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THE AREA ADVISORY GROUP

had a busy evening on March 17. FRANZ K. BAUER, MD took time out from his busy schedule as Dean of USC School of Medicine to attend. Dr. Bauer was responsible for much of the spadework in instituting the RMP at USC and maintains great interest in AREA V activities and progress.

Chairman CHESTER A. RUDE told members that recently, letters of appreciation had been mailed to all organizations represented on the AAG, expressing appreciation for the work of their representatives, and announcing the intention of supplying each current President and Executive Director with minutes of AAG meetings and copies of V-MINUTE NEWS, as a means of strengthening communications. The response to these steps, Mr. Rude said, had been very enthusiastic.

A resolution that any member who missed three consecutive meetings be considered unable to fulfill the commitment and be replaced was passed unanimously. The motion exempted County Supervisor Ernest E. Debs and Councilman Gilbert Lindsay because of the pressure of their work and their importance to RMP and suggested that they be made "consulting members."

The agenda included an evaluation of the CCU project by JOHN S. LLOYD, PhD; a review of the background and current status of the STROKE PROGRAM given by ROBERT H. PUDENZ, MD, who also announced that the quota of hospitals committed for the Liaison Nurse Training Program had already been reached. Reports of AREA V activities in Indian Health and Free Clinics by DOROTHY E. ANDERSON and TONI MOORS engendered such lively discussion that the agenda had to be moved and they were asked to report again at the next meeting on May 12.

In closing, DR. DONALD W. PETIT drew the attention of members to several items: The recent resignation of Dr. Stanley W. Olson from the post of Director of RMP; the annual meeting of CCRMP on March 18; the anticipated approval for initiation of the PACEMAKER REGISTRY PROJECT with unexpended CCU funds. He also noted that several projects are being prepared by the staff for consideration by the AAG as suitable uses for unexpended core funds. AAG members will receive advance copies of the suggested projects and a special meeting will be called, probably some time in April.

AREA V NURSING COMMITTEE . . .

at a Mar. 2 meeting, were introduced to Miss Nancy Blee, BS, MS, newly appointed Director of the LAC-USC Institute for Continuing Education for Nurse Practitioners (which is developing continuing education programs for the nursing community).

. Chairman of the NURSING COMMITTEE, MRS. FOTINE O'CONNOR, RN announced that she and committee member MRS. JANET GEORGETTE, RN have been invited to attend the MEDICAL HOSPITAL STAFF CONFERENCE as observers and consultants.

. Considered and prepared their recommendations of nurses to serve as allied health representatives on other AREA V committees;

. Were asked to contact any nurses who might be interested in helping with the AMERICAN INDIAN FREE CLINIC;

. Heard a report on the committee's ongoing program for coordination of continuing education for nursing practice. MRS. O'CONNOR and MRS. KAY D. FULLER met with Mrs. Marge Squaires, Director, Continuing Education in Nursing, UCLA Extension. According to Mrs. Squaires, the interest of the nursing community seems to be moving from general theoretical studies to clinical and skill development type courses. MRS. FULLER was invited to work as liaison for coordination with the Extended Advisory Committee for UCLA Extension Program, which is being expanded to include nurses from every field of nursing and from all geographic areas served. The committee's purpose is to get a more accurate assessment of current educational needs of practicing nurses.

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INDIAN HEALTH

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boles, American Indians who are taking leadership in the establishment of the American Indian Free Clinic, were taken on an orientation tour of the Foothill Free Clinic this week by TONI MOORS. They were able to observe how the clinic was set up and to discuss problems with the clinic Administrator, Buck Bennett.

DOROTHY E. ANDERSON says that attendance at the weekly sessions being held at the location of the proposed American Indian Free Clinic continues to grow, reaching thirty last week. The training sessions for the referral aides began and a Facilities Committee is preparing for whatever renovations are necessary to the premises to make it acceptable as a clinic.

Indians are volunteering their services as word of the Clinic reaches them and offers of help from non-Indians who are interested in the Clinic are coming in steadily now.

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Dr. MARTIN D. SHICKMAN (AREA V representative for the L. A. County Heart Association) has referred to AREA V staff a Dr. Milton Nichamen, of the Cardiac Control Division of the Chronic Disease Program, San Francisco. Dr. Nichamen is interested in conducting an action-oriented study on nutrition problems in minority communities, and meetings have been arranged to discuss possible studies on the urban American Indian and on the ELA Mexican Americans.

