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FORT PECK LABORATORY
(Feasibility Study)

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
Fort Peck Indian Reservation
Box 1027
POPLAR, MONTANA 59255

March 28, 1978

Harvey Lich
Program Planning & Statistics Office
B.A.O./I.H.S.
Billings, Montana 59103

Re: Tribal Evaluation Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Lich:

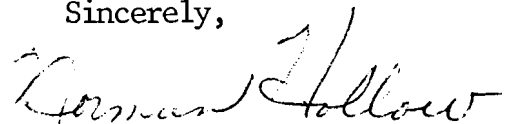
Correspondence received in this office on the 25th of January, 1978, indicated that it was fairly certain that the Billings Area shall have funds available in Fiscal Year 1978 for conducting one Tribal Evaluation Project.

The Fort Peck Tribal Health Organization is submitting to your office, using your prescribed format, a proposal soliciting an award to enable that office to conduct an evaluation study. The findings of the survey should indicate whether or not it is feasible for the tribal organization to assume the administrative and management responsibilities of the contracting of laboratory services of the Health Clinic on the Fort Peck Reservation. It is the desire of the Tribal Health Organization to examine exhaustively all existing physical, social and economic ramifications of such an endeavor.

I feel all positive efforts of this nature are to be encouraged in light of the Self-Determination posture urged by supportive national legislation.

The nearness of an "Indian Administered" clinical lab service capability would be beneficial to the Indian Health Care effort area wide.

Sincerely,


Norman Hollow, Chairman
Fort Peck Tribes

SENT BY TELECOPIER 8/1/78 SGA 8:51 a.m. RESENT (3 pgs.) 9:54 a.m.

MAR 29 1978

PROJECT

1. Name and Address of Tribal Evaluation Organization:
Fort Peck Tribal Health Department
Research & Development
P. O. Box 536
Poplar, Montana 59255
2. Project Title:
Fort Peck Laboratory Administration
Feasibility Study
3. Amount:
\$60,000.00
4. Duration: (the dates when the evaluation project is expected to begin and end)
April 17, 1978 - April 16, 1979

PROBLEM

5. Need for Evaluation: (this section should state the issues the project is designed to address and why the issues arise.)
P.L. 93-638, The Indian Self-Determination Act, issues to tribes the authority to contract for services from I.H.S. after successful depiction of their capability to administer any segment of the I.H.S. components. Here an Evaluation (Feasibility Study) is requested to augment one such approach of the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department to administer the Laboratory component of the Fort Peck Service Unit. The study is requested to address the following issues:
 1. To determine if, and at what time, Tribal Health can realistically enter into a direct medical service via a contract to provide service.
 2. To demonstrate Tribal Health Department capabilities in terms of managing and operating a direct patient medical service.
 3. To ascertain the current state of medical lab services provided in the Billings Area and Fort Peck Reservation in terms of quality, quantity, cost and variety.
 4. To determine if there is a need for a reference lab in the Billings Area as opposed to the advantages and disadvantages of I.H.S. and Tribal operation.
 - (B.) To determine if the equipment and lab at Poplar, Mt., can function as a Billings Area "referencing" lab.
6. Objectives of the evaluation: (this section should describe the specific data objectives of the study and how these objectives relate to the questions posed in Section 5.)
What volume can be expected to be generated by the following:
 1. Revenue sources: Public & Private Agreements for payment of service with all Public and Private consumers.

6. Objectives (con't)

Costs of Lab are i.e. reagents; equipment; maintenance; repair, supplies and insurance.

Additional Personnel needed: A) Administrative and B) Technical

Additional space requirements for: A) Records; B) Bench space; C) Storage/refrigeration and etc.

2. Effects of Accreditation

- A. Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH)
- B. College of American Pathologists (CAP)

Inter-state vs. Intra-state

- A. Accreditation regulations of each.

3. Effects of Location

- A. Isolation
 - 1. Phone rates
 - 2. Mail rates

Referencing System

- A. Communications
- B. Transportation

4. Areas of Personnel Responsibility

- A. Payroll
- B. Benefits

Billings Procedures & Responsibilities

- A. Indirect

Effects of Competitive advantage of Tribal Enterprise.

