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RMP Texas RM 000 07

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JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW CYCLE

Application: This contract application requests \$1,401,391 for support of 34 new contracts. The June Council recommended \$2,333,551 for the May application. Contracts fall within the Program's area of emphasis: <u>Health Education, Health Economics and Systems Demonstration, Health Manpower, Health Care Quality, and Regional Disease Management.</u> All contracts were referred to CHP by the proposer and comments were addressed by RAG and staff.

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MID-CONTINENT OPERATIONS Staff Analysis - Mary E. Murphy

Texas RMP: RM 00007		
May I Application Request:	\$2,333,551	· · ·
NAC Funding Recommendation:	2,333,551	-
DRMP Funding Level:	2,217,270	(\$1,400,000 restricted pending
July 1 Request:	1,401,391	review of contracts)

The Regional Medical Program of Texas has submitted 34 contracts which have undergone the full review process. Each proposal sent to the RMPT by the proposer was simultaneously sent to the appropriate CHP health planner for review. Verbal and written comments on most activities were available for Regional Advisory Group review. Late-arriving comments on approved activities will be considered during contract negotiation.

The contract funding request totals \$1,401,391. The contract projects approved by the RAG are as follows:

Texas Health Education Project. (Access Program)

108A - Pilot Program of Health Education for the Severely	*** ***			
Handicapped	\$30,000			
108B - The Development and Demonstration of a Coordinated				
Community Health Education Program	44,010			
108C - Health Education Resource Office (HERO)	30, 000			
108D - Health Consumer Awareness in the Brazos Valley Reg.	21,857			
108E - General Evaluation Model for Audiovisual Health				
Education Systems	16,000			
108F - Estudiantes Para Mejor Salud	30,000			
108G - Projecto Comprender	63,568			
108H - Assessing Rural Health Education Needs	25,000			
1081 - Design and Test a Method of Assessing the Health	-			
Status of Small Rural Communities	50,000			
108J - Expanded Oral Disease Prevention Project	64,000			
108K - Health/Career Education Program.	20,000			
108L - A Model for Improving Access to and Utilization of				
Regional Health Facilities Through Health Education-				
Communication Programs	28,300			
Sub-Total- new project				
Texas Health Economics and Systems Demonstration Project (Utilization				
and Availability Programs)				
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109A - Health Personnel Utilization Project 109B - Dallas County Chronic and Long-Term Care Study	45, 000 6, 035
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Non-Profit, Acute, Short-Term Hospitals in Texas Through	FO 000
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 109E - Grass-Roots Organization for Utilization of Purchasing and Sharing 109F - A Coronary Care and Critical Emergency Training Project for Rural Hospitals 109G - Genetics Services Program 109H - Rural Rehabilitation Patient Referral Network 109I - Regionalization of Primary Health Care Sub-total - new project 	20,000 12,000 39,833 45,000 34,000 s 266,868
Health Manpower Project (Health Manpower Programs)	
110A - A Cost-Benefit Study of Selected Clinical Education Programs for Professional and Allied Health Personnel 110B - Education and Service Effectiveness (EASE) sub-total - new projects	46,000 20,000 66,000
Texas Health Care Quality Program (Continuing Education Programs)	
 111A - A Problem Oriented Health Record for Infants, Children and Adolescents 111B - DAHTS Videocassette Subscriber Service 111C - A Model Program for the Design and Implementation of a Continuing Medical Education Service for Improving Quality of Medical Care 111D - Continuing Education of the Physician, Nurse and Technologist in the Most Effective Use of Blood and Blood Components 111E - Developing Nursing Skills to Improve the Management of Patients with Disability Problems 111F - Satellite Centers for Continuing Education 111G - Development of Self-Instructional Materials in Cancer Education for Health Professionals 111H - Educational and Informative Communication Systems 111I - A Plan to Develop an Area-Wide Service to Health Personnel and Health Agencies in the Rural Areas of the Three Texas State Planning Regions of Upper Rio Grande, South Plains and Permian Basin 111J - Evaluating the Effectiveness of Selected Continuing Education Programs 	15,000 27,087 31,751 25,000 25,000 25,000 30,000 30,000
Sub-total - new projects _	<u>30,000</u> 293,838
Regional Disease Management Program (Extension and Local Cooperati Programs	on
112A - Statewide Neonatal Care Program	351,950

Sub-total - new projects 351,950

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Total request <u>1,401,391</u>

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New project #'s 108D, 108F, 108G, 108H, 108I, 108L (\$238,725) and continuation project #'s 104A and 102B (\$95,000) are minority oriented activities.

The National Advisory Council extended to the July Review Committee permission to review and fund the contracts approved without making it necessary for a full Council review in August.

The higher request figure is based on the target figure of \$2,398,599 versus \$2,333,551 (140%).

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MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEW

Request: \$2,333,551

Committee Recommendation: \$1,100,000

Overall assessment by individual reviewers: Average - Below Average

Critique:

Committee recommended that the RMPT submit the RAG-CHP reviewed contract proposals in July for a detailed review by the Review Committee. Permission would be extended to the next scheduled Review Committee by the June National Advisory Council allowing the Committee to review and extend final approval of the contracts with their accompanying funding requests. The procedure would allow the contracts to initiate in July, rather than September, and would preclude the necessity of a Council review in August. This expediency measure has been considered important from a management standpoint.

The RMPT has been most effectively managed by an able Director, Mr. David Ferguson, and a talented staff of very limited size. Reviewers did express concern regarding the capability of the staff to effectively manage and monitor the very ambitious program set forth in the application. Mr. Ferguson, through the select contract mechanism, is expected to follow through most competently by DRMP staff.

Concern was expressed regarding the <u>Requests for Proposals</u>, the contract language employed and the sameness in the language used to describe the activities. The submission on July 1 of the form 15 s (narrative) and 16 s (budget) should further alleviate the concerns raised. The relationship between the new activities, the expected outcomes and the prospect of future funding for the new activities should be clearly discernible from the July submission.

Estimated request as of May 1974: \$1,298,599 for contracts not approved for funding in May application. MCO 6/4/74

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 13-14, 1974

Council recommended that the Texas RMP application be funded at the requested level of \$2,333,551, pending satisfactory review of the specific contrast proposals by the July Review Committee.

DRMP Funding Decision - \$2,217,270

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