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The remodeling project of the AREA V CCU TRAINING PROGRAM has been ordered by phone, following a site visit on June 3, by Mr. Manfred Massa, NIH architectural and engineering consultant. Work will commence immediately on the renovations which will convert approximately 6,000 square feet of Ward 7000, Unit I, of L. A. County - USC Medical Center into a sixteen-bed intensive coronary care facility, having pump assist capabilities, utility spaces, medicine preparation rooms, bathroom and work areas, and a visitors' waiting room. The end of 1969 is forecast as the completion date for Phase I (eight beds). Total cost of the project is quoted at \$255,470, of which \$66,000 will be provided from AREA V CCU funds. In addition to those from RMP, funds will come from Los Angeles County through a series of maintenance-renovation improvement projects to be performed by the in-house work force of the L. A. County - USC Medical Center.

AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE voted for complete cooperation in the projected expansion and development of the San Fernando Valley District Tumor Registry, after a presentation on June 4 by Dr. Martin R. Schlesinger. Accompanying Dr. Schlesinger was Mr. Al Torribio, Assistant Coordinator of Area IV and Mrs. Helen Hammermesh, who is researching and rewriting the proposal for the Tumor Registry, using Dr. Schlesinger's computer-based and physician-patient oriented system.

The first session of the Hospital Council of Southern California's Middle Management Development Program opened June 9, with an introduction by William A. Markey, Deputy Director AREA V: "RMP is interested in motivating people in hospitals to take a broader view of their responsibilities--the need for a positive relationship is especially important to the well-being of patients with long-term, chronic or debilitating illnesses such as heart disease, cancer or stroke . . ." AREA V is contributing to the support of two five-day sessions of the Program during June, on the recommendation of the HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE that this education of "trainers" for hospitals in AREA V and adjacent Areas will result in continuing improvement of hospital service and benefits to patients. The original pilot program offered by the Hospital Council to twelve member hospitals during the past year evoked enthusiastic response from the hospitals.

An important extension of the AREA V CCU TRAINING PROGRAM has been arranged for this summer when it will be offered as a six-week course at Los Angeles Valley College. The use of an educational institution as a base for the training with community hospital coronary care units being utilized for clinical laboratories is a new approach and a study will be made of the effectiveness of nurses trained in this setting rather than the customary hospital setting. An enrollment of 100% is indicated for the program.

Dr. C. O. Dummett, AREA V ADVISORY GROUP, reports that the Southern California Dental Association and the California Dental Association have been invited to select a representative of both groups to CCRMP, also a delegate to the Staff Consultants Committee. This official recognition of dentists as key members of the health team was authorized in 1968 by an amendment to PL 89-239 which stated that a practicing dentist, as well as a practicing physician, may refer a patient to a facility carrying out research, training or demonstration activities supported by RMP.

A meeting of interest took place on June 12 when members of the East Los Angeles Task Force--Mr. Sy Villa, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Health Task Force and Mrs. Vera Saucedo, Acting Coordinator for the Task Force, together with Mr. Jose Carlos, Representative to the Area V Advisory Group for the East Los Angeles Task Force--met informally with Dr. Donald W. Petit, William A. Markey, Dr. Robert H. Pudenz and Frank Aguilera, all of Area V. The aims of both groups were explained and some areas of mutual concern and interest were explored. The Health Task Force was formed by a group of East Los Angeles people interested in improving the quality and quantity of health care availability in East Los Angeles, and is supported in part by the California State Department of Public Health. Discussion centered around the role that RMP might have in helping the Task Force achieve its objectives. Area V extended an invitation to meet again and the Task Force representatives were encouraged to think about identifying some of the needs of the community which might fall within the scope of RMP.

Calendar

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

JUNE

19	11:00 a.m.	CCRMP Categorical Committee on Related Diseases	San Francisco
	to 2:00 p.m.		
19	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	San Francisco
	to 5:00 p.m.		
20	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
25	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
25	12:00 M.	AREA V Continuing Education Committee	L.A.Co.-USC Med. Ctr.
25	6:30 p.m.	AREA V Systems and Computers Committee	
26	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Data Acquisition Committee	San Francisco
	to 5:00 p.m.		
27	10:30 a.m.	AREA V Seminar Cancelled	
30	9:30 a.m.	AREA V and Area IV Joint Staff Meeting	UCLA
JULY			
3	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	Los Angeles
	to 5:00 p.m.		
7-11		Tumor Registry Training Program (Southern California Tumor Registrar's Assn.)	UCLA
7-8		CCRMP Site Visit	
8	6:30 p.m.	AREA V Library Services Committee	
9	10:00 a.m.	CCRMP Full Committee	Los Angeles
	to 5:00 p.m.		

The AREA V Medical Staff Conference (identified in LACMA's Bulletin as "The Conference on the Current and Future Role of the Community Hospital") is to receive the official endorsement of LACMA, provided they may appoint 50% of the program planning committee. Dr. Petit has responded with the assurance that this arrangement is satisfactory with AREA V and that we would like to have as much initial involvement as possible with medical staff leaders in the County.

A recent request by LACMA that they be given the opportunity of reviewing grant applications prior to the approval of the AREA V Advisory Group has raised again the issue of reporting by representatives to their parent organizations. After discussion by the AREA V staff, Committee Chairmen and the Steering Subcommittee of the Area Advisory Group, it was the consensus that all information about AREA V projects should continue to be relayed to organizations through their appointed representatives.

other hand, it is usually too late to involve outside organizations by the time a grant is ready for presentation to the Area Advisory Group.

The following procedure was finally pronounced satisfactory to all: Any suggestion, if accepted for the consideration of a committee, will be described briefly in the Status of Proposal Register, which will also indicate its progress. (The Register, now being prepared for distribution throughout the California Region every three months, is available on request by anyone.) When the parent committee has voted for development of a proposal to the final stage, a one-page abstract will be prepared by the staff and, after approval by the proposer and Committee Chairman, will be distributed to all Area Advisory Group members for reporting to their parent organizations, and to any interested persons. While this will not be regarded as a review, it is hoped that this exposure might stimulate appropriate involvement, constructive criticism and comments, all of