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A NEW VENTURE IN CCU TRAINING FOR AREA V

The latest extension of Area V's CCU Training Program will be a special, 3-week course in cardiovascular nursing for nurse educators, scheduled to be offered during the 1970 summer semester by the Department of Nursing, California State College - Los Angeles.

The project is a response to a need which is indicated as a result of the increasing use of electrocardiographic monitoring for care of the critically ill in emergency rooms, surgical recovery rooms, obstetrical wards, newborn nurseries and other clinical areas in addition to coronary care units.

The special course, which will be given June 29 to July 17, 1970, will be limited to 24 students. Course content is planned to correspond with the number of class and clinical laboratory hours equivalent to 4 units of credit established by the College.

The thirty hours of clinical experience will take place at one of the cooperating hospitals--St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Hospital of the Good Samaritan, or St. Vincent's Hospital.

Active in planning and initiating the project was GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH, Asst. Coordinator, CCU Programs for AREA V. Miss Alice Loosbrock, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Mr. Peter C. Madsen, Director of Special Programs, both at Cal State, enthusiastically sponsored and undertook implementation of the special course.

Inquiries about the special course should be directed to: Special Programs Office at California State College, Los Angeles. Phone 224-3503.

AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS

have received from Dr. Emil Sunley, Dean, School of Social Work at the University of Denver, a letter indicating that they will consider the admission of two qualified, Spanish-speaking applicants from East Los Angeles, with provision for scholarship and financial aid. Dean Sunley's offer comes in response to requests forwarded to nine schools of social work located in the southwest urging a significant increase in the number of Mexican American and other minority group students, as one of the steps recommended by the AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS to improve health services in facilities and social agencies in East Los Angeles. Further information can be obtained from CLYDE E. MADDEN, AREA V staff.

Specific plans were initiated Mar. 31 to develop a follow-up to the feasibility transportation study of patients with long-term illnesses, originally presented by Miss Shirley Walders. New chairman will be Mr. ALLEN SPETT, assisted by Mrs. TESSIE CLEVELAND and Mr. FRED BAKER. In light of a recent discovery that the patient-trip load had increased threefold over last year's, a progress report has been requested by the Service Committee of the American Cancer Society, one of the agencies participating in the original study. One of the findings of the study indicated over 80,000 patient-trips annually were undertaken by the 16 general hospitals in L. A. County.

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AREA V STROKE PROGRAM

The three nurses who will begin training on April 16, as Stroke Rehabilitation Liaison Nurses in the 7-week pilot training program sponsored by AREA V are: Dorothy Gale, RN of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier; Carol Fisher, RN of St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank and Joan Mitchell, RN, of Community of San Gabriel Hospital. These nurses and the respective hospital teams will be studying the recommendations for implementing the Stroke Rehabilitation Nurse role, as prepared by the Nurse Task Force composed of: Mrs. Colleen Madaris, RN, MS (City of Hope Medical Center); Miss Mary Metzger, RN (LAC-USC Medical Center); Miss Mary Pratt, RN (Rancho Los Amigos Hospital) Miss Jan David, RN (Rancho Los Amigos Hospital); Mrs. Josephine Preisner, RN (St. Joseph Hospital); Miss Angela Chiesa, RN (Community Hospital of San Gabriel); Mrs. Marilyn Friedman, RN (California State College, L. A.); Mrs. Karen Schultz, RN (Visiting Nurse Association). The committee was staffed by KAY D. FULLER, RN and DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH.

During the training program, the trainees will spend two weeks at LAC-USC Medical Center, four weeks in the Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitative Nursing Workshop and a week with the Visiting Nurse Association of Los Angeles.

AREA V STAFF appreciates the fine response to this pilot program and regrets that it was not possible to accommodate all of the requests from AREA V hospitals to participate in this initial project.

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A LOOK AT CALIFORNIA RMP'S

Some excerpts from a Statement by Paul D. Ward, Executive Director of CCRMP before the Senate Subcommittee on Health, with reference to S.3355, a bill to amend and extend Title IX of the Public Health Service Act as it pertains to Regional Medical Programs:

". . .The California RMP has initiated a confederation of coronary care units. The confederation has trained 1,250 nurses, 105 physicians and has provided consultation to hospitals on equipment and construction needs for CCU's. Physicians from throughout the region meet regularly to coordinate planning for CCU's in order to assure adequate distribution of care throughout the region and conversely, to avoid developing more than will be properly utilized. Activities within the confederation have, in the first year, increased the pool of available trained CCU nurses by 57% in the Los Angeles area. Even so, the training programs are producing fewer than half the numbers of nurses needed in the region. . .