Effects on existing personnel of Tribal Management.

What is magnitude of administrative Task

- A. Accounting
- B. Billing, etc.

EVALUATION

- 7. Methodology: (this section should describe potential data sources the methodology envisioned for collecting the data, and the analysis to be done in order to meet the study objectives)

- PUBLIC
 - 1. Examine I.H.S. Contract Medical Care and Program "commitment registers" and other data bases to determine current cost of lab services purchased and provided by Area & Service Unit.
 - 2. Survey of Literature; to determine existing legal aspects like situation precedent, compare and contrast local, federal, and state regulations.
 - 3. Demographic Study

7. Methodology (con't)

4. Develop an experimental lab model based on internal (I.H.S.-Tribal) input and direct interviews (structured) interviews with labs of a comparable nature in the private sector.

PRIVATE

1. Develop a Structured interview instrument to survey market for lab services in terms of volume, cost, etc.
 2. Utilize structured interview in market place.
 3. Compile and Analyze data.
 4. Perform Demographic study.
 5. Hire consultants to work with development of structured interviews.
 6. Hire consultants to assist with analyzing data and develop:
 - A. Hypothesis
 - B. Statistical Tests
 7. Prepare interviewers to gather data using instruments developed.
 8. Write up Summarization with Recommendations.
8. Work Plan: (a work plan should be included in this section which specifies major activities to be carried out and indicates when these activities will be completed. In addition manloading and project management should be included.) SEE: Time-Line Planning Chart.
 9. Budget: (This section should include a detailed budget showing the total costs for conducting the study.)

<u>SALARY:</u>	Interviewers (Tribal Health Research & Dev.)	=	---0---
	Consultants time (6 months)	=	\$12,000.00
	Project Research/Analyst	=	16,000.00
	plus 12% fringe benefits	=	1,920.00
	Secretary	=	8,000.00
	plus 12% fringe benefits	=	960.00
	Sub-Total	=	<u>\$38,880.00</u>

<u>PER DIEM:</u>	Interviewers	=	3,000.00
	Consultants	=	1,600.00
	Sub-Total	=	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>

<u>SUPPLIES:</u>	Printing	=	\$ 800.00
	Shared Computer time	=	1,000.00
	Key Punch	=	Area Office Provided
	Tape Recorders x 3	=	750.00
	paper & copying	=	175.00
	Telephone	=	1,200.00
	2 desks & 2 chairs	=	700.00
	Stamps & envelopes	=	95.00
	Miscellaneous	=	200.00
	Sub-Total	=	<u>\$ 4,920.00</u>

9. Budget (con't)

<u>TRAVEL:</u>	Interviewers	=	\$ 8,000.00
	Consultants	=	3,600.00
	Sub-Total	=	<u>\$11,600.00</u>
	Grand Total	=	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

10. Previous Work: (If applicable, describe how the proposed project will build upon or relate to previous work.)
The present administration by the I.H.S. component on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in the provision of Medical laboratory services shall be regarded as previous work in the area to be studied out. Also, the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department has assumed the fiscal and administrative responsibility of other health service delivery areas. It can therefore be expected that the conclusions of this proposed survey will provide the solid statistical base necessary to secure support of the Tribal Health Departments efforts and intents to further its Self-Determination in establishing the administration of its own Reference Laboratory in the medical service delivery field.
11. Use: (This should be a discussion of the potential use of the results of the proposed evaluation project. What action might be taken as a result of the evaluation project? What changes in program direction and effort might be undertaken?)
The results of the proposed evaluation study will be supportive of the transition of the administrative responsibility from the I.H.S. to the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department for the laboratory service system. The resultant statistical compilation will be supportive in justifying future contracting for program funds. The methodology will be replicable in nature, so as to afford another area to assume the administration of a reference laboratory. Profits derived from third party contracting of services of the reference lab will establish third party income and thereby potential profit.

TIME LINE PLANNING CHART

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