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
MARCH 1970

Friday, March 20

AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Monday, March 23

AREA V	Indian Planning Council	7:30 p.m. Compton
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Wednesday, March 25

AREA V	Social Workers Advisory Committee	8:00 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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COMP-L. A.	Health Facilities and Services	12 noon Los Angeles
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Friday, March 27

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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

April 3 April 17 May 1 May 15

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

EAST LOS ANGELES

An RMP-ELA Organizing Subcommittee, composed of volunteers from the group which worked on the survey, two conferences and the subsequent Health Report, met March 11 at the ELA Health Center, reports FRANK F. AGUILERA, MPA. The group includes JOSE CARLOS (County Health Dept.) and AREA V ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER; Fernando Chavez and Joseph Duarte (ELA Health Task Force); Ben Cortez (LAC Dept. of Senior Citizens); Carmen Guzman (Model Cities Program); Joseph Hori; Art Raya, Dr. Jane Shields (ELA Health Center); Victor Ledesma (County Welfare Department); Arnold Martinez (Deputy to County Supervisor Debs); Aurora Martinez, RN (ELA Child and Youth Clinic).

Discussion centered on the merit of a defined group which would ensure that the health survey is utilized for the benefit of the ELA community and to maintain pressure until the recommendations of the survey are implemented; a need was also noted for coordination of the activities of various community groups interested in health, so that effort is not duplicated.

FRANK F. AGUILERA, who is a member of the ELA Mental Health Liaison Committee, states that the recent conferences and subsequent report were instrumental in hastening the legislation announced Mar. 13 by Assemblyman Walter Karabian (LA) to create a regional center for the mentally retarded in ELA. The 8,000 or more retarded individuals in ELA are virtually without help or services due to the distance from the only existing service which is located in Hollywood.

EAST LOS ANGELES

The Feb. 25 issue of V-MINUTE NEWS carried an item about the disappointment of the ELA community upon finding that the drug abuse clinic they understood had been authorized for their community would, in fact, be half a clinic, that is, personnel, supplies, funds, etc. being shared with another community.

GERALD A. HEIDBREDER, MD, MPH, Health Officer for the County of LA Health Department has written us in reference to the above item:

"I can understand the disappointment. However, LA County is a large county of a number of communities and each does have a drug problem. Since five clinics were authorized by the Board of Supervisors, this means that there will be five locations which will have drug abuse clinics. The other communities will not. Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors authorized one clinic for each supervisorial district. In our estimation, the West Hollywood area had the most need, followed by the South Central area, then the East Los Angeles area. Since the West Hollywood and the East Los Angeles areas are in one supervisorial district, this left the Supervisor and the Health Department with but two choices: One choice was to select one location to the elimination of the other and the second was to divide the clinic half-time between the two areas. Under the circumstances that face the Supervisor and the Health Dept., I feel that the decision that was made was the only one that could be made from the standpoint of consideration of Los Angeles as a whole."

HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF CONFERENCE

WILLIAM A. MARKEY reports that paid reservations have been received from less than 75 hospitals and a total of 218 people and therefore registration for the April 23-25 Conference is closed. Six hospitals are sending teams of six (the limit allowed).

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CLYDE E. MADDEN reports that the Mar. 11 meeting of the Council of Medical and Health Services of the L.A. Chapter of the National Assn. of Social Workers featured a presentation of the Northeast San Fernando Valley Project of AREA IV RMP--a community project dealing with health services for low-income groups in that area. Mr. Louis Garcia, Project Director, is being contacted to make a similar presentation to AREA V so that the objectives, approach, findings and future plans might be compared with those of the AREA V RMP-ELA project. MRS. LOUISE HALL, member of AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS, is Chairman of the Medical & Health Services Council of NASW.

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AREA ADVISORY GROUP members MISS EVELYN M. HAMIL, RN, LEWIS W. BULLOCK, MD and RAYMOND M. KAY, MD have accepted appointments as representatives of AREA V RMP to the Personal Health Services Committee, one of the six standing committees of Comprehensive Health Planning Assn. of L.A. Representation has also been requested from Area IV RMP and from Watts-Willowbrook. The committee is charged with the planning for development, and distribution of personal health services for LA Co.

MEDICAL TELEVISION NETWORK OFFER

The 31 AREA V hospitals that expressed their interest (by letter) in participating in the recent MTN offer of a projector and sample MTN program have been advised by AREA IV MTN Project Director Richard R. Getz that a plan has been developed to honor all requests instead of selecting one or two hospitals. The MTN programs and a projector will be made available to each requesting hospital but the utilization period has been reduced to 2-3 weeks. Each hospital will receive a schedule listing the precise date the package will be delivered by an MTN staff member, along with forms to record attendance and viewers' reactions. The patience of all who applied is requested by Mr. Getz, who advises that it will take a month or so to set up the schedules and prepare the information packets.

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INTER-AREA PROJECTS

AREA V will be participating with Area VI (Loma Linda) in planning for continuing education for HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS in management effectiveness.

SOCIAL WORKERS COMMITTEE has received, for critique and recommendation, the preliminary draft of a proposal for a "Reconnaissance Study of Status of Social Service in Acute Care Facilities in Areas IV and V." If approved, this would be a joint project with Area IV and would provide a detailed inventory of services as well as an evaluation of their usefulness

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