"Our cancer program was not begun as early as that concerned with coronary care but by the end of the first year of operation, a project (in Northern California) will involve 20 institutions, 200 health providers will receive training and at least 500 cancer victims will benefit. Included are cancer consultation services (specialists from San Francisco visit participating hospitals as far as 300 miles away to share their expertise in radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and cancer surgery), a computerized data retrieval system, a telecommunications systems between San Francisco and community hospitals which will enable cancer victims to stay in their home communities and receive benefits of the best modern treatment methods, no matter how far they are away from major medical centers.

". . .Planning programs for the care of stroke patients has been a slow and laborious process due largely to the once widely held belief that nothing much could be done for these patients. The massive crippling effects of the disease, and the multiplicity of medical and allied health personnel required to carry out the time-consuming process of rehabilitation caused many communities to virtually ignore the problem. However, in California, four far-sighted projects have been processed through the planning stage and one has had initial funding. After less than six months of operation it) has already begun to show promising results. One of the most significant effects of this project has been the new, enthusiastic, almost evangelical attitude of the (55) physicians who have been through the new training program. They no longer file their own stroke patients away in a nursing home for living storage until death. Instead, they are insisting that their patients be placed in extended care facilities which have personnel knowledgeable in stroke rehabilitation. Such facilities are extremely rare but they hopefully will become more abundant. . . A State-wide Stroke Task Force has already done all the necessary groundwork to standardize records among, and elicit comparable data from projects."

AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
April 1970

Friday, April 3

AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Wednesday, April 8

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Thursday, April 9

CCRMP	Staff Consultants Meeting	2 p.m. to 5 p.m. San Francisco
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AREA V	Library Services District Meeting	7:30 p.m. Millikan Library Cal-Tech - Pasadena
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Wednesday, April 15

AREA V	Social Workers Advisory Committee	8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
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AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room
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AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

May 12 July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

April 17 May 1 May 15 June 5 June 19

STAFF MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGES--CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST INFORMATION

AMERICAN INDIAN FREE CLINIC

The Indian group working hard to establish the American Indian Clinic came one step closer to its realization March 30 with the signing of the application for papers of incorporation. Rainy weather was obviously no discouragement to the volunteers who were there for another session in referral resource orientation by Miss Helen Boughton of Welfare Information Service and Mrs. Rose Schlichter, or to the interested group who turned up for the regular meeting.

Interesting Items: Reverend Emmett Sarracino, Chairman of the Free Clinic Board, announced that three of the rooms needed for the clinic were painted during Easter week by an "Easter Work Camp" composed of three adults and fourteen young people, headed by the Reverend Jerry Allin, from the United Presbyterian Church at La Mesa.

DOROTHY E. ANDERSON (AREA V RMP) reported that professional services have been volunteered by six physicians, two medical technicians, one social worker, a teacher interested in counseling, and ten nurses.

The American Tribal Dancers, under the leadership of Francis Sweetwater, are planning to dedicate to the clinic the proceeds of a special pow-wow to be held on the third Saturday in May. A special invitation is extended to all AREA V people. Save the date and watch for more information about this. This is your chance to have fun and assist the Indian Free Clinic at the same time.

The Claremont Committee for Indian Action, represented by Mrs. Betty Montrose, announced their intention to present a benefit show for the benefit of the Free Clinic. The show, featuring Guy Carawan, a folklorist and other entertainers, will be given April 17 at McKenna Hall, Claremont Men's College. (For ticket information, contact Miss Rose or Miss Gindell at (714) 626-8511, extension 3079.)

Other acknowledgments: Los Angeles E'ste Muscogee Council has donated \$35 in cash; Iron Eyes Cody has donated \$10; the training of referral aides, and a WIS directory are the gift of Welfare Information Service; free janitorial service for the clinic has been volunteered by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Chopito. Offers of paint, wallpaper, floor tile, and other materials needed to complete the renovation of the building for clinic purposes are being received with appreciation.

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