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THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AREA V

Grant Proposals

In our December 2 issue, V-Minute News reported that six proposals (L.A. Health Professionals Information Network, Radiation Therapy Network Development, American Indian Free Clinic, Coordination of Free Clinics, the Cross-Cultural Training Program, and Care of the Acutely Ill) were to be developed for submission to the AREA V Advisory Group and, with their approval, to CCRMP at their April 14 review. Later, the CCU Effectiveness Study was added to the list.

Between January 18 and February 4, these seven proposals were presented by various AREA V staff members and proposers before Technical Review Panels, whose members are selected from a pool of experts suggested by the California RMP Areas. Each Technical Review Panel is chaired by a Coordinator from another Region.

As the reports of the Panels are received, six of the proposals are being revised to conform with the recommendations. Copies of each proposal, the report of its technical review, a list of the revisions made, and a 500-word summary of the revised application are being prepared and reproduced for advance study by the Area Advisory Group members prior to their meeting on March 9. The alterations suggested for the Regional Radiation Therapy Network proposal were of such a fundamental nature that it has been withdrawn from consideration.

The membership of the AAG has been divided into small groups, each of which will give special consideration to one particular proposal, and one of these AAG members will present the proposal to the entire group on March 9. A special Budget Committee will meet on March 1 to study the fiscal aspect only of the proposals.

Also to be considered by the AAG at their March 9 meeting will be continuation applications and progress reports for the Pacemaker Registry Project, and the Chronic Respiratory Disease Project, as well as a renewal application for the AREA V Core Program.

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Funding Developments

CCRMP has indicated, in the face of recent cutbacks, that the applications for Developmental Component funding will not be required for the April 14 CCRMP Review. It appears unlikely that any DC funding could be available before September 1.

A Regional Ad Hoc Priorities Committee is being set up by CCRMP to make recommendations for the April 14 Review by CCRMP on any pending (RMPS approved but unfunded) projects and new projects now being processed. Areas are asked to re-examine projects in the light of the new emphasis of RMP before submission to the Priorities Committee. AREA V has no pending projects--the Paramedical Immunohematology proposal submitted by us at the October, 1970 review was disapproved due to National Advisory Council policy against support for new training programs where ongoing programs for the same purpose are already in existence.

CCRMP staff is arranging to meet with Area staffs to consider means of achieving some necessary reductions in allocation imposed by the cutbacks. It was suggested that the amount of the required reduction, which will be accomplished by individual negotiation with each Area office, might be achieved through elimination of budgeted but unfulfilled positions, negotiated savings in contracts, etc.

Staff

Marlene Checél, MPH, Asst. Coordinator, Inter-Agency Activities has received notice of her appointment to the faculty of USC School of Medicine as Clinical Instructor in Community Medicine and Public Health.

John S. Lloyd, Ph.D., Asst. Coordinator-Evaluation, has been invited by Roland L. Peterson, Asst. Director for Program Planning and Evaluation, RMPS, to serve on a small ad hoc group of RMP Coordinators and Evaluation Directors to advise and assist RMPS generally with regard to RMP evaluation. The group, which plans a first meeting some time in March, is to set evaluation priorities and strategy, serve as a major focus for and possible stimulator of multi-regional evaluation efforts, and participate in the development and/or assessment of specific evaluation proposals to be undertaken through RMPS, using earmarked evaluation funds.

William A. Markey, Frank F. Aguilera, Kay D. Fuller, Marlene Checél, and Dr. Martin D. Shickman, (recently appointed Chairman for Health Services Delivery Committee) represented AREA V at a Seminar on Health Care Management, held in S.F. Feb. 5. The meeting was arranged by CCRMP staff as a means of developing a fuller understanding of some of the proposed trends being discussed as a future role for RMP.

The Continuity of Patient Care Subcommittee to the Cancer Planning Committee is welcoming a new member: Mrs. Helen Castle, RN, Director of Cherry Lee Lodge Sanitorium.

AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

CALENDAR March 1971

Tuesday, March 2

AREA V	Council Free Clinics	9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	AAG Subcommittee for Library Proposal	6:30 p.m. Conference Room

Wednesday, March 3

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room
AREA V	Cancer Planning	12:15 p.m. Conference Room
AREA V	AAG Subcommittee for CCU Effectiveness Proposal	7:30 p.m. RMP Conference Room

Thursday, March 4

CCRMP	Staff Consultants Committee	2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hilton Inn Vintage Room, S. F. Airport
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Friday, March 5

AREA V	Library Committee	12 noon Conference Room
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Monday, March 8

AREA V	Continuity of Care Cancer Subcommittee	12:15 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Tuesday, March 9

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETINGS, MARCH, APRIL, MAY

March 12

April 16

May 14

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS 1971

March 9 May 11 July 13 September 14 November 9

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING - AREAWIDE & LOCAL PLANNING AGENCIES

By Marlene Checél, M.P.H., Inter-Agency Activities

Section 314(b) of the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Act (Public Law 89-749) makes available federal grants for the development of comprehensive areawide health planning agencies. Most of these agencies are voluntary non-profit organizations; some are local governments and others are local councils of government. Their purpose is to engage in comprehensive regional or local health planning, to develop and revise areawide health plans and to coordinate existing and planned health services, manpower, and facilities.

