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HEALTH MANPOWER ACTIVITIES

Three grant requests for community-based manpower programs (formerly referred to as Area Health Education Centers) were approved by the AREA V Advisory Council in April, and were included in a package of eleven proposals forwarded to Regional Medical Programs Service by the California RMP.

The AREA V proposals, which are in competition for earmarked funds at the national level, seek a total of \$168,017 for activities in three separate areas. One project focuses heavily on the recruitment and retention of minority students in health careers in the Public Health Districts of East Los Angeles, North-east Los Angeles, and San Antonio; a second proposes a feasibility study of the health manpower needs and resources in the eastern section of L. A. County and the western section of San Bernardino County; the third, by the Postgraduate Department of the School of Medicine at USC, is for an in-depth study and assessment of how the resources of the University could assist Area Health Education Centers.

An Advisory Committee for community-based manpower programs in AREA V was appointed by Area Coordinator Donald W. Petit, MD, with Stanley E. Gunstream, Ph.D. acting as Chairman. This group, finding that many of the resources, facilities, and problems extended beyond the boundaries of AREA V, has been instrumental in organizing a countywide committee for the same activity. The countywide committee, working within the framework of COMP-LA, now includes representatives of each of the developing AHEC's in Los Angeles County, as well as from CRMP Areas IV (UCLA), VI (Loma Linda), Comprehensive Health Planning of Los Angeles County, Hospital Council of Southern California, Los Angeles County Medical Association, and various community organizations. There are plans to expand the committee which serves an obvious need to exchange information and data, such as the geographic areas to be covered, and the educational and health facilities involved by each proposed AHEC. In addition to avoiding

duplication and gaps, the countywide group is considering the pursuit of long-term objectives such as the development of common criteria and linkages and cooperative arrangements between the individual centers.

Chairmanship of the committee to date has been rotated amongst member organizations who have hosted the meetings--AREA V, Comprehensive Health Planning of Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley Health Consortium, and on May 23, Claremont Colleges.

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HEALTH MANPOWER SURVEY TO START

Hospitals, home health agencies, and extended care facilities in the Public Health Districts of East Los Angeles, Northeast Los Angeles, and San Antonio will be contacted in the very near future as the California RMP State Survey gets under way in AREA V. The data which will be collected on health manpower requirements, training and educational opportunities, will be used in the planning for the "Los Angeles East" community-based manpower program, as well as in the state survey. A feature of special interest to AREA V is the information on the numbers of minority personnel involved in the health field. The survey will be conducted by 14 health career students from Cal Poly Pomona, East Los Angeles College, Rio Hondo College, Rio Hondo Health Task Force, Cal State L. A., East Los Angeles Mental Health Training Center, Chicanos for Creative Medicine, East Los Angeles Health Task Force, and Northern Arizona University. The project is under the guidance of Tom Candelaria, Health Manpower Consultant from RMP Area VII (San Diego), and Dorothy E. Anderson of AREA V staff. David Valencia, from Chicanos for Creative Medicine, is acting as Coordinator.

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During June the Postgraduate Division of the School of Medicine at USC is offering a series of five sessions on the early detection and management of Chronic Respiratory Disease. This course is a spin-off of the Physician Education Project in Chronic Respiratory Disease, now in its third year of support by AREA V. Wilbur Y. Hallett, MD, and Stanley N. Rokaw, MD, Co-Directors of the Chronic Respiratory Disease Project, are members of the Faculty for the course.

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POSITION OFFERED BY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Stroke Project Nurse Coordinator (20% time)

Summary Description:

Under the direction of the Area V Stroke Coordinator, the Stroke Project Nurse Coordinator will: 1) assist in planning and coordinating the Area V Stroke Rehabilitation Liaison Nurse Training Course; 2) assist in recruiting trainees; 3) provide coordination and liaison among the participating Area V hospitals and with other stroke programs; 4) serve as consultant to Area V hospital multi-disciplinary teams in establishing and maintaining the hospital-based stroke program; and 5) assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the Area V stroke program.

Job Qualifications:

R.N. (Master's preferred) with current California license.

