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W. STUCKEY  
DISTRICT 8

### GEORGIA REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

Congressman Stuckey's district is included in the Regional Medical Program whose geographic area is the entire state of Georgia. Current funding level is \$233,688. This program is currently in its first year of planning. The Coordinating Headquarters is the Medical Association of Georgia, with Dr. J.W. Chambers of that Association as Coordinator and Dr. Gordon Barrow as Program Director. The Advisory Group is broadly representative of the health resources of the state including practicing physicians, dentists, nurses, representatives of Medical Societies, Medical Schools, Hospital Associations, Planning Agencies, voluntary health organizations and the general public. Special emphasis has been placed on grassroots involvement through extensive use of local advisory groups formed by community hospitals. Some 121 of these are participating.

More specific details on the Georgia Regional Medical Program can be found in the following material.

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REGION

State of Georgia

COORDINATING HEADQUARTERS

Medical Association of Georgia

STARTING DATE

January 1, 1967

FUNDING

Current Award: \$233,688

Current Request: \$2,183,092

Projected Next Year: \$2,700,000

OPERATIONAL STATUS

Application now under review

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Dr. J. W. Chambers  
Medical Association of Georgia  
Dr. J. Gordon Barrow,  
Program Director

ADVISORY GROUP

Chairman: Arthur P. Richardson, M.D.  
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Membership: 59  
Practicing M.D.'s 2, Medical Society  
Representatives 17, Medical Schools 5,  
Hospital Association Officials 4, Planning  
Agencies 1, Cancer Society Representation 4,  
Heart Association Representatives 4, Other  
University Officials 1, Nurses 3, Dentists 3,  
Businessmen 4, Other 11.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The organization plan has seven divisions including Administration, Planning and Project Division, Budget and Fiscal Division, Continuing Education and Training Division, Field Service Division, Communications and Information Division, and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Evaluation Division.

The Georgia RMP has taken a unique and interesting approach to achieve involvement of the hospitals in the region. The hospitals have been asked to form local advisory groups to work in conjunction with the RMP. Of the 176 hospitals in the region 121 have appointed such groups and they represent 90% of the hospital beds in the region. They have three principal functions:

- 1) to continue to advise on local needs and priorities and to suggest possible modifications of the task force reports which outline the broad objectives of the program,
- 2) to assist in the development of certain operational projects which involve the local hospital or the local community, and
- 3) to serve as liaison between the Regional Medical Program and the local medical and lay community.

#### PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Thirteen Task Forces are the key to plan development including:

- 1) disease-oriented task forces to study the problems in specific disease areas,
- 2) coordinating task forces to coordinate the recommendations of the disease-oriented task forces and to develop broad approaches suitable to all areas, and
- 3) an evaluation task force to build in proper evaluation in the design of each phase of the operational plan.

The Medical College of Georgia has been chosen as the institution to be responsible for all data-gathering and the biostatistical and epidemiologic functions of the Georgia Regional Medical Program. Data collection will begin early in 1968 to define the current situation regarding health manpower, continuing education and training, health facilities and services, and the economics of health care in the region.

This can serve not only to point out areas and magnitudes of needs, but also to furnish a baseline for measuring and evaluating changes which may result from the cooperative efforts of the Regional Medical Program. There is currently under review an application from the program for \$324,137 to expand planning activities. This is to expand the staff and increase the rate of program development and move more quickly into operations.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING

The Program Coordinator formerly was employed by the Georgia State Health Department and has extensive personal and professional relationships with key personnel. Also in multi-hospital communities the local advisory groups formed by the hospitals have banded together to form a local metropolitan group. These RMP groups will cooperate with the area planning councils set up under the Comprehensive Health Planning Act.

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