



AREA V ADVISORY GROUP

spent an arduous evening, March 9, considering five new applications for funding, two continuation applications and progress reports (for Pacemaker Registry, and the Chronic Respiratory Disease Project) and a renewal application for the Area V Core Budget. The Cross-Cultural Training Program was withdrawn from the current package of proposals prior to the meeting. Here are the results and the projects are given in priority order:

Urban American Indian Health Needs: To develop and enhance ability of urban Indians to plan and implement activities to improve health of this group. Based in part on findings from free clinic started with \$5,700 contribution by RMP Area V in mid-1970. Approved. (1)

CCU Effectiveness Study: To continue study of characteristics, results and practice of CCU's with respect to such variables as time, survival of patients, diagnosis. Started during CCU Teaching Project with Rand Corp., project includes instruction on the use of data, and follow-up meetings. Applies to Areas I, IV, V. Approved. (2)

Care of Critically Ill: Nurse "trainers" will be recruited, trained in the latest critical care techniques, and assisted to establish community-based training courses to meet the communities' ongoing needs for skilled nurses in critical care (CCU's, ICU's, ER's and similar specialized units, including monitoring and other sophisticated instrumentation). Based in part on experiences gained in the nurse teaching portions of the CCU Teaching Program. Approved. (3)

Free Clinic Coordination Project: To develop and enhance the ability of the SCCFC to perform coordinative activities which the free clinics agree are better done collectively. Based in part on findings from Free Clinic Liaison Program studies funded by RMP Area V in mid-1970 (\$22,500). Approved. (4)

Los Angeles Health Professionals Network: To increase access of medical and related professional libraries to health personnel throughout Los Angeles County. Ties local library facilities to central, regional and national resources. Supplies part-time library assistants and some supply funds to participating hospitals for short periods of time, with hospitals to maintain all costs later. Tabled for further work.

New member on the Cancer Planning Committee: Dr. Robert L. Smith, Chief, Chronic Disease Control Division, L. A. County Health Department. New member on the Radiology Subcommittee of the Cancer Committee: Dr. Thomas Wolever, Director of the Radiotherapy Dept., So. California Permanente Medical Group.

Dr. Michael E. Bilitch, Project Director of Area V's Pacemaker Project, has been appointed Physician-in-Charge of the Electrocardiographic Service for LAC-USC Medical Center.

Toni Moors (formerly of Area V staff) and husband Dr. Richard Moors have announced the arrival on Feb. 24 of a daughter, Tristan Louise, weighing in at 7 lbs. 9 ozs. All well and delighted.

Dorothy E. Anderson, MPH, Asst. Coordinator, Community Programs has been invited to represent health manpower on a CHP-CCRMP Staff Coordinating Committee formed to review progress, exchange information, and develop collaborative efforts between CCRMP and the State Office of Comprehensive Health Planning. Other RMP people serving on this committee are: Dr. Donald Brayton, Coordinator of Area IV; Frank Jones, member of the CCRMP Data and Evaluation subcommittee from Davis; Samuel R. Sherman, MD, Director of the cancer project in Area I; Derek Price, Asso. Coordinator of Area VII (San Diego).

The Area V Advisory Group has received with regret the resignation of Holeman Grigsby, who is moving

to San Francisco to take over a new position as Regional Director of the Group Division of Aetna.

Frank F. Aguilera, MPA, Asst. Coordinator-Community Programs for Area V, has just returned from Washington, where, at the request of the Office of the Asst. Secretary for Health and operating agency staff, he assisted in the preparation of a report on the impact of DHEW programs of the Spanish surnamed community, provided documentation and assisted with recommendations for alleviating community health problems in Mexican American communities.

Jane Z. Cohen, Asst. Coordinator-Community Programs, was a member of a meeting held Feb. 25 and convened by the Calif. Council for Health Plan Alternatives and the National Council of Churches to provide opportunity for discussion among the leaders of the free clinic movement throughout California. Discussion revolved around definitions of the characteristics of a free clinic and the role of the free clinic in delivery of health care services. Stressed repeatedly--the sense of humanity found in the delivery of clinic services; the clinics' philosophy "of the people, by the people, for the people," the importance of extensive use of volunteers; the individuality of each free clinic--and the interesting differences, especially between the Northern and Southern California clinics, as well as the similarities, innovative modes of operation, and common goals.

