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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK....

AREA V CARDIAC COMMITTEE, which met May 5, spent a major portion of the meeting on the ECG Proposal (a handier name for everyday use than its formal title of Computerized ECG Analysis for Community Hospital Use). The most recent refinements to this proposal, which is being readied for final grant submission, dealt with its approach in meeting the needs of the community realistically.

After reviewing its Objectives, the committee came to the conclusion that its program is sufficiently rich in the area of acute care for the coronary patient and that its attention should now be focused on prevention and rehabilitation. The final development of Objectives and Priorities for the coming year will be the main item of the agenda on May 19.

Three visitors from the AREA ADVISORY GROUP were on hand: Mr. Chester A. Rude (Chairman, AAG) Mr. Dan Grindell (Watts-Willowbrook) and Dr. Martin D. Shickman (Heart Association).

The community nursing meeting held May 6 at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood concluded the first tour through AREA V of the NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S "road show" which visited twelve communities and drew attendances ranging from 10 to 35 of the nursing leaders. A fair segment of the grass root nursing community in AREA V now has a better understanding of the purposes and possibilities of RMP, reports the NURSING COMMITTEE which, by acting as a catalyst, hopes to stimulate the nursing leaders to a serious reappraisal of the current level of health services in their own communities and then assist them in the solving of problems. The girls are taking a breather between now and their next meeting on June 2, after which they will begin to plan the repeat visits which have already been requested by several of the communities.

RMP Area VII (San Diego) have expressed an interest in having San Diego and Imperial Counties included in AREA V's PACEMAKER REGISTRY PROJECT which was approved for submission to DRMP at the last CCRMP Review. Their request for information on costs and the details of local involvement has been turned over to the Cardiac Committee for follow-up.

AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE at its meeting on May 7, considered the central tumor registry being developed in San Fernando Valley by Area IV. Dr. Petit has indicated AREA V's readiness to engage in mutual planning to ensure the compatibility of tumor registries in the two areas. The proposer of the San Fernando project, Dr. M. R. Schlessinger, is being invited to make a formal presentation to AREA V the first week of June and a task force has been appointed to prepare a roster of problems that will require discussion.

Completion of the CANCER COMMITTEE'S Pilot Study at Olive View and Rancho Los Amigos Hospitals was announced, with work proceeding satisfactorily at Metropolitan State and Veterans Hospitals. Conclusion of the project is estimated to be from four to six weeks distant.

Mr. George E. Smith, who represents the American Cancer Society on AREA V's ADVISORY GROUP was a visitor at this meeting.

Thursday, May 8 was the date of two of AREA V's CORONARY CARE UNIT activities: The Arrhythmia Control Team Conference, at which a patient's clinical course and serial EKG's are presented and discussed by the CCU Program Faculty, followed by a Post-Conference for physicians who have completed the CCU training program. Both of these activities take place monthly at L. A. County - USC Medical Center. The Post-Conference on May 8 featured a lecture on "Planning an Educational Program" by Dr. Stephen Abrahamson.

At their regular meeting on May 13, the AREA V ADVISORY GROUP: welcomed three new members--Dr. Harold Hoover, Mr. Jose Carlos and Mr. G. Paul Heidrick; heard a report on the status of AREA V proposals and on the CCU program; studied priorities and objectives for AREA V; were asked by Dr. Petit to consider what mechanisms could be set up to ensure efficient communication between RMP and the various organizations represented on the AAG.

MORE LATER.....

Other meetings attended by staff this week related to these Conferences which will be reported in detail at a later date: Educational Workshop on Quality Patient Care. The National R.M.P. Allied Health Conference

# Calendar of Meetings

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

MAY			
16	10:30 a.m.	AREA V Seminar - Objectives and Priorities	
19	7:00 p.m.	AREA V Cardiac Co-Chairmen Meeting (closed)	
	7:30 p.m.	AREA V Cardiac Coordinating Committee Meeting	
21	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
	7:30 p.m.	Watts-Willowbrook District RMP - South Health Center	Los Angeles
22	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CCRMP - Staff Consultants	Los Angeles
23	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen Meeting	
26	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	CCRMP - Categorical Cancer Committee	Los Angeles
27	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Cardiac Co-Chairmen Meeting (closed) - Office of	W. A. Markey
	12:00	AREA V Steering Committee for Hospital Medical Staff Administrators Conference	
28	8:00 a.m.	AREA V Social Workers Advisory Committee	
	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	CCRMP - Objectives Meeting	San Francisco
30		Legal Holiday - RMP Office Closed	
- <u>LOOKING AHEAD</u> -			
JUNE	10:30 a.m.	AREA V Seminar - Donald E. Yett, Ph.D., Director of the Human Resources Research Center and Lecturer in Finance at USC will be the speaker	



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