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

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Representatives of the medical community serving the East Los Angeles area met Aug. 15 to hear a presentation of the objectives and plans for the Study of Health Needs being conducted by the community with the support of AREA V RMP and the Welfare Planning Council. "The opinions of providers of health care--as well as those of consumers--are needed in the identification of needs and in the development and implementation of solutions satisfactory to both," stated FRANK AGUILERA (AREA V - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS) in urging the active involvement of the physicians as essential to the total success of the study. A valuable exchange of information took place and interest shown by the group is encouraging.

Participating in the meeting were: James V. Aldrich, MD (Santa Fe Hospital) John L. Denney, MD (LAC/USC Medical Center) Enrique Enguidanos (East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital) Ben Karpman, MD (Community Hospital of Los Angeles) George Kyridakis, MD (White Memorial Hospital) Max Offenberg, MD (Belvedere Hospital) Norman W. Specht, MD (White Memorial Hospital) James Wargin, MD (Santa Marta Maternity Hospital) and Mitsuya Yamaguchi, MD (City View Hospital). AREA V STAFF included WILLIAM A. MARKEY, Deputy Coordinator, TOMI MOORS, (Staff Assistant) and ART HERNANDEZ, of the East L. A. Health Project.

The proposal "Computerized ECG Analysis for Community Hospital Use" is to be withdrawn from the next CCRMP Review to allow time for the inclusion of certain features suggested by AREA V CARDIAC COMMITTEE after their study of the proposal on August 12. The additional time will also enable the staff to take advantage of the recommendations made by the Technical Panel which reviewed the proposal on Aug. 14. The Panel were of the opinion that the general idea was technically feasible and commended the idea as meeting a definite need in California.

Paul C. Ward, Executive Director CCRMP, will be the key speaker at the Conference on Community Health Resources being planned by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Continuity of Patient Care. The conference is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21, 1969 at Sportsman Lodge in North Hollywood. (Way back on July 2 AREA V-MINUTE NEWS described this event as an "educational workshop focused on planning activities in the San Fernando Valley"--remember?) Between 300-350 participants are expected to attend. DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, RN, MPH represented AREA V at the August 15 meeting of the planning committee.

At their meeting at Norris Library on Aug. 14, AREA V LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE decided on some changes of format for their proposal, which will move the emphasis from equipment to people and organization. A telephone survey to collect information about facilities and resources of hospital libraries in each of the AREA V "Medical Districts" is being planned. The group were given a demonstration of the Xerox Telecopier II and studied whether or not physicians could make use of such information as could be transmitted by this equipment. MR. WILLIAM L. MILLARD, of the Dept. of Research in Medical Education USC (and member of AREA V CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE) was invited to discuss those aspects of the library proposal which involve audiovisual equipment and materials, and slow-scan TV. Mrs. Lois Colianni (Bio-Medical Librarian, Area IV RMP) was a guest.

DRMP advise that the next site visit for the California Region will be scheduled October 13 and 14, with location to be advised later.

The enclosure this week is the new AREA V brochure which--we hope--explains RMP and AREA V activities briefly and simply. A supply is now available at the Alhambra office.

PHYSICIANS ONLY!

There are a few vacancies still available in the Physicians' Training Program of AREA V CCU PROGRAM for September 8-19.

This two-week course, offered for physicians connected with CCU's in community hospitals, includes latest techniques of arrhythmia diagnosis, management of the coronary care unit and specialized procedures such as passing a pacing catheter into the right ventricle and measurement of venous pressure. Included is one week of didactic instruction at LAC-USC Medical Center, with special dog laboratory facilities and one week of clinical experience at one of four hospitals. Other course dates are:

October 6-17
November 3-14
December 1-2

Contact GLADYS ANCRUM, Dr. PH (AREA V CCU Program) at 576-1626 for further information.

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

AUGUST			
21	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	CCU Faculty - Nurse Training	
25	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	CCRMP Categorical Under Committee	Los Angeles
26	11:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	AREA V ADVISORY COMMITTEE AREA V Chronic Disease Committee Meeting	
27	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
- SUMMER SCHEDULE -			
September 12 - September 26			
No Seminars During August or September			

RMP CONFERENCE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

In April of this year, the first National Regional Medical Programs Conference for Allied Health Professions brought together 130 people representing 40 RMP's and 13 health professions, who met for three days at the Conference Grounds at Asilomar, California.

The Conference evolved out of the activities of a committee of staff Nurse Coordinators in California who began meeting periodically during 1968 to discuss the development and coordination of nursing planning throughout the state and the relationship of nursing planning to all of the general planning efforts developed in RMP. It became apparent that many Regions, in addition to California, were requesting opportunities to meet with Dr. Conley and other members of the Division staff to explore the roles of nursing and other allied health professionals in RMP. The nursing group was then expanded to include other health professionals and became the Allied Health Conference Planning Committee.

The following recommendations of the Conference Task Force Groups were presented on the last evening of the Conference:

- (a) Development of National and Regional Allied Health Advisory Councils.
- (b) Provision of allied health consultation by RMP to the Region.
- (c) Provision of allied health participation at all levels of the review process.
- (d) Provision for regular Regional and National Allied Health Conferences.

All participants in the National RMP Allied Health Conference have now received the following letter:

"We thought you would be pleased to know that the proceedings and recommendations from the Asilomar Allied Health Conference were reported to Dr. Olson on Thursday, August 7 here at Headquarters. DOROTHY ANDERSON, CRMP AREA V and Jeanne Le Brun, CRMP AREA III represented the California Planning Committee which during the past months have worked diligently in the preparation of the material for Dr. Olson's review prior to publication. They were accompanied by Dr. J. Warren Perry, President, Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, whom you will recall was not only a key speaker but spent two days as a participant at the Conference.

"DRMP staff representatives at the meeting with Dr. Olson were Dr. Richard Manegold, DRMP Associate Director, Cecilia Conradi, Acting Chief, Continuing Education and Training Branch, and Dr. Veronica Conley, Head, Allied Health Section, Continuing Education and Training Branch.

"The response to the report was overwhelmingly favorable. Dr. Olson and key members of his staff are now studying the material, particularly with a view to implementation of recommendations. We hope very shortly to forward the finalized report to you with a statement from the Division relative to the implementation of recommendations.

"We would like to express once again our appreciation to the California Planning Committee and to Dorothy Anderson, Jeanne Le Brun, and the other participants in the Asilomar Conference.