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THE LATEST ON OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

INDIAN HEALTH PROBLEMS: DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH, is assembling a wealth of facts and information about the American Indian community in LA County--not an easy task since they are, by tradition, nomadic and by nature, reticent. While characteristics have perhaps protected them from the "overstudy" which has aggravated other minority groups, it makes any study of their problems especially difficult. No current data have yet been found which would reveal the availability of Indian physicians and allied health workers--an important factor since the community is keenly interested in developing their own leadership and are reluctant to accept "outside" help. AREA V is currently seeking the services of an Indian consultant qualified to assist the community in the development of internal leadership.

FREE CLINICS: TONI MOORS and some other members of the core staff are working together on a project to visit the clinics and collect information on their operation and the services they are offering. Since some of the groups are not in AREA V, they will be working with Area IV and Jatts-Willowbrook in surveying their needs and supplying areas of support. The team will also be working with the Caucus on Dangerous Drugs and the Council of Free Clinics to find ways RMP can be most effective.

EAST LOS ANGELES: The ELA Health Conference of November 22 and the recommendations of the survey, conducted by the ELA Steering Committee on Health Needs and the community, have produced some surprisingly speedy reaction at several levels--county, state and federal. Keeping the promise made at the Conference, Dr. Roger O. Egeberg has asked for the names of three candidates from which he will select a Special Assistant to act as his liaison in Washington in the area of health needs of Mexican American citizens in Southwest. A Selection Committee has been formed to recruit candidates and details of the qualifications are being prepared for release. Dr. Egeberg indicated his desire that the selection be made from the East Los Angeles community (which contains the highest population of Mexican Americans of any community in the country), however, the Selection Committee takes the view that this is not the most important qualification to be considered.

FIRST MEETING OF 1970 FOR AAC

AREA V ADVISORY GROUP, which used to meet only quarterly to consider grant applications and similar matters, has now accelerated its meetings to every two months and the Steering Committee is meeting every month. Even so, the meetings maintain a fairly lively pace to get through the heavy agendas and anyone requested to give a report is urged to stay within a 10-minute limit. This "tradition" was maintained on January 13 when the group . . .

Welcomed three new members.

Heard a report on AREA V's Cancer Program from Chairman of the Cancer Committee, Lewis W. Guiss, M.D.

Were given an abbreviated presentation of a teaching film "How to Position the Stroke Patient" and some information about Medical Television Network and what it has to offer.

Were brought up to date by Dr. Wilbur Y. Hallett, Project Director, on the progress of the Chronic Early Respiratory Disease Project.

Heard the facts, from WILLIAM A. MARKEY, about a special meeting on Dec. 16 of AREAS V, IV and Watts-Willowbrook with the Personal Health Services subcommittee of Comprehensive Health Planning Assn. of LA. The purpose of the group is to investigate possible projects for co-operation before the groups mentioned and suggest specific methods of co-operation.

Learned about the staff activities in community programs from TONI MOORS (Free Clinics), DOROTHY H. ANDERSON, MPH (Indian Health Problems) and FRANK F. AGUILERA, MPA (East Los Angeles Project).

Were warned, during a summary of AREA V's general progress, by DR. DONALD W. PETIT, that AREA V's involvement with the community might very well expose the program to criticisms of "giving aid and comfort" to militants since these the the type of people most likely to appear as spokesmen for disadvantaged groups. He cited the recent furore in the press over Student Health programs. He also asked the members to consider how the purposes of RMP might be achieved by projects that did not require great outlays of funding but might be accomplished by the use of staff expertize in relating health needs to existing resources. He commented that the organizations represented on the AAG were to be contacted shortly to thank them for their interest and to ask that their current delegate be allowed to continue to represent them. As time passes the officers of organizations change and knowledge of their contact with RMP is sometimes lost in the shuffle at that level, Dr. Petit said. AREA V would like to strengthen its association with the many groups represented and to close any communication gaps that exist.

AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
January 1970

Tuesday, January 20

AREA V	Cardiac Co-Chairmen	1:30 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Wednesday, January 21

REA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Thursday, January 22

AREA V	Committee Meeting on ECF's	12:00 noon to 2:00 RMP Conference Room
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Friday, January 23

AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Tuesday, January 27

CCRMP	Data Needs Committee Meeting	10:30 a.m. to 2:00 RMP Conference Room
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Wednesday, January 28

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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AREA V	Systems & Computers Meeting	6:30 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Friday, January 30

AREA V	Seminar - Welfare Planning Council	10:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

March 10 May 12 July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

January 23 February 6 February 20 March 6 March 20

NEW COMMITTEE ADDED TO CCRMP

By motion of the CCRMP Executive Session, a new committee has been established to determine the appropriate parameters of RMP in California and to consider the relationship of RMP and Comprehensive Health Planning. The committee has been asked to prepare a report on these matters for the CCRMP meeting scheduled for March 11, 1970. DONALD W. PETIT, MD has been asked to serve as a representative of Dean Franz K. Bauer; other members will be Albert Clark, MD; David E. Olsson, Henrik L. Blum, MD, Eldon E. Ellis, MD and Elliot Rapaport, MD (as representative of Dean Cullen, UCSF). It is hoped that a corresponding committee will be available from Comprehensive Health Planning to meet with the RMP group for discussion of region-wide relationships.

HEALTH NEEDS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY TO BE STUDIED

AREA V has pledged assistance with proposed survey of health needs of the Antelope Valley area to be undertaken by Larry Nanney, (an Administrative Resident, Antelope Valley Hospital) under the auspices of the A.V. Health Planning Council. It is anticipated that AREA V will provide data support and questionnaires to elicit consumer and physician attitudes on health needs. The study is expected to take six months to complete. WILLIAM A. MARKEY, DOROTHY E. ANDERSON and TONI MOORS have been attending planning meetings.

CONTRACT BETWEEN RMP SERVICE AND AMERICAN NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED BY DRMP. . .

A Joint Committee for Stroke Facilities has been formed to carry out the purpose of the contract which calls for development of guidelines and criteria for care of stroke patients, including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and related specialty training. The Committee will coordinate a multi-disciplinary approach to the problems of stroke patient care by designated representatives from 23 professional organizations and several federal organizations. Their findings and recommendations will be published as a series of guidelines to be made available to the medical profession, hospitals, government agencies and to the 55 RMP's.

STROKE SYMPOSIUM

Area VII RMP (UC-San Diego) announce a one-day Symposium "Your Stroke Patient" to attempt some answers to common clinical problems as well as to discuss provocative and controversial topics about current and future medical management of these patients. The date is Friday, February 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado. Reservations must be in to the San Diego Heart Association by January 31. Physicians - \$12.00 - Allied Health Personnel - \$6.00

MEET SOME NEW MEMBERS OF AREA V

Area Advisory - ROBERT J. SCHROEDER, DVM, of the Department of County Veterinarian, will represent an allied health area, veterinary medicine.

Area Advisory - Dr. EDWARD S. BRADY, Association Dean of the School of Pharmacy of USC and 3rd Vice President of the California Pharmaceutical Association, will represent the pharmacists, another important member of the health team.

Area Advisory - Hospital Council of Southern California have appointed a new representative, RUSSELL B. WILLIAMS, Executive Director of Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena.

Nursing Advisory - their newest member is nurse Lucie S. Young, AB, MA, PhD, who has just assumed chairmanship of the Department of Nursing at California State College, L. A.

THANK YOU, AREA V

The Indian Health Center reports that it was able to assemble and distribute over two hundred generous baskets of food to needy Indian families this past Christmas and asks that their warmest thanks be expressed for the many contributions received in response to the appeal which appeared in V-MINUTE NEWS. (A special thank you to the nice people at the TB and Health Association who made a particularly noteworthy contribution).

STAFF OF THREE RMP AREAS MEET

Getting together with your neighbors to talk things over is a great way to start a new year and that is what happened on January when AREA V hosted a Joint Staff Meeting for Area IV and Watts-Willowbrook RMP. There were other items on the agenda but the bulk of discussion was sparked by the questions: How do we take "community needs" and turn them into action programs? What are some of the things we are learning from RMP-sponsored work in local communities? The community program people--AL TORRIBIO, (Area I JOHN KINCEY (WW) and FRANK AGUILE (AREA V)--had a great deal to say on those subjects, especially on the importance of consulting the disadvantaged and involving them in the planning of programs that affect them specifically. The next tri-Area staff meeting will be held by Watts-Willowbrook RMP.

NURSING ADVISORY NOTE

Proposal 3-006 "Continuing Education for ECF Nursing Personnel" was reviewed at the January 5 meeting and deferred. It was recommended that RMP efforts for meeting educational and training needs for ECF personnel be devoted to work with the task forces which have developed from the Arrowhead Conference on Education and Training in ECF's, which was co-sponsored by AREA V.

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