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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED RECENTLY . . . .

WILLIAM A. MARKEY, Deputy Coordinator and staffer for HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, reports that satisfactory progress is being made on plans for the "First Annual Conference on the Physician and the Hospital." The Conference is to be held at Monte Corona, a very modern motel-meeting facility at Twin Peaks, California, near Lake Arrowhead, and the date has been set as April 23-25, 1970. Announcements are to be mailed to the Chiefs of Staff and the Administrator of each hospital member of the Hospital Council of So. California and the California Hospital Association.

CANCER PLANNING COMMITTEE, on Dec. 3, went through a lengthy agenda which included: Consideration of two new proposals; 3-009 for the continuation of an established USPHS Mammography Training Project currently operating at Harbor General Hospital--the priority of this proposal in relation to the total cancer program and the number of people involved was questioned and it was suggested that other means of funding might be explored. Chairman Dr. LEWIS GUISS will discuss these concerns with the author. No. 3-010 which attempts to develop lines of communication between practicing radiotherapists in AREA V and LACO-USC Medical Center, was referred to the Radiation Therapy Subcommittee for further study. Committee members received copies of DR. GUISS's proposal for the AREA IV and V Tumor Registry for review. Staff Member DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH also gave out summaries of replies to a cancer questionnaire sent to Chiefs of Medical Staffs, Chairmen of Cancer or Tumor Committees and to Directors of Tumor Registries in AREA V. MRS. KAY D. FULLER, RN presented a summary of responses by nurses in education, hospitals, community and schools to a survey on cancer priorities which indicated their priorities in cancer control as (1) prevention (2) early diagnosis and detection and (3) the need for continuity of care. DR. ATEMAN reported on the results of a questionnaire sent to 63 hospitals regarding chemotherapy--110 physicians indicated interest and a meeting is planned for the near future.

The RMP-East Los Angeles Steering Committee have been advised that Roger O. Egeberg, MD, Asst. Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs of HEW is expected back in Los Angeles on Dec. 22 and will be available to discuss the health problems of the East L. A. Community at a time and place to be announced.

LUIS PINGARRON and TONI MOORS were among the 50 or so agency and community people who met Dec. 11 at the Ferris Clinic (ELA Health Center) to discuss ways to improve the health services offered by the clinic. Temporary officers were elected and the next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22. Meetings are conducted in both Spanish and English.

CLIFTON O. DUMMETT, DDS AREA ADVISORY GROUP representative for USC School of Dentistry and the So. California Dental Assn., has been honored by the American Dental Assn. with one of its prestigious Honorary Membership awards. The citation declared Dr. DUMMETT's record of achievement as "matched by few members of the dental profession. He has been recognized widely for his work in dental education, journalism, research, literature, public health and administration. He is an acknowledged leader in the field of civil rights."

A note in "Dental Economics" points out: "At the 1969 annual meeting, the National Medical Association authorized formation of a liaison committee of members of the National Dental Association and the NMA to pool the resources of both associations and to work to their mutual advantage. Dr. Clifton O. Dummett, Assistant Dean of the School of Dentistry, USC, first made such a proposal over fifteen years ago. With the increased emphasis on government programs in health affairs and public assistance, the need for such cooperative action has increased."

Here's some interesting information about "free clinics" reported by DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH (Asst. Coordinator, Community Programs) after a meeting with Dr. Max Rosenblatt, Deputy Health Officer, LACO:

The Health Department's definition of a "free clinic" is one that is developed outside of any agency operation and is staffed by volunteers. The free clinics recognize the health needs (physical and emotional) of dislocated young people and attempt to reach them through the use of sympathetic and understanding professional volunteers.

All clinics have to be licensed by the State of California and after one has been established and can show it is being utilized, the Health Department will negotiate a contract to pay for medication only (prenatal, venereal disease, tuberculosis, hepatitis) but no financial allotment is allowed for building, equipment, personnel or other clinic expense.

"Youth clinics" come under the administration of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and are staffed by Health Department personnel. These clinics endeavor to provide comprehensive care without age, residential or financial limitations and are particularly designed to reach the young people who do not utilize the free clinics. The first of these clinics is located in West Hollywood with others planned for Northeast, Venice and Hawaiian Gardens for 1970.

CALENDAR

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

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19	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen (Discussion on Allied Health Workers and their relevance to Categorical Committees)
24	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting
30 to	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	AREA V CCU Nurse Instructors Meeting
NOTE: RMP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 and 26 and JANUARY 1 and 2		
<u>AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970</u>		
January 13	March 10	May 12      July 14      September 8      November 10
<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETINGS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH</u>		
January 9	January 23	February 6      February 20      March 6      March 20

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