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SECOND CCU CLASS GRADUATES IN ANTELOPE VALLEY

Last December, right after AREA V had graduated the first 25 trainees of the Community Coronary Care Training Program in Antelope Valley, GLADYS ANCRUM and VIVIEN E. WARR (who coordinate and teach the course) were asked, "How soon can you come back? We have a second class enrolled!" Well, it took a little while but last Friday--June 12--the following graduates received their certificates and congratulations from DR. GEORGE C. GRIFFITH:

John Bataco LVN, Nina Everitt LVN, Edith Goodner RN, Judy Hutton RN, Peggy Johnson RN, Shirley Sayles RN, Carol Simons RN, Ernesting Ward RN--all of Antelope Valley Hospital; Margaret Droste RN, Frances Grove RN, Leonora Hannum RN, Audrey Hanson, Sheila Raloski LVN (all of Lancaster Community Hospital); Lee Magoch RN, Patricia Owens, RN, Lucille Timpe, RN and Ada Halverstadt LVN (all of Swan Memorial Hospital); Sgt. Larry Leach (Medical Corpsman) and Capt. Betty McCollum, RN (both of Edwards Air Force Base.)

The program was conducted this time at Antelope Valley College in Lancaster. Supplemental lectures were provided by local physicians Drs. Salvadore A. Lask, J. Bacchus, M. Aslan, J. Stross, E. Castner, H. Shibata, M. Ginsberg, E. Spilkin, H. Deutsch and L. E. Bockhacker. Heading other study sessions were Father Skonezi, Mrs. Barbara Bruno, RN, Shirley Easily, RN, Dick Ekstrom and Doug Dew.

Commenting on the impact of the program on the community, Mrs. Bettyjo Kent, RN, Director of Nursing Service at Lancaster Community Hospital, stated: "Bringing the program to the community allows many more people to be trained than if the hospitals were obliged to send personnel to other areas. And the training of LVN's is particularly useful--if we are to make the best possible use of paramedical people, this is an excellent place to start." Mrs. Loretta Hanson, RN, Director of Nursing Service at Antelope Valley Hospital felt that an important aspect of the course, in addition to increasing the supply of trained personnel in the area, stimulates an interest in CCU nursing. Many nurses who were previously reluctant to manage coronary patients have become so interested after taking the course that they are now eager to take more advanced training."

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF
THE CANCER COMMITTEE, June 3

- Several projects were reviewed: The Radiation Therapy Planning Center was recommended for development to Intermediate Proposal. It was decided to defer Tumor Board Consultation and Mammography Training.
- Dr. Guiss reported that the LA Tumor Registry project is expected to be established during 1970 as a pilot project.
- The State Nursing Advisory Committee of the American Cancer Society recently met to consider the financial problems of Visiting Nurses' Associations due to reduction in visits payable by Medicare and Medi-Cal and refusal of payment for visits already made to patients: Nursing Advisory Committee of ACS recommended that funds be given to VNA in a ratio calculated on percentage of cancer patients receiving care (total amount to depend upon funds available).
- Calif. Division of American Cancer Society has prepared 400 volunteers in the "Reach to Recovery" program to assist mastectomy patients in achieving maximum physical, emotional and social potential. Physicians who have patients outside the LA area have access to a Directory of ACS Branch Service Programs that will be helpful.
- Mr. John Findly and Jean F. Crum, MD, reported on "Operation Stop-Gap"--a unique venture sponsored by LACMA and American Cancer Society on May 24 to experiment in ways to close the generation gap between medical students and practicing physicians.

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NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL CANCER
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Area I (UCSF) reports that the first phase of their Cancer program--the consultative service--has been implemented through the services of clinical faculty members who are paid \$100 per day plus transportation to consult with staff members of several hospitals in one city on each visit.

Area II (Davis) notes that tumor conferences set up by phone between Sacramento and Reno seem productive. Community physicians were deeply involved but with the cutback in funding, there is a great deal of disappointment.

Area III (Stanford) is working with Stockton which has a tumor board and secretary and is interested in the training of therapists.

Areas I (UCSF) and III (Stanford) are setting up a population based registry to be funded by RMP and other sources, to include Area II. It was recommended that Areas IV and V, and Areas VI, VII and VIII form separate but compatible registries.

Area IV (UCLA) are proceeding with a facilities survey.

Area VIII (Irvine) awaits the outcome of current legislation on their cancer program which is partially approved but lacks funding.

The Regional Cancer Committee held its May meeting in Houston, Texas, to coincide with the 10th International Cancer Congress. Thirty-seven states are reported to have some type of "Dial Access" making taped information available to physicians by phone.

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CCRMP STAFF CONSULTANTS . .

at their May and June meetings considered the options available for submission of the Regional application for anniversary review status and voted for November submission.

CCRMP Objectives Committee has been asked to develop appropriate objectives in preparation for submission of the application for anniversary review.