As a result of public meetings held throughout the State, boundaries were established for nine planning areas in California. Areawide comprehensive health planning agencies (referred to as B agencies) have been formed in each of these nine areas, and they encompass from two to twelve counties. The B agency to which Area V relates is the So. Calif. Health Planning Council; the Administrator is Mr. DeWitt Bishop. SC-COMP is an independent, non-profit corporation composed of a confederation of eight counties: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, Mono, and Orange. Currently SC-COMP is focusing on the area of facilities review as, under a recent California law, each B agency has the responsibility for reviewing all health facility applications pertaining to construction, expansion or alteration for the purpose of increasing bed capacity or changing licensure category.

Comprehensive Health Planning Association of Los Angeles County (COMP-LA), often referred to as a B-1 agency, is the largest component (about 70% of the population) of the eight-county areawide health planning agency (SC-COMP). It is staffed by an Executive Director, Mr. Albert Whitehall and an Asst. Director, Mrs. Sylvia Morrison. COMP-LA receives 50% of its funds from the federal government and is required to raise the balance from local resources.

A Board of Directors, the majority of which must be consumers of health services, is composed of approximately 85 consumer and provider members who meet quarterly. Kay D. Fuller, RN of Area V serves as an advisor to the Board, while Dr. Petit sits in an advisory capacity on the Executive Committee. Much of the program is being developed through five standing committees which meet monthly and must have at least 51% consumer representation. Staff from Area V has been appointed to serve either as provider members or advisors on each of the standing committees. Personal Health Services: Donald W. Petit, MD, Marlene Checél, Kay D. Fuller. Health Manpower: Dorothy E. Anderson, Marlene Checél. Environmental Health: Clyde Madden. Health Facilities and Services: William A. Markey, Frank E. Aguilera, Leon Hauck. Mental Health & Mental Retardation: John S. Lloyd, Ph.D.

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OUR EARTHQUAKE STORY

It is gratifying to report that 40 or so members of the faculty and class involved in the 2nd session of the Respiratory Training Institute can be numbered among those thousands who were spared death or injury due to the early hour of the day the recent earthquake occurred. An hour or two later, the whole class would have been sitting in the now collapsed auditorium of Olive View Hospital.

As matters stand, all the records and equipment used for the Course are still somewhere in the destroyed building but Level I classes of the Institute will continue as planned in temporary quarters provided in the San Fernando Branch of the American Red Cross at 14717 Sherman Way, Van Nuys. Offers of loans of equipment have been made by various institutions, and the TB Assn. has promised to replace any teaching aids that have been lost.

Dr. Norman Berman (Medical Director) Evelyn Spees, RN (Project Director) and Margaret Pollock, RN (Nurse Coordinator) all of the Respiratory Institute, do need a little help in locating their lost classes, however, and trainees are urged to contact Marge Pollock, who is working in temporary office space loaned by the TB Assn. The phone number is 483-3220, Ext. 38.

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A series of one-week inhalation therapy courses for RN's is currently being conducted at St. Joseph Hospital in Burbank by the TB Assn. of L.A. County. For further information contact Nancy L. Jenks, RN at 483-3220.

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ONE WAY TO INCREASE HEALTH MAN-POWER is to make it possible for more people to get into health careers. At least 21 students, almost lost to the health field because they lacked only one of the necessary requirements, are now either employed or enrolled in RN, LVN, Nurses aide or other health programs because they were enabled to pick up lacking chemistry credits through a pilot course supported by Area V in 1970. This new course, entitled "Chemistry for the Health Sciences" was designed especially for students preparing for a career in the health sciences, by Mr. C. R. Buck, Principal of the San Gabriel Adult School and the concept has been approved by nurse educators from ELA Junior College, Pasadena City College, Mt. San Antonio, UCLA and Cal State. Area V allocated about \$1,000 toward payment of the teacher for the course. The follow-up report states: "Each of the students were contacted by telephone. Most of them stated that, had they known some of the requirements for the college course by visitation to medical centers for training earlier in their high school career, they would certainly have taken English and general math classes more seriously. They all felt they could have achieved more had the motivation come earlier. Each felt that the course gave them the confidence to complete the college training necessary for the RN or LVN. They were all enthusiastic about the things they are doing now and are most appreciative of the effort made for them." The special course, on a decelerated basis, is being taken by 28 students this semester and is now part of the regular offering of the Adult Education program.

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