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JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW CYCLE

During the May/June 1974 Review Cycle, the Bi-State RMP was awarded \$760,136 for the budget period 1/1/74-6/30/75.

The July 1 supplemental continuation grant application request \$472,458 for initiation of 16 new project activities. These activities include health manpower (6), quality assurance (3), health care accessibility-underserved (2), local planning, long-term care, kidney (2) and hypertension. Project #'s 58 - Interdisciplinary Patient Care Audit Model and 60 - Quality of Care Evaluation System, are being reviewed by HSA - Bureau of Quality Assurance for conformance to PSRO legislation.

On pages 19-21 of the application, the Bi-State RMP has attempted to describe project sites and service areas by county in both Missouri and Illinois.

DRMP received additional information regarding CHP review and comment. The Alliance for Regional Community Health, Inc. (ARCH) has submitted favorable comments.

MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEW

RMP Bi-State

Request: \$1,129,608

RM 000 56

Committee Recommendation: See Below

Overall Assessment by Individual Reviewers: Average to below average

Critique:

The reviewers were disturbed that the Program has not substantially addressed the problems of accessibility and availability of care except for EMS, nor have they addressed themselves to the needs of minority groups with the exception of Project #55, Health Services Recruitment of Minority Groups, nor to health delivery systems.

It was recognized that the Program was in a very difficult situation because they are attempting to provide a program for the rural area of Southern Illinois as well as the Metropolitan area in St. Louis.

The proposed two new project activities do not appear to conform with the document entitled, "The Health Needs of Bi-State RMP Region as identified by Joint RMP and CHP Planning Conference" which met in February, 1974. Reviewers expressed hope that the new activities proposed in the July 1 application will more adequately reflect upon those identified needs.

Reviewers were surprised that the Bi-State RMP Regional Advisory Group had disbanded and had relinquished its responsibility to a 15-member Executive Committee. Hope was expressed that a larger Regional Advisory Committee should provide stronger leadership. Reviewers rated Program leadership as minimally satisfactory.

Although reviewers did not recommend disapproval of Project #54 - Graduate Follow-up Study, they were not in sympathy with this particular activity.

Program staff performance was considered satisfactory. Reviewers felt the Bi-State RMP Program Staff request for additional secretarial/clerical assistance is out of proportion to the professional staff complement.

Recommendation:

1. Review Committee recommended \$800,000 which is 63% of the target and \$329,608 under the requested amount.
2. Review Committee reaffirmed the November 1973 National Advisory Council recommendation that membership of the Bi-State RMP Regional Advisory Committee should be increased in size and become more involved in the decision making-process.

JULY/AUGUST REVIEW:

Estimated request as of May 1974: \$410,000

MCO 6/4/74

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 13-14, 1974

Council concurred with Committee recommendation.

DRMP funding decision - \$760,136

MCO 7/2/74