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Dear Don:

The review of your project by CDC, I felt, was very strong. It might be worth a letter to them promptly, addressing the four areas of weakness. On paragraph 1, you can certainly propose using baseline mortality and morbidity data from MHHP and the Minnesota Heart Survey and the existing methodology for doing that. For paragraph number 2, you can certainly get information on cardiovascular mortality rates in the counties involved from your own staff.

I don't understand point number 4. It would seem to me that you would not want them to be "replicable in the comparison community".

I am really puzzled by the very strong evaluation and the fact that you did not get it. I wonder if the geographic closeness of the winning community might not have influenced them.

At any rate, it speaks well for your future potential. Now that the governor was re-elected I hope that means you may move ahead with new endeavors.

Cordially,

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