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AREA V SPONSORS A NEW PILOT PROJECT--CHEMISTRY FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES

On February 2, 34 high school seniors began a new course especially designed for students preparing for a career in the health sciences. Thirty-two of these students have not previously taken high school chemistry and approximately one-third of the group are Mexican Americans from Mark Keppel High School. The classes are being held at Alhambra High School and will run until June, 1970. If successful, the course will be integrated into the regular curriculum of the three Alhambra School District High Schools as of September, 1970.

The traditional high school chemistry course, required for all prospective nursing students, is not geared for the health science student and is primarily concerned with theory. Very often, prospective nursing students fail to see any relevance in the traditional chemistry course or feel that the course is too difficult and therefore do not elect to take it. Once out of high school, many of these prospective nursing students are lost to nursing because they do not meet the nursing program requirements.

The problem was brought to the attention of Mr. C. R. Buck, Principal of the San Gabriel Adult School by a group of high school senior girls who wish to enter either a nursing or vocational nursing school but do not have the necessary chemistry requirement. Mr. Buck then designed a course entitled "Chemistry for the Health Sciences" and worked out the mechanics so that the course can be presented for a full year's chemistry credit. The course concept has been approved by nurse educators from ELA Junior College, Pasadena City College, Mount San Antonio College, UCLA and Cal State College. The junior college level text and workbook "Chemistry for the Health Sciences" by Sackherm and Schultz has been approved for purchase by the School District.

AREA V's part in this project?--the salary of the chemistry teacher who will teach this special course. We think you'll agree that a little less than \$1,000 is a pretty good investment for the possibility of getting 35 more students into the health field...and perhaps bringing about a useful improvement in this facet of education.

C.H.A.I.R.S. PROJECT

recently approved but without funding by the National Advisory Council of RMP, has been awarded \$700,000 for a 5-year period by the Community Care Branch, National Center for Health Services Research and Development of Health Services and Mental Health Administration. Joy Cauffman, Ph.D. designer of the Community Health Agency Information Referral System, advises that this is less than the amount needed to make the project completely operational and that supplemental funding will be required from other sources. Dr. Petit has asked Dr. Cauffman to submit a formal request to AREA V for funds to undertake certain portions of this project.

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THE HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF CONFERENCE

scheduled for April 23-25 at Monte Corona, has aroused widespread interest, reports WILLIAM A. MARKEY. Inquiries have been received from 300 individuals representing 94 hospitals. Of that number 27 hospitals are in AREA V, 37 were from other So. California hospitals and 30 were from other areas. It may be necessary to limit enrollment if the formal applications approach this level, MR. MARKEY says. "Limitations, if necessary, will be based upon such factors as adequate medical staff and management team representation, program design and space availability. Applications are at the printers now and will be available very shortly.

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AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS COMMITTEE, reviewing Proposal No. 3-005, saw merit in the idea of a computerized information center on ECF's and recommended a merger of this project with the Community Health Agency Information and Referral System project (CHAIRS). On Jan. 22, there was an exploratory session at AREA V headquarters to discuss the desirability and feasibility of sharing or exchanging evaluative data on ECF's in L.A. County. Those attending represented AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS COMMITTEE, Watts-Willowbrook District RMP, the Depts. of Public Social Services and of Public Health of the County of L. A., the Depts. of Social Welfare and of Public Health of the State of California, Veterans Administration, and Dr. Joy Cauffman, Director of the CHAIRS Project.

CLYDE E. MADDEN, ACSW, reports that there was agreement on the need for a coordinated source of information, readily accessible that could be kept up to date, and the institutions represented at the meeting will be approached for suggestions as to how they might best cooperate in this venture. Dr. Cauffman is arranging to have her staff draft the instruments that will feed the necessary information into the CHAIRS central data bank and will present it for review at a subsequent meeting of the same group.

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MEXICAN AMERICAN HEALTH AFFAIRS

Here's a follow-up to an item first reported in V-MINUTE NEWS in our July 30, 1969 issue: Remember the offer made by MISS EVELYN HAMIL of LACO-USC Medical Center (also AREA V AAG member) to provide 10 Mexican American students with jobs so they might have an opportunity to make up any educational deficiencies before the School of Nursing Semester opened? In Oct., we reported that 10 students had been chosen and then there was great anxiety while some special tutoring in chemistry was found to help the girls meet the entrance requirements. Last week, when the School of Nursing semester began at LACO-USC Medical Center, four of the students from East L. A. were admitted and their names are: Lupe Silva, Irma Salas, Sirelda Valenzuela and Sharon Moran. Some of the others who started are still pursuing the chemistry requirement and hope to get in at the next semester. Miss Aurora Martinez, RN, Public Health Nursing Consultant at the East L. A. Child and Youth Clinic, who has been very active with the project to get more Mexican American students into nursing careers, reports that MISS HAMIL is continuing to work on this project with the ELA Health Task Force and states that the community is very grateful for her valuable assistance.

