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PROPOSED TESTIMONY TO THE ASSEMBLY

HEALTH COMMITTEE ON

MIDWIFERY

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THE OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IS PLEASED TO RESPOND TO YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MIDWIFERY PROJECTS UNDER THE HEALTH MAN-POWER PILOT PROJECTS PROGRAM (HMPP). AS YOU WILL RECALL, IN 1978 AB 1896 (HART) WAS AMENDED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE HMPP PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE A MEANS FOR STUDYING LAY MIDWIFERY. ACCORDINGLY IN LATE 1978 AND EARLY 1979, WE OBTAINED THE ASSISTANCE OF SEVERAL NURSE MIDWIVES IN DEVELOPING SPECIAL GUIDELINES FOR MIDWIFERY PROJECTS. AFTER SEVERAL DRAFTS AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK FROM CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES (CNM'S), TRAINED MIDWIVES AND PHYSICIANS, A PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER 1979 FOR FINAL DISCUSSION AND INPUT. THE GUIDELINES WERE FINALIZED BY HMPP STAFF WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT WE WOULD THEN RECEIVE APPLICATIONS.

WE WERE DELAYED IN SOLICITING PROPOSALS WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT A 1977 AMENDMENT TO OUR PARENT STATUTE (AB717) HAD INADVERTENTLY LIMITED THE AUTHORITY OF THE HMPP PROGRAM TO APPROVE PROJECTS IN WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS IS REQUIRED. THE LEGISLATURE RESOLVED THIS DILEMMA WITH THE PASSAGE OF AB3218. THAT BILL (CHAPTER 707) BECAME LAW ON JULY 26, 1980.

1. WHEN ARE THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS EXPECTED TO BEGIN?

WE ANTICIPATE APPROVAL OF PROJECTS BY MID 1981. THIS IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING TIME LINE.