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MEMORANDUM

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BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TO : Acting Associate Administrator
for Communications, HRA

DATE:

FROM : Acting Information Officer, BHRD

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

\$202,250 Contract Awarded to Study Health Services Administration Programs

The Division of Associated Health Professions has awarded a \$202,250 contract to the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, Washington, D.C., to determine the appropriate health and behavioral science components of graduate programs in health services administration. The 36-month project will try to identify the functions of health services administrators that require knowledge of the health and behavioral sciences. It also will identify such courses offered currently and specify the curriculum components most relevant to the training of health services administrators. (Frank Sis 496-6011)

Nurse Practitioners, Texas Topics of Articles

A training program supported by the Division of Nursing to develop a model for preparing community nurse practitioners was described in a recent issue of the American Journal of Public Health under the title, "Community Nurse Practitioner, An Emerging Role." Students participating in this graduate program, which was begun at the University of Texas School of Public Health in 1972, have helped community members identify such problems as low immunization rates, teenage drug abuse and poor nutrition and sanitation, the article reported.

Boris Bloch of the Division's Nursing Research Branch contributed the featured article in Nursing Outlook for November 1974. Her paper, "Some Crucial Terms in Nursing: What do They Really Mean?" calls on the nursing profession to avoid imprecise usage of such terms as assessment, diagnosis, and problem. (Frank Sis 496-6011)

Arkansas, Montana Hospitals Visited

Division of Facilities Utilization staff visited hospitals in Arkansas and Montana during November to give consultation on patient and inservice education, housekeeping practices, and infection control. The Montana visit concerned the first and only Public Health Service patient education sharing demonstration project in the United States. Three hospitals, two in Billings and the other in Stillwater, are engaged in showing that patient education can be shared among hospitals. Ruth Richards, BPH Acting Deputy Director, is project director.

Staff also served as speakers or program coordinators at five seminars, two of which the Division cosponsored with State and local health organizations. Subjects discussed by the staff included central service management, drug administration and distribution systems, environmental safety and patient care, patient education, infection control, and controlling airborne bacteria in operating rooms. The programs were held in Casper, Wyoming; Columbus, Ohio; Key Biscayne, Florida; Washington, D.C.; and San Antonio, Texas. (Ms. Dearman 496-6011)

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