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STROKE PROGRAM READY FOR LAUNCHING

AREA V is now prepared to offer community hospitals assistance in the implementation of a special program intended to improve the care of patients with neurological deficits resulting from stroke, or other causes.

Focal point of the program is the Stroke Rehabilitation Liaison Nurse, whose role and training has been designed by a special task force. In essence, the Liaison Nurse will work at the request of, and with the attending physician of each newly admitted stroke patient, assisting in the development of his program which will carry through the discharge planning stage until his recovery potential has been reached.

To prepare nurses to function in this role, AREA V has arranged a seven-week training course beginning April 16, which will give clinical experience with the stroke patient in the acute, early rehabilitation and home care settings. Staff members from AREA V, LAC-USC Medical Center, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, the LA Visiting Nurses Assn., and Faculty from Cal State, Los Angeles, have helped design the educational program and will provide consultation, training, and administrative coordination.

Once the nurse has completed the AREA V instructional course, she will be equipped to adapt the role of the Rehabilitation Liaison Nurse to the program and policies outlined by her hospital. A physician member of the staff might serve in the capacity of "stroke coordinator" to consult with the nurse on a day-to-day basis as the rehabilitation program takes shape. Evaluation techniques have been developed by AREA V to measure progress and substantiate the value of the program.

The program is a project of the AREA V STROKE COMMITTEE, under the Chairmanship of ROBERT H. PUDENZ, M.D.

Only a very limited number of candidates can be accepted for this pilot program. Interested community hospitals can obtain more detailed information by contacting LEON C. HAUCK at AREA V.

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## CCU

The AREA V Community CCU Training Program will graduate its third group of trainees on March 5, in a little ceremony at Pacoima Memorial Lutheran Hospital, which hosted the classes:

Their names are: Mrs. Carolyn Holloway, RN, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, RN (both of Serra Memorial Hospital); Mrs. Blanche Olewine, RN and Mrs. Marie Smith, RN, (both of Olive View Hospital); Mrs. Jacqueline Vercelli, RN, Mrs. Martha Dean, RN and Miss Araxy Hanessian, RN, (all of Burbank Community Hospital); Mrs. Shirley Buchanan, RN, Mrs. Leona Bailey, RN, Miss Lois Mackey, RN and Miss Edith Gold, RN, (all of Pacoima Memorial Lutheran); Mildred Bickley, RN, Mary J. Bryant, RN and Genevieve Brummond, RN, (Valley Hospital) Donna Ritchie, LVN and Leda Gabriell, LVN, (both of Valley Doctors).

Supplementing the multimedia instructional training under the direction of VIVIEN E. WARR, RN, CCU Instructor, were lectures given by the following: from Pacoima Memorial-- Walter Case, MD, Leonard Haber, MD, David Naruse, MD, Aaron Dubrow, MD, Barbara Beaven, MD, Rev. John G. Simmons (Hospital Administrator, Mrs. Bethen Petersen, RN (Director of Nursing) Miss Edie Gold, RN, Director, Inservice Education and Mrs. Jayne Doyle, EKG Technician. From Burbank Community Hospital-- Ken Bleifer, MD. From Community Hospital of No. Hollywood-- Joseph Turcillo, MD. From Olive View-- Herbert Cohen, MD. A demonstration of the rotating tourniquet was given by Robert Treister of Jobst Manufacturing Company.

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## INDIAN HEALTH

The Housing Committee for the American Indian Free Clinic, which met with DOROTHY E. ANDERSON and TONI MOORS on March 2, has announced its decision to locate the Clinic in the quarters that have been offered by the Grace Southern Baptist Church, at 526 East Oaks Street, in Compton. A 15-member Board for the Clinic plans to meet weekly on Monday evenings until the Clinic is in actual operation. Most important item of business to be tackled first is the framing of the by-laws necessary for incorporation. Mrs. Helene Boughton, of Welfare Information Service has made an appointment to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boles to discuss orientation of Clinic staff in the information and referral process.

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## EAST LOS ANGELES

The enormous task of screening the candidates, and arriving at the names of the three best qualified for the position of Special Assistant for Mexican American Health in Dr. Egeberg's office was completed by the deadline of March 2, FRANK F. AGUILERA reports. He asks that they be complimented for their dedication to this job which took a great deal of time and effort during the past few weeks:

Roy Cardona, Carmen, Guzman, Vera Saucedo, Jose F. Carlos, Dr. Earl Harrison, Arnold Martinez, Aurora Martinez, RN, Joseph Duarte, Ruben Milanez, Robert Castro, Dr. Larry Cosgrove and Dr. Jane Shields.

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If you have a special interest in any of the following, please request a copy:

. Nutrition and Health as a Developing Area of Responsibility of RMP. Facts on the Nutrition and Health Program, the December White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health and its recommendations and a synopsis of other related activities, including the appointment of Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr. as special Assistant for Nutrition and Health to the Director of RMP Service.

.Special Issue on "Federal Initiatives in Health-1970-1975" a paper presented by Stanley W. Olson, MD, Director, RMP Service at the Annual Meeting of the Assoc. for Hospital Medical Education in Chicago, on Feb. 7.

