



**AREA V ASSISTS IN COMMUNITY EFFORT**

Almost the entire staff of AREA V participated recently in a team effort with members of the East Los Angeles Health Task Force, to prepare a contract proposal for the Health Services and Mental Health Administration (HSMHA) of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The contract application, which proposes to establish a corporation to plan for new health service delivery systems for East and Northeast Los Angeles, was submitted at the invitation of HSMHA, after a pre-application site visit which took place on March 29.

The corporation is not intended to deliver services but rather to explore ways in which funds (currently being spent on medical care by organizations acting independently) can be redirected through cooperative and coordinated action to have the greatest impact in areas of greatest needs in health. The proposal provides for broad representation by providers of medical care and the community, in a partnership which should be capable of attracting financial support to meet future needs.

The proposal is for a one-year period during which time cooperative working relationships to ensure consumer participation and provider involvement will be established, and preliminary steps will be taken to initiate a health information system which will assess the effectiveness and efficiency of present and proposed systems of health care for the community. This first phase will be conducted under the leadership of the ELA Health Task Force, with the proposed corporation undertaking the responsibility for carrying out the rest of the program. If approved, a contract will be awarded to the ELA Health Task Force, to commence around July 1, 1971.

AREA V staff members involved in the endeavor were: Frank F. Aguilera, Jane Z. Cohen, Dorothy E. Anderson, Kay D. Fuller, Leon C. Hauck, John S. Lloyd, Clyde E. Madden, William A. Markey and Gail M. White.

## AMERICAN INDIAN FREE CLINIC...

was the scene of unprecedented excitement May 18, when Senator Edward M. Kennedy visited the clinic in conjunction with his health hearings in L.A. On hand to greet the Senator and to explain the health problems of the urban Indian in L.A. were Program Coordinator Rev. Emmett Sarracino, Bill Givens, Chairman of the Clinic Board and Dr. Ronald Hare, Chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee. (Dr. Hare, a general surgeon on the staff of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, organized medical procedures for the Clinic, and has been most generous in volunteering his professional services on clinic nights). Staff Members Georgia Adson, RN (Clinic Manager) Mahonta Badhorse, (Medical Secretary), Mary Jane Buckley, LVN and Carl Freeman (Field Workers) as well as a large number of the Board Members and volunteers were present, many in native Indian costume.

Mr. Kennedy toured the facility, chatted with the individuals stationed at their usual posts in the clinic, and said that he was impressed with what was being accomplished. He agreed that there was great need for this kind of assistance and expressed surprise when told that the Clinic had been established without any aid from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who provide no health programs for the urban Indian.

The Clinic, which offers medical, dental and counselling services two nights a week, from 7 to 10, has been the recent subject of interviews by Newsweek and California Health Magazines, and the New York Times, and is being featured in a documentary film on free Clinics.

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## CCU

Kay D. Fuller, Asst. Coordinator, Nursing for Area V, points out that the final class of the Coronary Care Training Program for Nurses in Area V will be conducted in June, 1971, and says: "The 3-year grant will be completed in July, 1971 and will not be renewed. As you may remember, this grant has enabled the Hospital of the Good Samaritan--in cooperation with St. Vincent's and St. Joseph Hospitals--to provide monthly 4-week training courses for nurses employed in Coronary Care Units throughout L.A. Though efforts are currently under way to continue the training program on a self-supporting basis, it is likely that many nurses will no longer be able to receive the needed training. Some alternatives suggested by the Area V Nursing Advisory Committee include the integration of more CCU content into the basic nursing curriculum, periodic local CCU training courses under the auspices of Nursing Departments of community colleges and periodic cooperative training courses by two or more local hospitals. With this in mind, Area V is co-sponsoring the two acute cardiac nursing courses described in the enclosed brochure." Hospitals are urged to send a member of the staff to both of these unique learning experiences so that each facility might be better able to lead the way in meeting this critical training need.

(The final class will bring the total number of nurses trained to 593, with an additional 110 receiving the Community Training Course.)

