

ATLANTIC RESEARCH CENTRE FOR MENTAL RETARDATION

Emergency meeting, June 26th, 1967

Mr. I.M. MacKeigan, Dr. C.B. Stewart, Mr. W.R. Butler, and Dr. M.S. DeWolfe met in the Dalhousie Clinical Research Centre at the request of Mr. Butler to discuss the emergency arising from the failure of the National Crusade to obtain \$2,500,000.00 directly from the Department of Health and Welfare. Dr. Allan Roeher had informed Mr. Butler that as a result of this failure no funds would be available to the Centre from the national organization of the C.A.R.C. The national organization had previously guaranteed an annual grant of \$15,000.00 plus the \$9,000.00 which had not been pledged by the Province of Newfoundland.

Dr. Roeher pointed out in his letter to Mr. Butler that the \$2,500,000.00 had been set aside by National Health and Welfare for mental retardation demonstration and research work but that the funds would only be available under the Health and Welfare Grant Regulations. Dr. Roeher suggested that the Centre should apply for 100% support through this Health Grant for the positions and expenditures discussed in the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 12th, 1967. He stressed that the application should be in Ottawa prior to July 1st in order to assure full benefits.

The difficulties involved in Dr. Roeher's suggestions were outlined by Dr. C.B. Stewart. The normal procedure for grant applications to the Department of Health and Welfare is as follows;

1. The Grant is submitted by a responsible individual who receives no salary from the Grant. The obvious responsible individual would be the Research Director of the Institute which position is vacant due to the resignation of Dr. W.A. Cochrane. The appointment of a Director will resolve this difficulty. Dr. Stewart commented that a Chairman for the Department of Paediatrics at Dalhousie University would probably be appointed soon and that this individual would be a suitable Research Director for the Atlantic Research Centre.
2. Grant applications directed to the National Department of Health and Welfare are submitted through the Department of Health of the Province concerned. Dr. Roeher had indicated that this procedure was not required for this fund set aside for mental retardation, but that the submission should be sent directly to Dr. Gordon E. Wride, Director, Health Grant, Department of National Health and Welfare.
3. Mr. MacKeigan pointed out that it would be difficult to submit an application in the usual manner through the Provincial Governments for the entire amount of of the estimated budget and expect the Provinces to contribute immediately the funds pledged by them to the Centre.

The Committee agreed that it would be very difficult to prepare a submission for Ottawa without clarifying the procedure for submission and without a Research Director for the Research Centre to act as the responsible individual to account for expenditures, provide appropriate progress reports and initiate claims for payment.

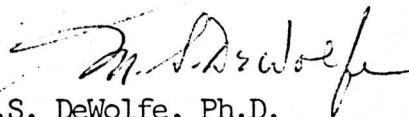
Dr. C.B. Stewart volunteered to communicate directly with Dr. Wride in order to (a) clarify the conditions under which the grant applications could be made, and (b) assure him that an application would be forthcoming for the year 1967 - 68 to cover expenses approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Research Centre on Mental Retardation, May 12th, 1967.

Dr. Stewart telephoned Dr. Wride who assured him that in this instance grant applications could be sent directly to the National Department of Health and Welfare.

Action

On July 21st, 1967 an application was forwarded to the Department of National Health and Welfare under the signatures of Dr. Richard Goldbloom, Professor of Paediatrics, and Dr. C.B. Stewart, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University. This application requested support for a project entitled "Genetic, Biochemical, Immunochemical and Epidemiological Studies on Mental Retardation". The funds requested included salary for Dr. Philip Welch, a Biochemist to be appointed, a Population Geneticist to be appointed, three lab technicians, and one secretary. Travel funds to the amount of \$2,000.00 were requested for field studies in the Atlantic Provinces and meetings of the Board or staff of the Atlantic Research Institute on Mental Retardation. An additional \$2,000.00 was requested for supplies for the Cytogenetics Laboratory, stationery, etc. The total budget estimated was \$51,700.00 for the year 1967 - 1968 and an additional \$40,000.00 annually for the following years. The estimated date of completion of the project was five years. No equipment was requested in this grant but a note was made that equipment required would be purchased by Dalhousie University and the Atlantic Research Institute for Mental Retardation.

Respectfully submitted,



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