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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V LAST WEEK

At their last meeting, AREA V NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE applauded plans (outlined by GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. PH, Asst. Coordinator-CCU Program) for expanding basic instruction in CCU nursing to the community hospitals and made some recommendations of their own:

That the Lancaster-Antelope Valley area be considered top priority community for instituting this new phase of the program which will utilize the multi-media instructional system developed by John Sutherland; that Licensed Vocational Nurses be included in this basic instruction when and where they are being utilized for coronary care nursing.

Turning their attention to the current training program, they had some further suggestions:

That ongoing continuing education for CCU graduates be developed for local communities rather than solely within the central core teaching hospitals. Heart Association Branch members, it was suggested, might be involved in leadership for such programs.

That there be developed a follow-up component which would provide for on-site consultation and problem solving in the graduates' own work setting. One approach might be to utilize nurses from established CCU's in the student's own community, as well as the instructor from the training program. The consultation would gain in value if it could be problem-centered and take place at the trainee's own CCU.

That short-term conferences be developed regarding the purpose and functions of the CCU for administrative nursing personnel to prepare them for the development, operation and continuing staff development of CCU's in their facilities.

That an educational program be developed for community health nurses which addresses the problems of cardiac continuing care, rehabilitation and maintenance.

MELVILLE L. JACOBS, MD, AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE reports that the Oct. 14 meeting of Radiotherapists, begun as an exploration into possible activities in cancer control, resulted in a decision to broaden their horizons to enlist the interest of all radiologists in L. A. County. Among many recommendations were programs calling for continuing education of physicians, a centralized tumor registry, radiation treatment planning and dosimetry services, increased training opportunities for technologists in radiotherapy and nuclear medicine. These needs are to be submitted to the Southern California Society of Radiotherapists for consideration.

Antelope Valley will have its own CCU Nurse Training course in action around the end of November, if all goes well with plans made with the community on Oct. 17 by GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. PH and VIVIEN E. WARR, RN (AREA V CCU PROGRAM). The offer of a program using the Multi-Media Instruction System was accepted with enthusiasm and a schedule of three days a week for three consecutive weeks was agreed upon as the best way in which the needs of the community might be met at this time.

The interested group included Mrs. Hansen, Director of Nurses and Mrs. Kuhn, Inservice Educator, both of Antelope Valley Community Hospital; Colonel Bell, of Edwards Air Force Base; Mrs. Kent, Director of Nurses and Mrs. Easely, Inservice Educator, Lancaster Community Hospital; Mrs. Strybing, Director of Nurses, Swan Memorial Hospital and Mrs. Pray, Director of Nurses, Boron Hospital. There were also responses from people who were unable to attend from Lone Pine, Tehachapi and Kernville. Each hospital hoped to have at least two members participate in the training. Antelope Valley Hospital will make classroom facilities available, the CCU Committee of Antelope Valley Hospital are willing to assist with the didactic part of the program and additional assistance with the clinical aspects is anticipated from the 15 nurses at Antelope Valley Hospital who have already participated in basic CCU programs. Incidentally, there are six graduates of the AREA V CCU PROGRAM in the community.

VIVIEN WARR, RN--our brand new CCU Nursing Instructor--is going back to Antelope Valley Oct. 24 with a proposed schedule of lectures for the approval of the group.

SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, at its Oct. 15 meeting, received a preview of the report on the Health Transportation Feasibility study. This survey attempts to answer the question: "Is there sufficient community involvement, need and interest to warrant the development of a coordinated, centralized, community-based health transportation service in the L. A. area?" Miss Shirley Walders, with research consultants Mrs. Florence B. Goldy and Dr. Helen Olander, will make a formal presentation of the findings and recommendations at the next meeting of AREA V's COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S group on Nov. 7. Miss Walder, incidentally, is going to be married in December and will move to San Diego.

A member just appointed to this committee is RAMON SANTOS, ACSW, Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker, Community Services Division, State Department of Social Welfare.

C A L E N D A R

STAFF MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO SUDDEN CHANGES--PLEASE CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST INFORMATION
ALL MEETINGS ARE IN CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

OCT.			
23	8:00 a.m.	Sophomore Medical Students from CMPH	
23	9:00 a.m.	CCRMP Evaluation Committee Meeting	San Francisco
	to 11:30 a.m.		
23	11:00 a.m.	CCRMP Related Diseases Committee Meeting	Los Angeles Airport
	to 2:00 p.m.		
24	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
25	1:00 p.m.	RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health	ELA College
	to 5:00 p.m.	Workshop (First Session)	Los Angeles
27	5:00 p.m.	CCRMP Categorical Committee on Cancer	Los Angeles Airport
	to 9:00 p.m.		
29	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
29	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Categorical Committee on Heart Disease	Los Angeles Airport
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS -			
November 7 November 21 December 5 December 19			
Next Area Advisory Meeting - November 11			

COLORADO'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF CONVERENCE
 By William A. Markey

This year's "Hospital Medical Staff Conference" of the Postgraduate Medical Education Division of the University of Colorado School of Medicine had 671 registrants from 235 hospitals in 43 states. There were 30 California hospitals listed, with 79 representatives. *Nine hospitals in Area V were represented by eleven physicians and eight persons in administrative positions. Faculty consisted of almost 60 guest speakers and 16 members of the Medical School Faculty. As in the past several years, the Conference was held at the YMCA conference grounds, near Estes Park.

The purpose of this conference, away from interruptions of daily life, is to provide hospital medical staff officers and committee chairmen an opportunity to learn the current status of key problems in hospital medical practice and organization, and to discuss potential solutions to these problems with faculty and with each other. Administrative personnel attend only if medical staff representatives from the same hospital are there. The conference began Sunday evening and continued through noon on Friday, so there was time for the participants to get to know each other, and to discuss application of the conference material to the "situation back home."

Another purpose is to develop a "critical mass" of aware and informed medical staff members and administrators (some trustees also attend) to help in making more achievable the changes in hospital medical practice they feel desirable. For example, there were 14 registrants from one hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota; 13 from two hospitals in Tulsa; and 24 from three hospitals in Madison, Wisconsin. Over a period of years, changes of program and effective hospital planning have become much more realistic goals, as testified to by several groups.

Subject matter, presented in plenary sessions and in "concurrent seminars," ranged from "Barriers to Sound Medical Staff Organization," to "Organization for Health Care and Education--A Continuum of Effort," to "Disaster Planning," to "Treatment of Alcoholism in a General Hospital," to "Utilization Review." Some scheduled entertainment, the free time in late afternoons, the isolated setting and short--though regimented--meal hours, and the elegant Colorado fall scenery, the "togetherness," all contributed to an atmosphere of constructive discussion of very real and pertinent issues concerning organized medical staffs, their leaders, and hospitals in the current world.

Our interest in attending was to acquire background experience for Area V's "First Annual Conference on the Physician and the Hospital Medical Staff Leadership: Fact or Fiction." The Colorado Conference had been proposed as a model and C. Wesley Eisele, M.D., its director and Associate Dean for Postgraduate Education, has been consultant to the Steering Committee for our conference. Our conference, scheduled for April 23-25, 1970 at Monte Corona (near Lake Arrowhead), is beginning to take shape. Some of the faculty have been signed up and we have already had requests from physicians and administrators to participate. Our initial program will be much smaller, and shorter, than the Colorado effort but we are certain that the quality and enthusiasm will be at least comparable.

*Methodist, St. Joseph, Downey Community, Santa Teresita, Glendale Adventist, Childrens, Hospital of the Good Samaritan, St. Vincent's, Community Hospital of San Gabriel.