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Arrangements have been completed for a second Hospital Discharge Study for the State of California, CCRMP announces. California Health Data Corporation will be proceeding to develop questionnaires, forms and procedures for the study, set for March, 1970--a date which will promote comparability with the earlier Hospital Discharge Study and with U.S. Census data to be collected in April, 1970. Relevant portions of questionnaires and forms are to be discussed with the CCRMP Categorical Committees. Half of the total budget of \$30,000 for the study is to come from the core budgets of the California Areas, with a matching contribution of \$15,000 from Comprehensive Health Planning. AREA V's share of the cost, based on the relative sizes of core budgets of the California Areas, will be \$2,775.

ROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH, (Asst. Coordinator - Community Programs) reports on a special meeting of the Health Division of the Community Planning Council of Pasadena-Foothill Area, October 8: The health needs and priorities of the low income community were discussed. A panel of spokesmen defined some of the greatest concerns of the community as: the need for more and accessible dental care for school children; a broader scope of various health services located within the areas of need; a free clinic for victims of drug abuse; a mental health center; child-care centers for working mothers; some system of transportation for the aged, poor and chronically ill; medical care that is accessible, comprehensive, family-centered and acceptable to the underprivileged; outpatient departments with evening and Saturday hours. Questionnaires were given to those present for comment on what was seen as the greatest need of those expressed and what suggestions were forthcoming for meeting these needs. A follow-up meeting is planned.

The Seminar of October 17 gave AREA V STAFF an opportunity to begin an exploration of how some of the recommendations of the Allied Health Conference might be implemented in AREA V. Some of the points covered: Health care systems should be based on community need and be family-centered, with emphasis on prevention and rehabilitation. All staff should be actively involved in such programs. Participation on Comprehensive Health Planning Committees was suggested as helpful and Dr. Petit agreed to approach Comprehensive Health Planning on the subject of membership for AREA V staff. A proposal that allied health representatives should be added to existing categorical committees, or that an Allied Health Advisory Committee be formed, remained unresolved when time forced an adjournment.

KAY D. FULLER, RN (Asst. Coordinator - Nursing) reports some interesting items gleaned from a meeting of RMP nurses with the Western Council on Higher Education for Nursing, Oct. 22: This was a follow-up of a meeting held a year ago after an agreement to work more closely to prevent fragmentation and duplication of activities. The nursing community appears to be strongly supportive of re-licensing for nurses. Mountain States RMP (Idaho-Montana-Nevada-Wyoming) have developed, as a pilot project, a multidisciplinary consulting team which supplies exchange members so that sole providers of health services located in remote, isolated communities of Wyoming can leave their posts for refresher or continuing education courses. Hawaii RMP has set up an allied health advisory committee to define the implications of RMP for the various disciplines and to develop common core curriculums for the disciplines that are most commonly required to collaborate. At the instigation of a nursing representative of the Colorado-Wyoming RMP Regional Advisory Group, all proposals which are being considered by them are presented by a member of the RAG, thus confining consideration strictly to the merits of the project, without the distraction of unusually skillful "salesmanship" on the part of a project originator. The Director of Nursing Programs of the WCHEN Staff expressed an interest in seeing an RMP project which would require maximum stretch of role for nursing skills and knowledge, possibly a cooperative effort between nurses and physicians.

ANTELOPE VALLEY is all set to start its RMP-CCU Training Program November 18, says VIVIEN WARR, RN, (AREA V CCU NURSE-INSTRUCTOR). The enthusiasm to get started is tremendous, she declares, with each participating hospital generously volunteering their services wherever needed. A proposed outline of lectures was accepted at a meeting on October 24 and problems of storage and transportation of the multi-media teaching equipment were quickly solved by the community. Represented at the meeting were Antelope Valley Hospital, Lancaster Community Hospital, Swan Memorial Hospital and Edwards Air Force Base Hospital.

CARDIAC CO-CHAIRMEN are looking over the CCU Physician Training Program with a critical eye to see what improvements might be made by some changes in program implementation. CHAIRMAN GEORGE C. GRIFFITH, M.D. has asked them to look into the possibilities of a remote ECG monitoring system to be tied in with a distant community hospital... one in Antelope Valley, for instance, with one of the CCU's central teaching hospitals.

CALENDAR

OCT.			
31	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Data Acquisition Committee	San Francisco
	to 4:30 p.m.		
NOV.			
3	2:00 p.m.	AREA V Nursing Advisory Committee	
4	8:30 a.m.	AREA V Stroke Liaison Nurse Task Force	Sportsmen's Lodge
	to 4:00 p.m.		
4	11:00 a.m.	AREA V Cardiac Co-Chairmen's Meeting	
5	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
5	7:30 p.m.	AREA V Area Advisory Group Steering Committee	
6	8:00 a.m.	ACT Conference	LAC-USC Med. Center
6	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	Los Angeles Airport
7	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen (Presentation of the Transportation Study)	
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS -			
November 21		December 5	December 19
Next Area Advisory Meeting - November 11			
- SPECIAL MEETINGS -			
November 21 Conference on Community Health Resources - Sportsmen's Lodge			
November 22 RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop (second session)			

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? . . .

There's a committee that has been so successful in achieving its aims that it has adjourned indefinitely. The RMP Core Staff Subcommittee of the CRMP Nursing Committee and Allied Health Planning Committee who, during the past twelve months, conducted the first National RMP Health Conference at Asilomar in April, 1969; won approval by the National Advisory Council of the Asilomar recommendations; approval of CCRMP Staff Consultants for the creation of an Allied Health Subcommittee with a first assignment of selecting representatives to serve on the Regional Categorical Committees; and DRMP approval for a second National Conference on Allied Health to be hosted by Virginia RMP in April, 1970, as a responsibility of HSMHA. At what might well be their final meeting on Oct. 9, the Core Staff Subcommittee heard a report of an Allied Health Consultant meeting with DRMP to promote greater involvement by visiting schools of allied health and various professional organizations to discuss RMP; development of local workshops, conferences and education activities for allied health professionals; the establishment of allied health committees at Regional and District levels to provide allied health representation on categorical committees. After hearing a report of a concern of the Medical TV Nursing Task Force that comprehensive health care should receive greater emphasis in the Medical TV program, the group unanimously recommended the addition of a full-time allied health coordinator (RN) to the program and requested the Medical TV Nursing Task Force to meet soon to develop suggestions for reorganizing the structure of Medical TV for increased allied health involvement and participation.

AREA V was well represented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Southern California Public Health Assn. on October 24 by GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH, KAY D. FULLER, RN, BERNICE C. HARPER, ACSW, CLYDE E. MADDEN, ACSW, JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D. and DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH.

Miss Anderson, who is a member of the Board of Governors of SCPHA, reports: "At the morning business meeting two resolutions were passed; one to reaffirm the organization's previous and continuing support of controlled fluoridation of public water supplies and the other to commend the Board of Supervisors of L. A. County for their positive measures in regard to air pollution and automobile manufacturers.

"At the end of the meeting, representatives of a group of 40 citizens from Delano in Kern County expressed their need for medical services, sanitation improvements, transportation, education and police relations. They attended this meeting in hopes of receiving some help to the solution of their health problems and felt frustrated in being referred to the Equal Health Opportunities Committee of SCPHA. Many of the registrants at this meeting felt that this organization should become action-oriented and take leadership in helping solve community health problems. Several of the registrants volunteered to contact their professional counterpart in Kern County and encourage their interest and participation with this community group towards improving community health problems and add basic health services. This appears to be an excellent opportunity for RMP to creatively "bridge the gap" in health services for this community."