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IT WASN'T AS EXCITING AS THE LUNAR LANDING
BUT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK IN AREA V

Along with the V - MINUTE NEWS this week is being sent a description of the review procedure for proposed operational projects which was recommended by CCRMP Organization and Procedures Committee to CCRMP Staff Consultants. A study of this process and the "Areas of Concern in Technical Review" will be helpful in understanding this new system of review which is now in effect.

The five-day Social Work Course entitled "Dissemination and Utilization of New Knowledge and Skills in Cardiovascular Disorders" which was given in the fall of 1968, was the subject of a meeting called for July 17. The Course was presented by the L. A. County Heart Association and was funded jointly by the U. S. Public Health Service, L. A. County Heart Assn. and RMP AREAS V and IV. According to MRS. KAY D. FULLER, R.N., who represented AREA V at the meeting, the consensus of participants and faculty was that a great need for continuing educational programs of this kind had been demonstrated, that the Course needs to be continued and should be broadened so that other long-term medical disease categories could be included. MRS. BERNICE C. HARPER (CHAIRMAN, SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE) and Social Work Coordinator for the Course noted that it was the first of its kind ever presented for social work leaders of agencies and institutions in this area and that at least one of the objectives had been achieved--changes had been noted in the way some services were organized, based on increased knowledge and changes of attitude.

DR. RUSSELL D. TYLER and MR. WILLIAM A. MARKEY spent July 14 visiting at the Operations Research and Systems Analysis Branch of DRMP and looking into the various kinds of systems and operational research alternatives which are now in effect.

A presentation on problem solving and decision making by Mr. Herman Anderson, Jr., of Kepner Tregoe Inc., provided a stimulating seminar on July 18. (For those who didn't get to the meeting, we'll let you in on the solution--the butler did it!)

Plans for launching of the newly funded, second operational project of AREA V were discussed July 17 by AREA V STAFF and Dr. Wilbur Y. Hallett, proposer and Director of the teaching and demonstration program for early detection and management of obstructive chronic respiratory disease. LEON C. HAUCK has been appointed AREA V staff liaison.

Some interesting packages that have been arriving at the office turn out to be the components of a multi-media instructional system, soon to be made available for training nurses in intensive coronary care in AREA V. The course includes lectures, discussions, films, film strips, tapes, manuals, pretests and final examinations and may be used to train groups or individuals. It permits nurses to remain at their hospitals and perform many of their regular duties while taking the course on either an intensive or extended time basis. Anyone who misses a session or wishes to understand the material more thoroughly can replay and study the part missed. The system is learner-oriented and is purposely designed to reduce training time and costs. The material will be kept up to date as new knowledge and techniques are developed in treating coronary patients. DR. ANCRUM reports that plans are under way to use the instructional system for in-service training of graduates of AREA V's CCU Program and for training programs in the community hospitals of AREA V.

A report on the Middle Management Development Program, presented during June by the Hospital Council of So. California and to which AREA V contributed some support, discloses that personnel from 20 hospitals participated in this supervisory training program. MR. WILLIAM A. MARKEY spoke briefly about RMP at the openings of the two five-day sessions of the Program which was conducted by Dr. Robert Holloway, Director of Hospital Research, University of Chicago.

Calendar

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

JULY

30	9:30 am	AREA V Staff Meeting	
AUG. 1	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	RMP-East Los Angeles Steering Committee on Health Needs	
4	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	California RMP Nurses	
5	12:00 noon	AREA V CCU Faculty Meeting - Physician Training	Good Samaritan Hospital
6	11:30 am	AREA V Hospital Medical Staff-Administrators Conference Steering Committee Meeting	
7	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	CCRMP Staff Consultants Committee Meeting	San Francisco
8	11:30 am	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	

- SUMMER SCHEDULE -

Committee Chairmen's Meetings - September 12 and September 26

There will be no seminars during August

LATEST FROM DRMP

A special issue of News, Information and Data from DRMP gives selected excerpts from the minutes of the May 26-27 meeting of the National Advisory Council. These reflect the recommendations of the Council on issues related to Training of Cytotechnologists, Dial Access Audiotape Projects, RMP Participation in Projects Related to Chronic Renal Disease, Radiation and Dosimetry Services, and Basic Training of Allied Health Personnel. An item of general interest is given in full below.

Health Manpower Recruitment

In recognition of the nationwide need for more and more competent allied health personnel, the Council reaffirms its policy of support for effective Regional Medical Programs activities directed toward meeting those needs. However, a direct relationship between specific recruitment efforts at the high school level and increases in qualified health personnel is difficult to demonstrate; and the real impact of a recruitment project on the care of patients is often remote or obscure. The Council, therefore, recommends that further support of such projects with Regional Medical Programs funds be granted only when a project is related to a clearly focused (specialized) short-range approach to the critical needs of a region, and

- Has the documented committed support not only of the sponsoring agencies, but of the Region's hospitals, schools, and colleges whose cooperation is essential for the success of the immediate project and its continuation after Regional Medical Programs support can no longer be made available;
- Includes a plan for evaluation of the impact of the program on the rate of production of trained health manpower;
- Is directed at special population groups, especially those who do not usually seek, or have available, opportunities for training or education beyond secondary school.