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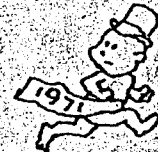
December 30, 1970

At the conclusion of a busy 1970, we added to our activities the task of developing some solutions for problems in the area of health manpower and health care delivery. This responsibility has been tackled jointly by the Area V staff, Committee Chairmen, and members of the Area Advisory Group. Formed in three Task Forces, they have been working energetically to define activities, areas of concern, priorities, goals and objectives. When their reports are presented to the Area Advisory Group on January 12, it will mark the beginning of a new and broadened attack by Area V on problems of health care. I thank all of those who have been working with Area V Regional Medical Programs for their efforts during this past year and wish them well as we add yet another task to the many that we have faced in the past.

Donald W. Petit, M.D.
Area Coordinator



Watch out — they'll wear you out!



Some idea of what AREA V was doing in 1970 can be gathered from these highlights taken from the yearly issues of V-MINUTE NEWS:

January — Categorical committees voted to expand by adding allied health personnel. Spokesmen for the American Indian communities in AREA V met for the first time with our staff. Plans were made to visit various Free Clinics in AREA V. The Confederation of CCU Directors held its first meeting. AREA V offered assistance to Antelope Valley Health Council in their health survey.

February — AREA V sponsored a new course designed for students preparing for a career in the health sciences. There was considerable activity to help Mexican American students into nursing programs. A search was started for a location for an American Indian Free Clinic. The CCU Community Course graduated 15 nurses in the Arcadia area. AREA V joined other groups in an effort to provide courses for training personnel in ECF's. Library Services Committee held its second in a series of meetings throughout the Area to discuss a library project.

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March - A third group of trainees graduated from the Community CCU Training Program in the Pacoima area. Social Workers were studying the status of social service in acute care facilities. Cancer Committee hosted a meeting of all AREA V physicians who practice chemotherapy. The Indian Clinic found a home at its present site and Indians began to train as referral aides. Nursing Advisory Committee considered the coordination of continuing education for nursing practice.

April - CCU Program sponsored a special 3-week course in cardiovascular nursing at Cal State College. Social Workers report results from their campaign to get more minority students accepted at Schools of Social Work around the country. An all-day workshop was held at ELA to discuss the Health Services Report and to make their recommendations known. Pacemaker Registry Project was funded and got under way. Referral service began at the Indian Clinic. Hospital Administrators Committee co-sponsored the 1st Annual Conference on the Physician and the Hospital, at Monte Corona. The Area Advisory Group approved for funding from carryover funds, five special projects: Free Clinic Liaison Program, Respiratory Training Institute, a Work Experience for Allied Health Students, support for a Health Consortium in the San Fernando Valley, Integrated Health Care for Senior Citizens in ELA.

May - Chronic Respiratory Disease Project reported 61 physicians enrolled. The 97-page ELA report on Health was officially released. ELA's candidate for the nation's first Special Assistant on Health Needs of Spanish Surname Americans was officially named by HEW.

June - The first three Stroke Rehabilitation Liaison trainees of the Stroke Program graduated and returned to their respective institutions to begin development of rehab programs. Work continued on the premises, and organization of a Free Clinic for the American Indians. A second CCU Community class graduated in Antelope Valley. Cardiac Committee co-sponsored a course on Emergency Ward Care of Cardiac Patients.

July - A special committee delivered a report on Goals and Objectives to the staff. A cancer survey was started by a special assignee from American Cancer. Social Workers convened a special subcommittee to pursue aspects of health problems in ELA. The RMP-ELA Steering Committee disbanded and the ELA Health Task Force were invited to suggest various projects with which RMP could assist. Area Advisory Group heard Anniversary Review and Developmental Component explained by Paul Ward.

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A SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE FOR ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS

The above project was one of the five supported by AREA V carryover funds this spring and was conducted by the Division for Research and Training in Rehabilitation at USC School of Medicine. The 9-week program was designed to provide exposure and participation for 18 students from seven health disciplines in settings concerned with health in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, and Imperial Counties, as well as Apache County, Arizona. The students had assignments in over 60 agencies. The report on the completed program states:

"The program emphasis was placed on comprehensive and continuing health care as seen in the health community, and was taught with illness as an invasion on the norm in the framework of human life chronology. Students acknowledged an increased awareness of what differentiated comprehensive care from other care types. They showed evidence of becoming increasingly involved in looking at needs for health care--cultural, poverty, affluence--and the spectrum of services involved to foster health in individuals and organizations.