."Better Patient Care under new regional programs" (reprint of a National Observer article on Dial Access, one of the 16 projects in the Wisconsin RMP.") HEW has asked Wisconsin RMP to study the possibility of setting up a series of tape libraries for use by all American doctors.

.Special Issue on Continuing Education and Training containing background information and all of the statements concerning continuing education and training issued by the National Advisory Council during the past year.

.A Special Issue of an address by George S. Romney, Secretary, Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, delivered at the 46th Annual Congress

of the National League of Cities in San Diego, Calif. on Dec. 2, 1969. Touches on the philosophy of the current Administration and some important elements of the urban problems.

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ATTENTION: RN'S, LVN'S, NURSE AIDES

A Workshop to explore basic problems and procedures for control of infections for ECFs and hospitals (of 100 or less beds) will be presented by the Calif. Nurses' Assn.-Calif. League for Nursing Infection Control Committee. The same program will be repeated in six different locations:

March 10 - Arcadia Methodist  
March 17 - Holy Cross Hospital  
March 31 - Brier Oak Convalescent  
April 9 - Santa Monica Hospital  
April 14 - Mirada Hills Convalescent  
April 21 - St. Mary's Hospital (LB)  
DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH and KAY D. FULLER, RN of AREA V will be group leaders.

ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL

will be particularly interested in presentation of a special program on the rehabilitation team approach which is to be part of the International Conference on Vascular Diseases of the Brain and Spinal Cord, to be held May 25-28, 1970, at Anaheim Convention Center. The four-day conference, planned by the American Academy of Neurology & USC School of Medicine in cooperation with Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, numbers among its participants no less than six members of AREA V committees. (See enclosed brochure).

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS  
CALENDAR  
MARCH 1970

Friday, March 6

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| AREA V | Committee Chairmen's Meeting | 11:30 a.m.<br>RMP Conference Room |
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Wednesday, March 11

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| AREA V | Staff Meeting | 9:30 a.m.<br>RMP Conference Room |
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Tuesday, March 17

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| AREA V | Area Advisory Group | 7:30 p.m.<br>RMP Conference Room |
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Wednesday, March 18

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| AREA V            | Social Workers Advisory Committee | 8:00 a.m.<br>RMP Conference Room              |
| CCRMP             | Meeting                           | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.<br>Los Angeles Airport |
| AREA V            | Staff Meeting                     | 9:30 a.m.<br>RMP Conference Room              |
| Watts-Willowbrook | District Meeting                  | 7:30 p.m.<br>Los Angeles                      |

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

March 17\*    May 12    July 14    September 8    November 10

\*Please note that the AAG meeting was moved from March 10 to March 17

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY

March 20    April 3    April 17    May 1    May 15

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

HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF CONFERENCE

The forthcoming AREA V conference to be held at Monte Corona Conference Center on April 23-25 is modeled on the very successful Hospital Medical Staff Conference of the Postgraduate Medical Education Division of the University of Colorado School of Medicine for the past six years. Their 1969 Conference drew 671 registrants from 235 hospitals in 43 states, among them 30 California hospitals--9 from AREA V. The conference, usually held in Estes Park, Colorado, is said to be developing a critical mass of aware and informed medical staff members and administrators to help in achieving changes in hospital medical practice they feel are desirable. The Director of the Colorado Conference, C. Wesley Eisele, MD, Associate Dean for Postgraduate Education, U of Colorado, is consultant to the Steering Committee for the AREA V conference.

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NEW MEMBER

DONALD H. BRIGGS, Administrator of Monte Sano Hospital, Los Angeles, has accepted an invitation to join the HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE of AREA V.

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The 1970 Distinguished Fellowship Award of the American College of Cardiology has been presented to "a Fellow who has performed outstanding service in the interest of the American College of Cardiology"--GEORGE C. GRIFFITH, MD AREA V's Chairman of Cardiac Committee.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CCRMP STAFF CONSULTANTS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1970:

. Approved continuation of planning efforts for a Regionwide Conference on Renal Disease, with some share of the cost to be borne by CCRMP.

. Discussed the various aspects and provisions of the extension bills for RMP currently being considered. Mr. Ward stated that the basis for continuance and funding of the Program will be determined by decisions to be made in the next 3-6 months. There appears to be no indication of a change in the Conference Committee Report by Congress or the Administration and considerable effort is being expended for release of carryover funds during this fiscal year and next. Mr. Ward cited the amendments pertaining to the education portion as the reason for the veto of the first HEW bill. If the Bill is signed, a small amount of funds in excess of those provided by the continuing resolution (and some possibility of the carry-over funds) will be available, but action cannot be expected until the first week in March at the earliest. The Committee approved in principle the general direction taken by the Staggers, Rogers and Yarborough Bills and were hopeful that appropriate aspects of the Administration Bill can be added as amendments.

. Approved the Report of Goals as submitted by the categorical committees and prepared by the Objectives Committee. That Committee was commended for its accomplishments and will remain inactive until further instructions are provided.

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