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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V LAST WEEK . . .

AREA V RMP was among those invited to meet at Antelope Valley College Oct. 1 to discuss what Antelope Valley needs for the next ten years in health services, health facilities, health training and manpower. Jay H. Daniels, MD, District Health Officer for Antelope Valley area, chaired the meeting which brought together 40 persons representing hospitals, extended care facilities, rehabilitation and welfare agencies, LACMA, public health staff and others, to assess the available resources of the community and to consider what can be done to improve health service for the community.

Concern was expressed about many aspects of the health care situation in Antelope Valley; the problems posed by the community's geographic isolation and the difficulties caused by distance; the fact that many of the decisions affecting the community are made by agencies or officials located in San Fernando Valley or in the Los Angeles area; the difficulties of recruiting and keeping professional people in the area; scarcity of manpower at all levels of health care; the new problems that may be created by the proposed airport and the resulting expansion in population; medical care for citizens on Medicare or on general medical relief; the need for greater coordination amongst existing agencies. They wanted to know what RMP and Comprehensive Health Planning can do about these problems.

A committee was appointed to plan for the next meeting which will be expanded to include representatives of the Sheriff's Office, volunteer health agencies and nursing.

All possible assistance has been offered by AREA V representatives--DONALD W. PETIT, MD (Area Coordinator) and MISS DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH (Asst. Coordinator-Community Programs). Also present at the meeting was ROBERT E. ERNST, recently appointed to AREA V ADVISORY GROUP.

CCRMP STAFF CONSULTANTS, who met Oct. 2 in San Francisco, reviewed plans for the forthcoming DRMP Site Visit on Oct. 13 and 14, heard a report on the Technical Review process in California and considered the problem of financing. After lengthy discussion about the current status of RMP and of Comprehensive Health Planning, and the disadvantage of having no constituency, the Staff Consultants recommended that representation be sought at the state level of CHP. Results of the RMP Site Visit of July 7 were announced, with AREA V's project C.H.A.I.R.S. among those approved (without funding). DR. PETIT attended for AREA V. New staff members DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH and TONI MOORS were on hand for orientation.

At a noon meeting Oct. 1, AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE welcomed new staff member MISS DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH and new committee member FRED W. GEORGE, III, MD. Topics of the meeting included possible expansion of the committee; reorientation of the group as to mission; the feasibility of offering consultant services, and utilization of non-medical personnel in taking "Pap" smears and the value of smoking withdrawal clinics. A meeting of Radiation Therapists on Oct. 14 at City of Hope was announced.

Most of the time, not much is heard from the unsung heroes who spend their days wrestling with the mechanics of grant funding but they had their day on Oct. 3 in San Francisco. There to settle problems of interpretation of federal policies and RMP Guidelines were Andrew J. Kotonias, Asst. Chief, Grant Accounting and Financial Reporting NIH, Nick Cavarocchi and Rod Mercker, Grants Management Officers, DRMP. Among those in attendance were GERTRUDE ZELENITZ, HELEN PINKERTON and LEON HAUCK from AREA V, USC was represented by Clark McCartney, Director of Government Contracts and Grants (main campus).

AREA V NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE met on Oct. 6 and heard reports on the nursing aspects of the CCU Program and on other AREA V projects. Proposal 3-006 "Continuing Education for ECF Nursing Personnel" by Geraldine Diedrick, RN, MS was approved for further development and the members took away with them for study the preliminary analyses of questionnaires completed by nurses contacted during the NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S "tour" through AREA V Medical Districts in the spring. Newest member of the committee is Mrs. Joan Cobin, RN, Acting Chairman of the Department of Nursing for California State College.

The STROKE LIAISON NURSE TASK FORCE, which met July 31, Aug. 14, Sept. 25 and Oct. 3, are zeroing in on their assignment of a role description for the rehabilitation liaison nurse who will be an important member of the stroke rehabilitation program being prepared by AREA V STROKE COMMITTEES. To represent extended care facilities, two new members have been added to the Task Force: Miss Mary Lindsay, RN, Nursing Consultant with the Dept. of Public Social Services, L.A. County and Miss Ann Paes, PHNC, Nursing Consultant, Health Facilities Services Division, Central District Health Center of L. A. County Health Department.

The latest word about the next meeting of CCRMP is that it has been reset for the original date of Nov. 12. Please erase those reschedulings for November 14 and November 19!

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

OCT.			
10	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
14	10:30 a.m.	DRMP Site Visit	San Francisco
14	to 12:30 p.m.		
14	7:30 p.m.	AREA V Chronic Disease Committee	
15	8:00 a.m.	AREA V Social Workers Advisory Committee	
15	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
15	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Organization and Procedures	San Francisco
15	to 5:00 p.m.		
16	8:00 a.m.	Sophomore Medical Students from CMPH	
16	to 9:00 a.m.		
17	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Seminar on Allied Health	
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS -			
October 24	November 7	December 5	
	November 21	December 19	
Next Area Advisory Meeting - November 11			
- SPECIAL MEETINGS -			
October	18	Symposium on Early Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
October	25	RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop (first session)	
November	21	Conference on Community Health Resources - Sportsman's Lodge	
November	22	RMP-East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop (second session)	

FRANK F. AGUILERA (Asst. Coordinator-Community Programs) is asking for suggestions of persons who might be in a position to bring about changes in some of the health problems of the East Los Angeles Community, as typified by the 17 Workshops planned for the forthcoming Community Health Workshop: Health and the Welfare Recipient in East Los Angeles, Health and the Senior Citizen in ELA; Alcoholism in ELA; Narcotics Usage in ELA; Health and the Spanish Speaking Patient; Public Health System of Medical Care in ELA; The Private Practitioner and Medical Care in ELA; The Hospital System and Medical Care in ELA; The Emergency Medical Care System in ELA; Health Manpower Needs - Health Professions; Health Manpower Needs - Allied Health Professions; Health Education Needs, Services and Programs in ELA; Mental Health Programs in ELA; Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs in Mental Health; Programs and Services for the Mentally retarded in ELA; School Health - Needs, Services & Programs in ELA; Dental Health - Needs vs. Resources.

Suggestions need not be limited to physicians but might include politicians at all levels of government, members of private foundations, law enforcement or welfare agencies, and so on.

CARDIAC CO-CHAIRMEN have approved the supplementing of the physician training program of the AREA V CCU project by a

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programmed text on the pharmacology of cardiac drugs, to be authored by David Berman, MD, Professor of Pharmacology, USC. The manual will be based on illustrations of arrhythmias and discussions of cardiac drugs. The same material will be used in 35 mm slides for lecture material.

WILLIAM A. MARKEY, Deputy Coordinator and HENRY B. DUNLAP, Chairman of AREA V HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS COMMITTEE were participants in the Hospital Medical Staff Conference held September 29-October 3 in Estes Park, Colorado. This is the sixth annual conference designed by the University of Colorado School of Medicine for leaders in community hospital medical staffs and is the prototype for the conference being planned for 1970 by the AREA V HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS. Report to follow.

GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. P.H., DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH, and KAY D. FULLER, RN were amongst the 150 participants at the Health Manpower Conference held October 3 and 4 in San Diego. Featured speaker was Ralph Kuhli, Director of Allied Health Professions of AMA, who presented some of the current issues in the development and training of personnel in health occupations.