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

CALENDAR

March 1971

Friday, March 12

AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Monday, March 15

AREA V	Hospital Administrators	12 noon Conference Room
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Tuesday, March 16

AREA V	Health Transportation Study Meeting	8:30 - 10 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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CCRMP	Data & Evaluation	10 a.m. Hilton Inn S. F. Airport
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CCRMP	Staff Consultants	San Francisco Details later
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COMP-LA	Personal Health Services	6:30 p.m. 621 S. Virgil Room 304
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Wednesday, March 17

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETINGS, MARCH, APRIL, MAY

March 12

April 16

May 14

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS 1971

May 11

July 13

September 14

November 9

AREA V-RMP-COMP-LA RELATIONSHIPS

By Marlene Checél, MPH, Asst. Coordinator, Inter-Agency Activities

Since January, 1971, AREA V has been working intensely with Comp-LA to determine ways in which we can offer assistance and support to its Personal Health Services and Health Manpower Committee. On Jan. 5, 1971, Dr. Petit chaired a meeting composed of staff from CRMP Areas IV, V, IX, and Comp-LA. Attending from AREA V were Frank Aguilera, Dorothy E. Anderson, William A. Markey and myself. A follow-up meeting, also chaired by Dr. Petit, was held on January 12, 1971, at which Dorothy Anderson and I participated. As a result of the latter meeting, it was agreed to begin working with the Health Manpower Committee, with the Asst. Coordinator, Inter-Agency Activities coordinating the efforts of the three RMP Areas and Comp-LA.

It was decided that members of the Health Manpower Committee--Lola Marshall (Co-Chairman), Sylvia Morrison (Comp-LA staff member), Dorothy Anderson (Area V Advisor), Sheila Cadman (Area IV Advisor) and I (Area V's Liaison with Comp-LA) would meet as a task force to determine specific ways in which RMP could be of assistance to the Committee. Two meetings have been held. It was decided to include two consumer members from the Health Manpower Committee and this task force is now known as the Advisory Committee to the Health Manpower Committee.

During February, AREA V was asked to assume the responsibility for coordinating two evaluation teams (composed of members from the Personal Health Services Committee of Comp-LA) which would review applications made by various groups for Comprehensive Health Planning 314 (d) funds. These funds are awarded to the State on the basis of a formula grant and are meant primarily to provide the State with the opportunity to initiate new and different methods of providing health protection where innovation is needed, particularly where such health services cannot be supported with existing State or local funds. Clyde Madden of AREA V headed a team which reviewed a 314 (d) application submitted by the Long Beach Free Clinic. Jane Z. Cohen of Area V developed a list of criteria to be used when site-visiting a free clinic. I have convened a team responsible for evaluating three applications submitted by the Harbor Health Task Force in San Pedro.

In order to keep Comp-LA updated on AREA V activities, minutes from our committee meetings are being sent weekly to Comp-LA, and where appropriate, AREA V will report regularly on its areas of involvement at the monthly meetings of Comp-LA's Health Manpower and Personal Health Services Committees.

The National Disease and Therapeutic Index, a continuing study of morbidity in private medical practice in the United States, published by Lea, Inc. of Ambler, Pa. have issued an Annual Report, which gives the top five reasons for office visits of patients to physicians in four countries of the world as follows:

UNITED STATES

Surgical Aftercare
General Medical Examination
Prenatal Care
Prophylactic Examination
Essential Benign Hypertension

BRAZIL

Influenza
Diarrhea
Essential Benign Hypertension
Intestinal Helminthiasis
Prenatal Care

ARGENTINA

Essential Benign Hypertension
Diarrhea
Acute Pharyngitis
Neuroses
Menstrual Disorders

MEXICO

Diarrhea
Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis
Acute Tonsillitis
Helminthiasis
Influenza

Dr. Petit comments: "If one assumes the validity of the above data, as representing the top five reasons for ambulatory patient care in these four countries, one must be impressed by the diminution of infectious states as the reason for the bulk of ambulatory care in the United States. The leading position of Surgical Aftercare is puzzling. This may represent the fact that the data represent patients seen in private practice. One would have to assume from looking at this list that a large amount of office time in the private care of patients is given over to work that can properly be classified as preventive. It is in this area that one sees the greatest push for the development of non-M.D. personnel to play a role."

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ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA physicians and surgeons are offered a continuing education program given on Tuesday evenings, in rotation at Antelope Valley, Swan Memorial, Lancaster and Mira Loma Hospitals. The programs given to date have covered such subjects as low back pain, blood and blood fraction usage, abortion and complications of septic abortion and their management, and diabetes. The venture is sponsored by the Antelope Valley Branch of LACMA, in cooperation with the Postgraduate Division of USC School of Medicine, AREA V RMP and the four major hospitals of the area. Dr. Robert E. Randle, Area V Assst. Coordinator - Continuing Education, reports that the program is meeting with enthusiastic participation and response. The physicians attending the program contribute financially to the support of the project which is expected to become self-supporting in the future. 5

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