Completion of a course in rehabilitative nursing preferred.

Three to five years recent nursing experience.

Ability to plan, conduct, and evaluate educational programs.

Skilled in interpersonal relationships.

Knowledge and understanding of the roles of the various members of the health team in providing comprehensive care to stroke victims and their families.

Salary Range:

20% time: \$15,000 annual base salary.

Submit letter of application and resume by July 1, 1972 to:
Kay D. Fuller, Associate Coordinator, Area V (see above address).

COORDINATED CANCER THERAPY....

will be discussed at a June 24 seminar co-sponsored by RMP Area V and the L. A. Unit of the American Cancer Society. The Saturday meeting, to be held at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach, will give special emphasis to chemotherapy in dealing with breast carcinoma and Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Quarterly seminars at various local hospitals are projected by the planning group which has included: Drs. Lowell Irwin, Arthur Litman, John Byfield, and Robert McKenna, Mr. Bill Tanner (ACS) and Mrs. Gail White (Area V staff). The seminars are intended for those actively treating cancer to keep them current on newer drugs and to compare experiences with drugs now in use.

Further details and registration information are available from Mr. Tanner, (phone 387-4201) or Mrs. White (576-1626).

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The three representatives from AREA V who attended the National Health Forum related their impressions of the Conference to the Professional Advisory Group on May 19. The main focus of the Conference, which was convened in New Orleans late in March, was based on the preliminary findings of the President's Committee on Health, collected during eight regional hearings held throughout the nation. Conferees were invited to discuss such topics as health education, impediments to health education, health problems susceptible to education, etc., but many of the participants felt that the format of the conference limited input and asked to have the agenda set aside to allow the presentation of minority reports of special interest groups. Fred D. Hubbard, of AREA V Community Programs staff, comments: "It was clear from the beginning that the participants had other things than health education on their minds and were more interested in good health as a constitutional right. There were numerous suggestions as to how this might be achieved, with strong support for a national health insurance program. We were assured that all suggestions would be presented to the President by the attending President's Committee." Also reporting were Reverend Emmett Sarracino, Administrator of the American Indian Free Clinic, and Mrs. Vera Saucedo, board member of the ELA Children and Youth Parent Corporation.

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A CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAM...

held in Northern New Mexico May 14-17 was attended by Teresita Moreno and Elias Chico, of AREA V staff, and Wilson Mizener, M.D., Vice-Chairman of Area V Advisory Council. Frank Aguilera, another member of AAC, represented the ELA Health Task Force.

The Conference, sponsored by the New Mexico RMP and by Regional Programs Medical Service, took place at Ghost Ranch, a 20,000 acre study center in Abiquiu, New Mexico and included tours of several villages and rural health clinics in the heavily Chicano-populated area. The three-day session was designed to stimulate more Federal participation in meeting Chicano health needs and in seeking ways in which RMP's can increase assistance to communities having large concentrations of Chicanos where health care is presently substandard.

Discussions covered Chicano culture, values and history, Chicano health problems including the role of folk medicine, religion and its connection to health, and the barriers that prevent Chicanos from profiting from the existing health delivery system.

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HEALTH MANPOWER IN THE 70's....

was the theme of the 3rd National Allied Health Conference held May 21-24 in Sun Valley, Idaho, to discuss the relationships between existing and proposed health delivery systems and the many categories of personnel involved in providing health care service. The Conference was hosted by the Mountain States Regional Medical Programs which is headquartered in Boise, Idaho and includes Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Wyoming. Among the 215 people attending were Dorothy E. Anderson, Elias Chico, Teresita P. Moreno, and Robert J. Schroeder, DVM (member of Area V Advisory Council). Dorothy Anderson has been on the planning committee for each of the Conferences. Detailed reports have been promised.

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Jose Carlos, member of AREA V Professional Advisory Group, was named most outstanding member for the north side of the border by the United States-Mexico Border Public Health Association, at their annual meeting held in Chihuahua, Mexico, during April. The meeting was also attended by Elias Chico, of AREA V staff, and by Dr. Jack Mitchell, Deputy Director of CCRMP, who spoke about Regional Medical Programs.

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