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Draft of Arthritis Conference Resolutions

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Workshop B-1: Program Documentation

- Approved 1. RMP should provide a common data collection system for uniform documentation of the present projects.
- Approved 2. Documentation should be reviewed and evaluated by sub-units of RMP, AF, AAOS, and other concerned professional organizations, and they should develop a plan for future documentation of arthritis activities.
- Approved 3. (Same)

Workshop B-2: Special Report Opportunities

- Approved 1. A national clearinghouse should be established for educational materials, efforts, and methodologies through the Division of Long Term Care, or the Arthritis Foundation, and these agencies should seek out and maintain contact with other organizations with educational materials.
- Approved 2. (Same) Clarified: request for followup support is to be issued, and procedure determined by responses.
- Approved 3. Central collection and dispersion of data should be undertaken by the PAR, or some other appropriate entity, under the specifications and guidance of the AF Computer Committee.
- Approved 4. (Same) Clarified to be a comparison of comprehensive arthritis care to episodic care.
- Approved 5. Third party reimbursement should be explored in a cooperative effort by this (conference) group.
- Approved 6. (Same)

Workshop B-3: Care Delivery Initiatives

Approved 1. It is recommended that as many as possible of the care delivery projects of the arthritis program be continued beyond the present grant period (June 30, 1975), by availability of RMP funds, or requesting Congress for a supplementary appropriation, to keep these programs going during the interim period between the close of RMP and the time that funds become available under P.L. 93-640, so as to be able to complete and evaluate present activities with regard to their effectiveness, and potential association with future arthritis programs.

Approved 2. (Same)

Approved 3. (Same)

Approved 4. That this conference request the Commission to be established under P.L. 93-640 to investigate areas where there are not now arthritis centers which might nevertheless be determined appropriate sites for allocation of P.L. 93-640 grant or contract funds.

(This resolution received strong vocal dissent with respect to (a) possible duplication of existing P.L. 93-640 terms, and (b) appropriateness with respect to the perceived main thrust of P.L. 93-640.)

Approved 5. (Same)

Workshop B-4: Program Continuity

Approved 1. (Notes do not elaborate on the written summary report).