"In total, the students commented on the multiplicity of services in our community--size, scope, types available. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity to look at comprehensive health care delivery both in its existence and its non-existence. In discussions they strove pragmatically to make rational explanations for the practices observed in the attempt to understand the operational systems in the wide variety of participating health organizations. Students discussed at length their concern about the "fractionated" consumer patient. They saw him as the main beneficiary of comprehensive care, yet often as a non-participant, wondering himself how to put all his services together.

"A second emphasis was on the roles health professionals played where services were given. Students expressed a gained knowledge about the backgrounds, functions and responsibilities of a wide variety of health personnel. "Many health workers were completely new to us, and others known only by a title--not role--before the summer experience." Highlighted as important learning experiences were: An increased understanding and developed insight about the integration of one's own professional role with roles of other health professionals; an opportunity to study and work operating from the framework of a team.

"It was agreed that the program should continue, jointly sponsored with other professional schools. Potential for further developments were seen in ...involvement of a maximum number of health disciplines with the aim of breaking out of the isolation of the individual professional school...a lengthening of the course time to coincide with academic sessions; thus, allowing for more indepth field experience in selected segments of the program and increasing the conference periods to review and examine the activities undertaken. Finally, the program presented as a credit course for all disciplines."

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

CALENDAR

January 1971

Monday, Jan. 4

AREA V	Nursing Advisory	2 p.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Cardiac Coordinating Subcommittee	7:30 p.m. RMP Conference Room

Tuesday, Jan. 5

AREA V	Free Clinic Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room
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Wednesday, Jan. 6

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room
AREA V	CCC Subcommittee - Obier Continuity of Care	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. RMP Conference Room

Thursday, Jan. 7

CCRMP	Staff Consultants	Details later
AREA V	Continuity of Patient Care Committee	2 p.m. - Arcadia C of C Board Room

Friday, Jan. 8

AREA V	CCC Subcommittee - Dr. Lurie	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Monday, Jan. 11

AREA V	Cancer Planning Subcom- mittee Continuity of Care	12 noon RMP Conference Room
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Tuesday, Jan. 12

AREA V	Cardiac Coordinating	11:30 a.m. Conference Room
AREA V	Area Advisory Group	7:30 p.m. Calif. Federal Savings Conference Room

Wednesday, Jan. 13

AREA V	Cancer Planning	12:15 p.m. Conference Room
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**Good Health
For the New Year**

August - An ad hoc Committee on Continuity of Care for Cancer Patients was appointed to study problems related to cancer patients. AREA V is heavily involved in L. A. County Heart Association's new program to promote widespread proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The number of Free Clinics participating in the Liaison Program grows to 20. An ad hoc committee on Allied Health was named by Dr. Petit to explore some of the problems of allied health and to consider where AREA V might best place its emphasis.

September - Staff participated in a Conference on RMP sponsored by the L. A. District of the California Dietetic Association. USC Mobile Dental Unit gave a day of service to the American Indian patients. Cardiac Committee was hard at work on their goal of prevention and subcommittees were formed to study rheumatic fever, syphilis, hypertension, viral myopathies and health education. CCU Program revised the nurse training program to provide more varied types of experience, and transferred the administrative and coordination aspects of the CCU Nurse Training Program to Hospital of the Good Samaritan. A new staff member came aboard to act as liaison for AREA V and CRMP with Comprehensive Health Planning, Model Cities, OEO, and other governmental agencies.

October - The American Indian Free Clinic was officially opened and dedicated with much ceremony, opening its doors to patients two evenings a week. California RMP Areas held a conference at Asilomar. Dr. Petit was travelling around Russia, looking at their health care system. The Cancer Report was presented to the Cancer Committee and Dr. Petit. Core staff, committee chairmen and AAG members were appointed to three Task Forces to begin the projection of activities that will be used in the development of a program for the next three years. A proposal for Paramedical Immunohematology Postgraduate Teaching was OK'd by CCRMP.

November - The Area Advisory Group held a special meeting devoted entirely to a study of its role. Cardiac Committee added new subcommittees on hemodynamic laboratory facilities, cardiovascular, emotional problems, continuing care and rehab needs of cardiac patients. A full-time staff member was assigned to develop an umbrella cancer program for AREA V. A proposal for Computerized ECG Analysis in Community Hospitals was sent to CCRMP for the next review.

December - American Indian Clinic, now serving an average of 100 patients a week, is aided to apply for funds from EYOA. The California Region is site visited. For submission at the next CCRMP review, the staff produced six proposals--Regional Radiation Therapy Network, Language and Cross-Cultural Training for Health Professionals, Urban American Indian Health Needs, Free Clinic Coordination Project, Care of the Acutely Ill Training Course for Nurses, Health Science Library Services in L. A. County.

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