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TWO "HS/EA" PROJECTS FUNDED

AREA V has received confirmation of one-year funding of \$98,222 for the Los Angeles East Health Manpower Consortium, and of \$45,370 for a feasibility study proposed for the Greater Inland Empire area. The two projects--now officially called "Health Services/Educational Activities" (HS/EA) instead of community-based manpower programs or Area Health Education Centers--became operational as of July 1, 1972.

The Los Angeles East Health Manpower Consortium...

proposes to set into motion a program to meet community health manpower needs in a medically under served area in which there is a deficiency of adequate health manpower, particularly bilingual and culturally sensitive individuals who can meet the special health needs of Mexican Americans and American Indians. The communities to be served are El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, City Terrace, Maravilla, East Los Angeles, Montebello, Commerce, Bell, Downey, Huntington Park, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Florence, Maywood, and South Gate.

The Consortium will not be a training institution but will endeavor to coordinate training programs. It will act as a catalyst for developing and changing training programs as dictated by present and future community needs and by emerging health delivery patterns, and as a pacesetter for innovative training methods and utilization of health personnel. An important function will be that of collecting data about local health manpower resources and needs, as well as acting as a clearinghouse for educational and employment placement information. During the first year of operation, the Consortium plans to develop cooperative agreements among the health educational institutions and training facilities, and to promote continued articulation among the different levels of education (secondary, community college, college and university) to prevent duplication of effort.

The project is pledged to exchange information and coordinate activities with neighboring HS/EA's for maximum statewide impact. A joint effort of similar projects

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through the State, for example, could approach the problem of unaccredited educational institutions offering training for fields which do not require licensure and attempt to develop means to prevent their exploitation of the poor.

Since September of 1971, over 166 persons representing educational facilities, health professions, health facilities, and the community, have been hard at work on the project, serving as members of the planning and steering committee, or on one of the eleven task forces. Overall chairmanship of the group has been provided by George A. Wistreich, Ph.D., Director of Allied Health Sciences at East Los Angeles College. The health manpower survey of the target area is proceeding on schedule and should be completed by August 15.

The Greater Inland Empire Feasibility Study

was submitted on a cooperative basis by Claremont Graduate School in Claremont; California State Polytechnic College in Pomona; and Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. The grant funds will support the acquisition of data on local health care resources, health care needs, and will explore the possible role, location, and mode of operation of a proposed health services/educational activity for the eastern section of L. A. County, and the western section of San Bernardino County. The area is one in which the population is rapidly changing, both in terms of increased numbers and in terms of composition of ethnic groups. Named as Project Director is Darryl D. Enos, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Claremont Graduate School; assisted by Irwin Colt, Director of Occupational Education Programs at Mt. San Antonio College; Dr. Robert Barlet, Director of Medical Technology, Biological Sciences Dept. at Cal Poly and Mary F. Mellema, Assistant Director, Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Claremont Graduate School. A screening committee is now interviewing applicants for the only full-time position of Coordinator of Research and it is expected that the position will be filled by August 1, 1972.

Ten Health Services/Educational Activities to Start in California

The California RMP Areas receiving funds for HS/EA's are: Area I for Sonoma; Area II for Superior, California; Area III for Santa Clara County; Area IV for Fresno Valley, San Fernando Valley, and Kern County; Area V for East Los Angeles and Greater Inland Empire; Area VI - Inland Empire; Area VIII - San Diego. The total California funding allocated for HS/EA's for the period July 1 to December 31, 1972 is \$617,954, with a proposed expenditure of \$1,940,153 by the end of 1973.

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MEMBERS NAMED TO NEW PANELS

Coordinator Donald W. Petit, M.D. has announced the appointment of two new Consulting Panels and a subcommittee as follows:

Consulting Panel on Health Manpower (for the improvement and expansion of health manpower).

Chairman - Stanley E. Gunstream, Ph.D., Administrative Dean for Instruction at Pasadena City College; Miss Nancy Blee, RN, MS, Director of Continuing Education for the Nurse Practitioner at LAC/USC Medical Center; Mr. Irvin Colt, Asst. Director of Instruction in Occupational Education at Mt. San Antonio College; Miss Norma De La Hoya, RN, Public Health Nurse at East Los Angeles Child and Youth Clinic; Mr. Oscar L. Gallego, Principal, East Los Angeles Occupational Center; William E. Nerlich, MD, Asst. Medical Director of Education, LAC/USC Medical Center; David O. Taxis, Ph.D., Administrator, Career Education and Asst. Director, Division of Curriculum and Instructional Services, L. A. County Superintendent of Schools.

Consulting Panel on Health Care Delivery (for effective and innovative changes in health care delivery systems as they now exist).

Chairman - Dale Garell, MD, Director of Division of Adolescent Medicine and Coordinator of Health Services Planning, Childrens Hospital; Mr. Andy Camacho, HMO Project Director, ELA Health Task Force; Roy Perkins, MD, Alhambra Medical Center; Bernard Portnoy, MD, Asst. Medical Director, LAC/USC Medical Center; Mr. Lowell W. Smith, Administrator, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier, Stella Soroker, MD, MPH, Medical Deputy, L. A. County Health Dept.; Mr. Arthur Stein, Special Assistant, Health Delivery System, LAC/USC Medical Center.

A Free Clinic Advisory Subcommittee to the Health Care Delivery Consulting Panel will also be chaired by Dr. Garell. This is an advocate and advisory panel to staff, concerned with the problems and issues that arise within the context of the various grants for free clinic activities. The members are Mr. Louis R. Baker, Attorney, and member of the Area V Advisory Council; Mr. Jose Carlos, Supervisor of Public Health Investigation for the ELA Health Center and member of Area V Professional Advisory Group; Ms. Juanita Edwards, MSW, Consultant, Hospital Social Service, Martin Luther King Hospital; Richard MacKenzie, MD, Associate Director of Division of Adolescent Medicine, Childrens Hospital; William Minkowski, MD, Divisional Chief, Youth Health Division, Bureau of Maternal & Child Health, L. A. County Health Department.

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