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DISTRICT 10 - AUSTIN

Texas Regional Medical Program

REGION	State of Texas
COORDINATING HEADQUARTERS	University of Texas
STARTING DATE	July 1, 1966
Current Award:	$1,260,181
Projected Next Year:	$8,133,600
OPERATIONAL STATUS:	Operational application expected to be submitted before end of FY68.
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Spencer G. Thompson, M.D.
ADVISORY GROUP	1. Chairman: Mr. Joe Allbritton Houston Board of Trustees Baylor University College of Medicine
	2. Membership: 32 members; practicing physicians 4; medical centers 11, hospital administrators 3; voluntary health agency 2; public health officials 3 other health professions 3; public members 2; others 4.

On January 10, 1966, several health interests were named to a State Coordinating Committee to discuss implementation of P.L. 89-239. An application was submitted on February 25, which had been put together by each of three designated geographic areas of Texas. Texas was eventually designated as a single Region and the three geographic subdivisions were renamed areas. The University of Texas was designated as the applicant organization. The Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas was named Planning Coordinator and the Texas Medical Center in Houston agreed to become the fiscal agent. The State Coordinating Committee was expanded and became the Regional Advisory Group. Texas received an award on July 1, 1966.

In the development of the Planning application, the following were major participants: Baylor University College of Medicine, Methodist Hospital, Texas Medical Center, Inc., and the University of Texas. The University of Texas system includes medical schools at San Antonio, Dallas, and Galveston, A dental school, a nursing school, a health categorical research institute, a graduate school in the health sciences and a developing public health school. Other early participants in developing the application were: Texas Medical Association, Texas State Department of Health, Voluntary health agencies and the Texas Hospital Association. Additional participants were the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, and the State Department of Public Welfare.

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TEXAS REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

Congressman Pickle's district is situated within the Texas Regional Medical Program, currently funded with a second year planning grant of $1,260,181. An operational grant application is now under development and may be submitted to the Division of Regional Medical Programs within the next month or two. Progress to date has been significant. Staff has been recruited; the Regional Advisory Group has been operating in an active manner since 1966; and the three subregional areas of North Texas, West Texas and the Gulf Coast have been conducting planning and feasibility studies concerned with health manpower, continuing education and training, medical resources and facilities, and programs to treat patients with heart, cancer, stroke, and related diseases.

Mr. Pickle's district is located within the West Texas subregion, which is headquarted in San Antonio. This subregion is considering the development of a cervical cancer eradication program and health career personnel program.

More detailed information on the Texas Program is in the following material.

Organizations requesting participation at a later date were: the Texas Dental Association, the Texas Nurses Association and the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

The Junior College System of Texas has shown some interest in cooperative arrangements for allied health science manpower training programs. Trinity University has proposed manpower training and computerized educational programs.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

An Associate Coordinator was recruited July 1, 1967, on a full-time basis. Planning staffs from each institution then began to meet regularly in joint sessions. On August 12, 1967, the Regional Advisory Group recommended that planning proceed on a statewide basis. Task Forces on Heart, Cancer and Stroke were organized to expedite planning. The first meeting of the Task Force on Stroke was held September 10; the Task Force on Heart met October 8; the Task Force on Cancer met November 12. Subsequent meetings have been held for each group.

Staffing for planning by institution under the planning application are as follows:

Institution	Nos. Positions (Planning)
Baylor University College of Medicine	39
Methodist Hospital	8
U.T. Dental Branch (Houston)	3
U.T. M.D. Anderson	43
U.T. Graduate School Biomedical Sciences at Houston Div. Cont. Education	5
U.T. Medical School at San Antonio	9
U.T. College Business Administor, Austin	-
U.T. Southwestern Medical School (Dallas)	10
U.T. Medical Branch (Galveston)	6
Total:	123

REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP

The membership of the Texas Regional Advisory Group numbers 32. Membership includes the Dean of Faculties at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the Dean of the South Texas Medical School at San Antonio, the Vice President for Medical Affairs of Baylor University College of Medicine, the Dean of Southwestern Medical School, and the Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs of the University of Texas. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, at Baylor University, College of Medicine is also a member of the Regional Advisory Group. Other members include: the

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