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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V LAST WEEK...

August 13, 1969

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE PHYSICIAN AND THE HOSPITAL-MEDICAL STAFF LEADERSHIP: FACT OR FICTION. That's the official name of the conference to be held in the spring of 1970, to be hosted by AREA V HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, with the assistance of the Postgraduate Division of the School of Medicine, USC. Steering Committee for the conference is composed of John B. Brewer, W. Kevin Hegarty, James E. Ludlam, Henry B. Dunlap, William A. Markey, Carl Weissburg, Francis M. McKeever, M.D., Harold Mazur, MD and seven members of LACMA: Charles B. Canby, M.D., David Trainer, M.D. Walter R. Buerger, MD, William G. Winsor, III, MD, Walter S. Phares, MD, John Curry Brennan, MD and Sanford Rothenberg, MD. Dr. C. Wesley Eisele, Associate Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education, University of Colorado is serving as consultant for the conference. He is Director of the annual Hospital Medical Staff Conferences held in Estes Park, Colorado. Some of the objectives of the conference are to identify medical staffs as a major force in hospital-health policy-making and to identify problems of hospital medical staffs.

The Technical Review of "Computerized ECG Analysis for Community Hospital Use" is scheduled for the afternoon of August 14, 1969 at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. CCRMP advise that team members are: Rodman D. Starke, MD of San Francisco, Stephen A. Coray, MD of Ventura, Richard E. Yorder, MD of San Diego and Dick Sasuly of CCRMP Staff. Accompanying Dr. Lee Cady, Jr., author of the project and CHAIRMAN OF AREA V SYSTEMS AND COMPUTERS COMMITTEE will be AREA V STAFF MEMBERS, JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D. and WILLIAM A. MARKEY.

The request for technical review of AREA V project #2 060 - Training of Paramedical Personnel as Field Service Dietetic Aides has been withdrawn, pending further work on the proposal.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING OF CCRMP STAFF CONFIDENTIALS, AUGUST 7:

Next site visit by DRMP has been postponed to early October (AREA V has two projects for this review--the Pacemaker Registry and Emergency Myocardial Infarction Rescue Unit.)

The volume of work imposed on the original Technical Review Panel necessitates its expansion and each Area has been asked to name seven nominees, one for each of the categories of Heart Disease, Cancer, Stroke, Related Diseases, Continuing Education, Community Medicine and Allied Health. AREA V Chairmen have been asked to submit suggestions.

The Areas have also been asked to send in nominations for "Public Representatives" for two vacancies which exist on the California Committee.

Details are being worked out and support being sought for an interesting "spin-off" which has arisen as a result of the survey of health facilities being conducted in East Los Angeles. Those familiar with the patterns of health care in that community are of the opinion that a large number of Eastside residents travel to towns south of the border to seek medical, dental and optical services; however, no quantitative data are available on the use being made of Mexican health facilities by U. S. citizens. The feasibility of a study to collect this data is being explored by MR. JOSE CARLOS (member of the RMP-ELA STEERING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH NEEDS) and FRANK AGUILERA (AREA V-COMMUNITY PROGRAMS). Through his membership in the U. S. - Mexico Border Public Health Assn., Mr. Carlos was able to contact Dr. Rogelio Ferman, new Director of the Mexican Public Health facilities in Baja California, who evinced great interest and volunteered to aid such a study in every way possible.

THE RMP-EAST LOS ANGELES STEERING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH NEEDS has announced the date of the first session of the Community Health Workshop as Saturday, Oct. 25, and the place is East Los Angeles City College.

According to CRMP Area Nurses, who met on August 4 at AREA V headquarters, several California Area Coordinators have signified informal approval of plans for a regional Allied Health Committee which would represent not only nursing but many paramedical disciplines and would have an official representative on each of the Regional Categorical Committees. Goals for the Allied Health Committee and plans to seek official recognition will be discussed on Aug. 27 when the group meets at AREA IV-UCLA.

## WELCOME ABOARD!

MISS MARLENE CHECEL, MPH, Coordinator to Dr. John A. Mitchell, Program Director of Watts-Willowbrook District RMP is to represent the latter group on the AREA V LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Starting Aug. 11, MRS. LINDA BEESON, Girl Friday, will be assisting all of us in AREA V, under the supervision of MRS. LENA PINKERTON, Administrative Assistant.

If you did not receive a copy of the new AREA V Status of Proposals at a recent meeting, you will find a copy attached. This new form will be issued quarterly.

# Calendar

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

AUGUST

14	to	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Technical Review of ECG Computer Proposal	Los Angeles
14		6:30 p.m.	AREA V Stroke Team	
14		6:30 p.m.	AREA V Library Services	Norris Library
20		9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
		7:30 p.m.	Watts-Willowbrook RMP District Meeting	Los Angeles
25		5:00 p.m.	CCRMP Categorical Cancer Committee	Los Angeles
	to	9:00 p.m.		
27		9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
SEPTEMBER				
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- SUMMER SCHEDULE -

Committee Chairmen's Meetings

September 12      September 26

There will be no seminars during August or September

- COMING EVENTS -

On Saturday, October 18, there will be a one-day symposium at LACMA Headquarters on the project "Physician Education in Early Chronic Respiratory Disease."

The first session of the Community Health Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 25 at the East Los Angeles City College.

The three CCU Programs now in operation by California RMP Areas (I-UC San Francisco, IV-UC Los Angeles and V-USC) have combined forces to produce, in July, the first issue of a new publication "CORONARY CARE NEWSLETTER." It promises to publish training program schedules and information of interest to physicians and nurses from all of the areas of California as they relate to the activities of the three operational programs.

Inquiries about getting on the mailing list should be directed to Bill Boquist, California Committee on Regional Medical Programs, 655 Sutter Street, Room 600, San Francisco, California 94102

RMP representatives from Areas I, IV and V, where CCU operational grants are underway, have been working together on a data collection system, assisted by Rand Corporation. A major objective has been agreement on definitions so that a common language is spoken. During March and April a preliminary data collection form was tested at one hospital in each of the three areas. In AREA V, this was conducted at San Pedro Community Hospital, where Dr. Milford G. Wyman, Director of AREA V CCU PROGRAMS, is located.

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The form was revised and retested starting June 1 in 25 diverse California Hospitals. Based on this study, it is anticipated that a relatively simple and valuable data system will be available to CCU's this fall. It is anticipated that all eight Areas of California will wish to participate. Each Area will be responsible for collecting the data forms from the hospitals and completing key punch cards. These will be forwarded to Area I for processing by a central computer. The Area offices will receive the computer read-out describing the experiences in each of their CCU's as well as full statewide data.

Ten hospitals in each Area may participate in this system which can provide each CCU with regular reports of its own experiences and statewide experience. The ten hospitals in AREA V are: Garfield Hospital in Monterey Park, Westside Hospital, Whittier Hospital, Antelope Valley Community Hospital, Community Hospital of San Gabriel, Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Arcadia, Holy Cross Hospital, Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte, Glendale Adventist Hospital and Presbyterian Inter-community Hospital in Whittier.

"My father wants to know if you've defined your objectives for your proposal."

(With thanks to KDF)