collection of basic professional manpower and hospital data--distribution of health resources.

Planning Studies - Current on-going studies include: cont'd.

The Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program planning framework is structured around activity components such as interrelated programs in education and stroke rehabilitation. The theory behind this framework is that each activity component represents a critical mass of activity upon which each participating institution can expand into areas such as continuing education and coronary care units. The activity components include continuing professional education, library extension services, prevention-detection programs, coronary control networks, and a stroke rehabilitation program.

Relations with Comprehensive Health Planning

In conjunction with Hill-Burton and Comprehensive Health Planning, Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program is working on a task force to determine the applicability of the professional and medical audit data system to the area.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING FOR REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS  
IN OHIO VALLEY

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SUMMARIES OF TENNESSEE MID-SOUTH OPERATIONAL PROJECTS

1. Continuing Medical Education--Meharry

Meharry Medical College proposes to inform Negro physicians in the region about more effective techniques for treating heart disease, cancer, and stroke. One of this plan's interesting provisions is sending a senior resident from Meharry to care for the physician's practice while he is attending the course.

2. Continuing Education--Vanderbilt

In contrast to Meharry's approach of bringing the physicians to the Center, Vanderbilt proposes to establish continuing education centers at community hospitals linked to a proposed Department of Continuing Education at Vanderbilt.

3. Hopkinsville Education Center and Chattanooga Education Center

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4. These are the first of the local continuing education centers specified in the Vanderbilt plan. At each hospital, a full-time Director with an appointment at Vanderbilt and an assistant director will supervise resident and physician education in their area. Their services will be available to physicians at smaller community hospitals in each area, as will the enlarged hospital library facilities.

5. Special Training for Practicing Physicians--Vanderbilt

This plan focuses on developing practicing radiologists' skills in vascular radiology, but might later be broadened to include all aspects of diagnostic and therapeutic radiology.

6. Cardiac Nurse Training Program--Mid-State Baptist Hospital-Nashville

The key factor in reducing mortality from cardiac arrest is the immediate availability of a knowledgeable person to initiate resuscitation. Mid-South Baptist proposes to instruct cardiac nurses in new resuscitation techniques by holding three four-week courses.

7. School of X-Ray Technology--Meharry

Meharry plans to establish a two-year program for training at least 10 X-ray technologists per year.

8. Radiology Technologist Training Program-Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt proposes to increase the number of X-ray technologists, improve the quality of their training, and increase their opportunities for continuing education. Three small hospital training programs in the

area will be discontinued as separate entities and subsumed by a new school of X-ray technology at Vanderbilt.

9. Nuclear Medicine Training Program--Vanderbilt

A new series of courses taught by paramedical and medical personnel will be made available to physicians and technologists to increase their skill in nuclear medical techniques.

10. Expansion of School of Medical Technology--Baroness Erlanger Hospital--Chattanooga

To augment medical technology capabilities in the area, this plan makes two proposals: (1) Expand the Baroness Erlanger program for medical technologists; and (2) Establish a school for certified lab assistants who could free technologists from more routine work for more complex procedures.

11. Vanderbilt Coronary Care Unit

This project's purpose is to establish a network of coronary care units with adequate equipment, staffed by well trained personnel. Vanderbilt will be the training and information center for the regional demonstration unit and will provide a focal point for continuing education.

12. Franklin Coronary Care Unit--Williamson County Hospital--Franklin

This is one of the subsidiary units mentioned in the Vanderbilt proposal above. This is primarily a pilot project to study the feasibility and usefulness of establishing a coronary unit in a small community hospital. Other units will be established at:

1. Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital--Hopkinsville, Kentucky
2. Clarksville, Clarksville Memorial Hospital
3. Nashville, Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital
4. Meharry Medical College Coronary Care Unit
5. Murray, Calloway (Kentucky) County Hospital
6. Chattanooga, Baroness Erlanger Hospital
7. Nashville, Mid-State Baptist Hospital
8. Crossville, Uplands Cumberland Medical Center
9. Tullahoma, Harton Memorial Hospital

13. Meharry Super-voltage Therapy Program

This project is aimed specifically at improving cancer therapy for a large indigent population. Meharry will use its funds to obtain a cobalt 60 High Energy Source for therapy and a computer hook-up with Vanderbilt.

14. Proposal to Improve Patient Care in a Remote Mountain Community by Recruiting and Training Health Aides for a New Extended Care Facility--Scott County Hospital--Oneida, Tennessee

Manpower shortage in this isolated mountain hospital is critical. Personnel to man an extended care facility now under construction will be obtained by two methods: (1) In-service training for hospital personnel. (2) An educational director (an RN) to serve as a liaison to the high schools to encourage young people to enter the medical field and come back to practice.

15. Health Evaluation Studies on a Defined Population Group--Multiphasic Screening--Meharry Medical College

Meharry will determine the effectiveness of a comprehensive health program and multiphasic screening examinations in early diagnosis of heart disease, cancer, stroke and their precursors. To run this experiment, a neighborhood medical center supported by Office of Economic Opportunity will serve a selected population of 10,000. The test population and a control population will be evaluated with reference to morbidity, changes in health attitudes and utilization patterns, effectiveness of the screening procedures and the cost per patient diagnosed or treated.

16. Experiment to Test and Implement a Model of Patient Care-- Vanderbilt University Hospital

This is an attempt to define a new structure for patient care. New personnel called stewardesses will be trained to take over nurses' non-clinical duties. Nurses would then be free to spend more time with the patient and to keep up their specialized skills. After the model is refined at Vanderbilt, it will be tested in community hospitals specifically Baptist and St. Thomas.

17. A Medical Surgical Nurse Specialist Graduate Program to Improve Nursing Care of Patients with Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke--Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Vanderbilt is developing a program to train medical surgical nurse specialists to improve nursing care of heart, cancer and stroke patients.