The CCRMP Organization and Procedures Committee were requested to work up a proposal procedure and review process. Paul D. Ward, Executive Director, CCRMP, said that the review process should encourage quality development, objective evaluation and appraisal of the projects. Consideration is being given to establishment of a regional review committee similar to the National Review Committee. Such a group might be composed of nine paid members not affiliated with, but knowledgeable of RMP (including at least one consumer representative) and might meet monthly or bi-monthly. A short summary of proposals could be made by personal presentation or by document. Actions of the review body would be forwarded for approval by CCRMP. There was some discussion whether such a process would usurp the prerogative of Area organizations and result in loss of voluntary involvement. It was pointed out that it was essential to develop a mechanism for distribution of funds on a quality rather than an Area basis. Although DRMP approval of proposals is not required

under anniversary review, the quality of activity is reviewed yearly and, if not acceptable, a reduction in awards may be made. There were statements in favor of strengthening the role of Area Advisory Committees and allowing those involved at the local RMP level to make decisions regarding quality through responsibility for funds at the Area level rather than by creating a more complex system. It was also suggested that establishment of a review committee might be a worthwhile experiment and would remove the threat of advocacy, or that such a committee might be established after the Areas have been given an opportunity to perform on a quality basis.

The deadline for requests for transfer of unexpended funds was clarified as June 15. Mr. Ward reminded the Staff Consultants of the necessity of obtaining prior approval from CCRMP and DRMP for implementation of small projects which require transfer of either operational or core funds, between project budgets, or between categories or line items. Carryover funds are considered soft money, are difficult to transfer, and are permanently lost at the end of the second year. Relevance to national priorities and to Regional and Area goals and objectives is also necessary.

New appointments: Dr. Donald Brayton, Area Coordinator, Area IV (UCLA) has been named Chairman of the Categorical Stroke Committee. Dr. Neil Andrews, Area Coordinator, Area II (Davis) is to be the new Chairman of the Categorical Committee on Heart Disease.

AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
June 1970

Wednesday, June 24

AREA V	Social Workers Advisory Committee	8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room

Thursday, June 25

CCRMP	Stroke Coordinating Committee	2 to 5 p.m. - Parlor B Hilton Inn, San Francisco Airport
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Friday, June 26

AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting cancelled	(See summer schedule below)
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Saturday, June 27

Benefit Dinner and Powwow	6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. - John Anson Ford Park, Bell Gardens
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Saturday, July 11

Rummage and Bake Sale (Proceeds to the clinic)	9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Free Clinic 526 E. Oaks Street, Compton
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AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

July 10 August 14 September 11

STAFF MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGES--CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST
INFORMATION

A NATIONAL RMP CONFERENCE OF EVALUATION

is planned for late Sept. or early Oct. According to recent advice from Dr. Harold Margulies, Acting Director RMP Service, it will be a 3-day meeting, with the Chicago area the most likely location. It is envisaged that participation will have to be limited to three persons from each Region, including the Coordinator. JOHN S. LLOYD, of AREA V, is a member of the steering committee for the proposed conference.

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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL . .

action on one renewal proposal and six new supplemental proposals from the California Region was transmitted to Area Coordinators on May 12. These projects are to be added to the growing list of "approved but unfunded" projects for the Region. The Region is free to propose rebudgeting of present resources into any approved activities according to the process described in the Guidelines addendum.

The Council recommended one additional year of support for Medical TV Network (Area IV); 3 years for Rapid Hospitalization for Acute Myocardial Infarction (Area VIII); Solano Supplement for Rehabilitation (Area I) and a Training Program in Coronary Care (Area IV).

Approval was deferred on Project CRIS (Area VIII) until after there is some evaluation of the success of CHAIRS. Returned for revision was Project REACH (Area VII) and the Central Coast Coronary Care System (Area IV)

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AREA V PEOPLE

Commencing July 1, RUSSELL D. TYLER, MD, Chairman of Operational Activities of AREA V and of the Chronic Disease Committee, will be taking 3 months' leave of absence from these duties. The announcement was made by DR. PETIT, Area Coordinator, last week.

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The many friends of KAY D. FULLER, RN, Asst. Coordinator of Nursing for AREA V, will be pleased to learn that she is recuperating satisfactorily from recent surgery.

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AREA V has been advised by the Regional Office of the California Assn. of Nursing Homes, Sanitariums, Rest Homes & Homes for the Aged, that their representative to the Area Advisory Group will be Mr. Robert Taylor, Director of Finance of Metrocare Enterprises, Torrance.

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Dr. Ralph Jung, Asst. Professor of Medicine, USC School of Medicine will be the new representative for TB and Respiratory Disease Assn. on the Area Advisory Group.

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FRANK F. AGUILERA has been advised of his appointment by the County Board of Supervisors to membership on the Mental Retardation Area Board of L. A. County.

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DOROTHY E. ANDERSON has received notification of her appointment to the faculty of the USC School of Medicine as Assistant Clinical Professor of Community Medicine and Public Health.

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