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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V LAST WEEK

Steady progress is reported by Dr. Hallett on the project for Physician Education in Early Chronic Respiratory Disease. The two-day symposium to bring together local and national experts for the development of concepts in early chronic respiratory disease has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Present plans call for the Conference to be held at LACMA Headquarters. Some delay is being experienced in locating appropriate housing for the various aspects of the project but the recruitment of personnel is going well, and assistance in this area has also been promised by Miss Evelyn M. Hamil, R.N., Director of Nursing Service and Education at LACO-USC Medical Center (and, of course, AREA ADVISORY GROUP member, who seems to be lending a helping hand in all kinds of AREA V activities these days).

The intermediate stage of Proposal No. 3 007--to be known as the Pediatric Pulmonary Teaching Program--under the joint authorship of Doctors Dooley, Wang, Taylor and Wiseman, has been received at AREA V and copies are being forwarded for the consideration of the CHRONIC DISEASE COMMITTEE and Areas IV and VIII.

The next CCRMP Review, to be held in San Francisco, has been postponed from November 12 to November 19.

Two AREA V proposals are being readied for the next review and technical reviews have been requested for Proposal No. 2 080--Computerized ECG Analysis for Community Hospital Use, by Dr. Lee Cady and for Proposal No. 2 060--Training of Paramedical Personnel as Field Service Dietetic Aides.

IN THE MAIL FROM DRMP

A "Selected Listing of Federal and Non-Federal Programs Relating to Allied Health" prepared by the Allied Health Section of DRMP offered as an aid to RMP in implementing the recommendation of the National Advisory Council that Programs make use of additional existing resources for educational activities whenever possible.

Reprint of an article "The Role of the Nurse in Regional Medical Programs" from the May-June issue of Cardiovascular Nursing.

Current listing of the State Agencies Administering the Hospital and Medical Facilities Survey and Construction (Hill-Burton) Program.

A Division of Allied Health Sciences is being organized at the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School by Dr. Charles Buggs and the next meeting was held July 29 at USC. AREA V was represented by Dr. Gladys Ancrum, who reports that the discussion was of a general exploratory nature.

DR. GLADYS ANCRUM (AREA V CCU) has been invited to become a member of the RMP State Educational TV Committee, as a technical advisor for the three films being produced by the Medical Television Network. This series of programs, entitled "The Nursing Process in the Care of the Heart Patient" is intended for use by post-graduate nurses in conjunction with a selected study guide and pre-and-post viewing group discussion.

JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D. reports an item of special interest from the CCU Faculty-Physician Training meeting of August 5: During the next two months, each of the hospitals in AREA V will be approached by one of the CCU Faculty members (Drs. Wyman, Oblath, Cheslie, Haywood, Swan, Farfel) or Dr. Lloyd, with a view to ascertaining what changes have been noted as a result of attendance by their CCU staff to the AREA V Training Program, and to determine potential enrollment in the CCU Course in each of the AREA V medical districts.

Effective August 1, Central Office Staff will have new titles which are considered more descriptive of their duties and tasks, as follows: FRANK F. AGUILERA - Assistant Coordinator, Community Programs; GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. P.H. - Assistant Coordinator, Coronary Care Program; DOROTHY ANDERSON, R.N., MPH, Assistant Coordinator, Community Programs; KAY D. FULLER, R.N. - Assistant Coordinator, Nursing; LEON C. HAUCK - Assistant Coordinator, Health Data; JOHN S. LLOYD Ph.D. - Assistant Coordinator, Evaluation; ELSIE MCGUFF, Staff Associate, Communications; TONI MOORS - Staff Assistant, Community Programs.

Hereafter, in this publication, these titles will be shortened to "Nursing," "Community Programs," etc.

Staffing of committees has been assigned as follows:

DOROTHY ANDERSON, R.N. - CANCER PLANNING and SOCIAL WORKERS; LEON C. HAUCK - STROKE, CHRONIC DISEASE, SYSTEMS & COMPUTERS; KAY D. FULLER, R.N. will continue with CARDIAC and NURSING; JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D. will continue with CONTINUING EDUCATION and LIBRARY SERVICES.

A "Selected and Annotated Bibliography on Continuing Medical Education and Other Subject" has been compiled by JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D. (AREA V STAFF) and a team of research assistants from the Division of Research in Medical Education at the School of Medicine, USC. Copies are available on request from AREA V headquarters.

Calendar

STAFF MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO SUDDEN CHANGES--PLEASE CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST INFORMATION
ALL MEETINGS ARE IN CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

AUGUST

7	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	San Francisco
8	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
13	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CCU Coordinating Committee	Los Angeles
14	6:30 p.m.	AREA V Library Services Committee Meeting	Los Angeles
<p>- SUMMER SCHEDULE - Committee Chairmen's Meetings</p> <p>September 12 September 26</p>			

A REPORT ON THE PLANNING STUDY TO IDENTIFY HEALTH NEEDS IN EAST LOS ANGELES

A written report cannot possibly present the message of the members of the RMP-East Los Angeles Steering Committee on Health Needs as vividly as they did in person on August 1 at AREA V headquarters. Picking up the thread of narrative from each other eagerly, they related much of what has been accomplished in the past five months as they endeavored to identify the health needs of their community.

After the greetings and introductions, FRANK AGUILERA (AREA V STAFF) began with an explanation that the East L.A. community has been literally "studied to death" by various agencies, commissions, individuals, students and so forth. Documented information on health needs was limited either to certain diseases or specific geographic areas. More often than not, such information is difficult to obtain or is unavailable. Furthermore, since no noticeable improvements had yet come about as a result of the numerous surveys, the community was no longer amenable to being a subject for investigation without some guarantee of action--and quickly. It was not exactly the most propitious moment in which to promote the concept of RMP which recommends the documentation of need and assessment of local resources by means of surveys, especially since RMP is unable to make any grandiose promises to right wrongs, its activities are limited to the field of health and the mechanics of processing are maddeningly slow. There was one difference, however, that caught the attention of the community; RMP didn't insist on conducting the study--the community could conduct its own survey, identify its own needs, and participate in the development of solutions. The Welfare Planning Council offered technical assistance in the collection and interpretation of data. Frank then presented, in turn, some of the dedicated citizens of the community who have helped to develop the project and who are still devoting much time and energy to its progress:

MR. LUIZ PINGARRON (one of the three community representatives employed by the project) painted a colorful word-picture of barrio life and explained the difficulties caused by the collision of Old World and present-day customs, disparate cultures, the language barrier, the economic inequalities and the injustices which add to the mounting frustration of the Mexican American; MISS CARMEN GUZMAN (community representative) then related her experiences while interviewing her understandably reluctant neighbors and fellow-citizens; MR. ART HERNANDEZ (medical student and part-time community representative) added his comments on the results of his interviews with hospitals, clinics, dentists, physicians and the Public Health Departments serving the community.

MR. ARNOLD MARTINEZ, Chairman of the Steering Committee, spoke of the group's plans for a Community Health Workshop to be held in mid-October of this year and expressed some concern that the conference might fall short of expectations unless some experienced staff help can be acquired to assist the committee. Dr. Petit responded that this problem had been discussed with Frank Aguilera and that full support of the project was promised, pending a written request with details of the assistance requested. Dr. Petit asked about the relationship between the Steering Committee on Health Needs and the East L. A. Health Task Force and was assured by Mr. Martinez: "The Mexican Americans will all work together because we have a common goal--a mutual concern for our community." Expressions of approval of the RMP project and assurance of cooperation were added by members of the Health Task Force who were present.