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The proceedings of the RMP National Conference for Allied Health Professions, held April 21-24, 1969 at Asilomar, have been released and copies may be obtained from Dr. Veronica Conley, Head, Allied Health Section, RMP (see new address on page two.)

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INDIAN HEALTH

Following up the AREA V STAFF meeting with a group of 12 Indians on Jan. 26, WILLIAM A. MARKEY, KAY D. FULLER and TONI MOORS attended a meeting of the United American Indian Council at Indian Welcome House, 2610 W. Eighth Street, L. A. The Council was established in Feb. 1969 and includes twenty Indian organizations. AREA V staff outlined for the Council some of the things that RMP might be able to accomplish if the community wishes to work with us. It was suggested that perhaps an initial objective that would be most helpful would be the establishment of a health referral and information center and the Council is to propose this in a letter to AREA V.

A second meeting will be held next week at AREA V headquarters with a broader group of health-involved individuals, additional Indian representatives and Kelly Hodel, (Council of Free Clinics).

Mrs. Anna Ray Sallaway, who was recently elected "Councilman" for a 3-year term at the Indian Center, has agreed to be a part-time consultant on Indian affairs for AREA V.

The Indians recommend the following book as an authentic presentation of the plight of their people in today's world: "Our Brother's Keeper: The Indian in White America" edited by Edgar S. Cahn, \$3 per copy. If you order from the Indian Center, 3446 W. First St. L. A. (381-5639) the latter will benefit from a small commission.

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
February 1970

Friday, February 6

COMP-L. A.	Administrative Committee	9:00 to 10:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Committee Chairmen's Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room

Tuesday, February 10

AREA V	Cardiac Co-Chairmen Meeting	11:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
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Wednesday, February 11

AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. RMP Conference Room
CCRMP	Data & Evaluation	2:00 p.m.- Los Angeles
RMP-ELA	District Committee	5:30 p.m., 670 S. Ferris

Tuesday, February 17

AREA V	Library Services Committee	12:00 noon - Antelope Valley Hospital
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Wednesday, February 18

AREA V	Social Workers Advisory Meeting	8:00 a.m. RMP Conference Room
AREA V	Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. Conference Room

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

March 10 May 12 July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH

February 6 February 20 March 6 March 20

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

THE CCU DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM...

which has been undergoing development and testing for the past year in Areas I, IV and V. with the assistance of Rand Corp., is now to be made available to any California CCU that wishes to participate. Each Area will be responsible for collection of the data from its hospitals and will receive (from the central computer located in Area I) the computer readout describing the experiences in each of their CCU's, as well as full state-wide data. The costs for any hospital's participation in the system will be borne jointly by the three Areas from January through June of 1970. Funding participation from July, 1970 is still being negotiated. Currently a total of 28 hospitals are using the form, of which ten are in AREA V. Interested hospitals should contact MILFORD G. WYMAN, MD, GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH or VIVIEN E. WARR, RN, for details.

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AREA V LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

is conducting a series of meetings throughout AREA V to determine what materials and resources are available and the needs of the professional medical libraries, with a view to drafting a project to provide a good communication network for medical libraries throughout the Area. JOHN CONNOR, Chairman of the LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE and JOHN S. LLOYD Ph.D. are leading the discussions and report great success with their first meeting held at Pomona Valley Hospital in Dec. Next target area is Antelope Valley Area to be visited Feb. 17

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SOME INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE L. A. TB & RESPIRATORY ASSN.

reported by Kay D. Fuller, RN, long representative: The Inhalation Therapy Program at St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank sponsored by a COMP grant, has trained 53 RN's. Olive View Hospital, which has an ongoing program for in-service training of Nursing and Inhalation Therapy personnel who care for respiratory disease patients, has offered to open the program to personnel from other hospitals if appropriate equipment and visual aids can be found to equip a demonstration room where the trainee can use the various pieces of equipment. Support is being sought to make this expansion possible. MRS. FULLER, RN, is investigating the possibility of linking the activities of other related AREA V projects in with the implementation of this course.

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DRMP MOVES

Effective January 26, all offices of RMP Service moved to the new headquarters of HSMHA. All correspondence to RMP Service should now be addressed as follows:
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