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

CALENDAR  
May, June 1971

Tuesday, May 25

COMP-LA	Environmental Health Committee	1:30 p.m. Comp-LA Room 304
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Wednesday, May 26

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Rm.
CCRMP	Staff Consultants Committee	San Francisco (details forthcoming)

Thursday, May 27

COMP-LA	Emergency Care Subcommittee	6:30 p.m. Comp-LA Room 304
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Monday, May 31

Memorial Day	RMP office closed	
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Wednesday, June 2

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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AREA V	Cancer Planning Committee	12:15 p.m. RMP Conference Room
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Thursday, June 3

CCRMP	Staff Consultants	2 - 5 p.m. Pompano Rm. Airport Marina Hotel, LA
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETINGS JUNE, JULY

June 11

July 9

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS 1971

July 13

September 14

November 9

The Los Angeles County Medical Association is having its Centennial Celebration during the year 1971. One of the highlights of this celebration is an Official Anniversary Dinner to be held May 22, 1971 at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. The founding of Los Angeles County Medical Association is closely allied with the University of Southern California and its School of Medicine, for it was in 1871 that a 29-year-old physician, Joseph Pomeroy Widney, called a meeting of seven physicians who signed the first constitution of the Los Angeles County Medical Association on February 7, 1971. This same Joseph Pomeroy Widney organized the first medical school at USC, formerly entitled the College of Medicine of the University of Southern California, on March 31, 1885. Area V Regional Medical Programs congratulates the Los Angeles County Medical Association on this its Centennial Year.

Tickets to the Centennial Anniversary Dinner, to be held at the Century Plaza Hotel, are \$25 per person and can be obtained through the Centennial Anniversary Dinner Committee, Box 3465 - Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California 90054.

Donald W. Petit, M.D.

## HEALTH CARE IN MEXICO AND ITS RELEVANCE TO EAST LOS ANGELES

was the subject of a well-received seminar presented by AREA V on May 4 and May 7. Seminar Leader Lini M. DeVries, Faculty Member of Centro Intercultural de Documentación gave, on the first day, what she described as a "16-hour course" on the history and culture of Mexico, followed by group discussion about the development of health services pattern in Mexico and how that experience might contribute to current efforts to improve health care services in East Los Angeles, particularly for persons of Mexican descent.

Attending the seminar were representatives from L. A. County Health Dept.: Henry Barcos, MD, Ramona Ruiz, RN (Northeast District) Rita Andrade ELA (Maravilla); Mary Jo Arana (ELA Ferris St.); Mary Black, Dorothy Casson, Jean Heller, RN, Rozalinda Saturnio, Jane Shields, MD. Orthopaedic Hospital: Carmen Baltierra. Beverly Hospital: Ken Blake, Administrator, Joan Kin, RN, Roy McDiarmid. White Memorial Medical Center: Lillian Bartlett, Lorraine Ovcin. St. John's Hospital: Maura Goggins, RN. Childrens Hospital: Maria Tortoreto. SEARCH: Susan Breslin, Alexander Rogawski MD. LAC/USC Medical Center: Emma Caparros, Earl Harrison, MD, Julia Scoville, Carolyn Strite, Raymond Cenicerros. City of Hope: Judy Leventhal, MSW. South Central Multi-Purpose Health Services Center: Harry M. Lieberman, MD, Vincent Martinez. Rest Haven Community Mental Health Center: Tony Escalante, Virginia Sackman, Jose Zelaya, Maria Cardenas. TB Association: Henry Gonzalez. American Cancer Society: Jose Gonzales. UCLA School of Social Welfare: Katherine Martinez. Lincoln Heights DPSS: Dolores Rodriguez. Rio Hondo Junior College: Pat Faber. Chicanos for Creative Medicine: Dave Valencia.

Enrollment details for the course were handled through the Postgraduate Division of the School of Medicine at USC. Arrangements for the seminar were made by Clyde E. Madden, Area V Assistant Coordinator, Social Work.

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RMP-CHP

Heads of RMP Areas V, IV and IX, and Comprehensive Health Planning of L. A. have been meeting to consider the establishment of a technical task force which might coordinate health service system delivery planning under the aegis of COMP-LA. Tentatively, the task force, which would be composed of experts in some 18 skills and fields, would have 18-25 members, with a staff made up of representatives from the RMP and COMP organizations. A preliminary draft of the operational plan is now being prepared and names of task force members are being recommended.

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