



# AREA the V-minute news

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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN AREA V RECENTLY . . .

A useful exchange of ideas about tumor registries took place Oct. 30 at a joint meeting of AREA V and IV at UCLA, reports DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH. Mr. Abraham Ringel, Operations Research & Systems Analysis Branch, DRMP, outlined the current status of tumor registries. He stated that DRMP, which has invested \$1.5 million in tumor registries to date, is questioning their value in relation to the priority of other cancer needs because of lack of interest and participation by physicians, scarcity of technical people to handle the registries and the quality of material recorded. Those present then offered various solutions to those problems. LEWIS W. GUISS, MD (Chairman, AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE) and Justin Stein, MD, Area IV, are recommending the development of a county-wide registry to cover those hospitals not covered by the California Tumor Registry. Present were members of Area IV staff, representatives from the California Tumor Registry and City of Orange and MR. JOHN FINDLY, Executive Director, Los Angeles Branch of American Cancer Society (and AREA V CANCER COMMITTEE).

AREA V CARDIAC CO-CHAIRMEN, who met on Nov. 4, reviewed first year results of the CCU training course and discussed some changes in strategy for publicizing the physician course; approved the plan for training CCU nurses in Antelope Valley; heard a report of the CCRMP Categorical Heart Committee. They agreed to support the Coronary Care Newsletter published by Areas I, IV and V (second issue just out) and to phase out the Continuing Education Newsletter now being published by AREA V, the Heart Association and Good Samaritan Hospital if its content is made available through the American Journal of Nursing as proposed. Demand for the Continuing Education Newsletter has caused its circulation to exceed the budget for distribution. CARDIAC CO-CHAIRMEN decided that future requests will have to be limited to AREA V.

The data on needs of patients with heart, stroke and cancer, which was collected this spring by the AREA V NURSING COMMITTEE, is to be summarized and submitted to the voluntary health organizations, various schools of nursing in the community, to the In-service Education Council of Los Angeles, home health agencies (such as VNA), to the nursing leaders of the medical districts who attended the orientation meetings and to the categorical and professional committees of AREA V. The NURSING COMMITTEE has opted to assist other groups who take action and develop projects based on the report and to remain in an advisory capacity to avoid duplication of effort.

The November 1 AREA V Status of Grant Proposals has been completed and is available on request.

AREA V's first venture into the community with the CCU Training for Nurses is all set to start on Nov. 18 in the Antelope Valley area, reports VIVIEN WARR, RN, Coronary Care Instructor. The training, which makes use of the Sutherland Multi-Media Instructional System, is to be supplemented with lectures by six of the community's doctors-- Muzaffer Aslan, MD, Hassan Bacchus, MD, Harry L. Deutsch, MD, Henry N. Shibata, MD, Marvin L. Ginsburg, MD and Jeffrey K. Stross, MD. Enrollments have exceeded the original limit of twenty for the first class and interest is such that a repeat of the course within the near future is being expressed by the community. The nurses say this is the first time they can remember a program coming to them instead of their having to travel out of the community. Students will receive 60 hours of intensive theory and will receive follow-up clinical practice in the coronary care unit of Antelope Valley Hospital. Evening workshops will also be offered for those interested. The participating institutions are Antelope Valley Hospital, Lancaster Community Hospital, Swan Memorial Hospital, (Palmdale) Edwards Air Force Base Hospital and Tehachapi Hospital.

THE STROKE LIAISON NURSE TASK FORCE, which put in an all-day session on Nov. 4, reports that one more meeting, scheduled for Nov. 18, will see the completion of its assignment of role description and curriculum of the rehabilitation liaison nurse. Data on stroke patients is being completed also, reports STROKE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT H. PUDENZ, MD, who predicts that the stroke program should be ready for presentation early in December.

MISS SHIRLEY WALDERS, ACSW (SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE) and Project Director for AREA V's Health Transportation Study was requested by the State Senate Public Utilities and Corporations Committee to present testimony on transportation problems and facilities before a hearing held Nov. 5, reports CLYDE MADDEN, ACSW (Asst. Coordinator-SOCIAL WORK). The Health Transportation Study is scheduled for presentation to AREA V Staff and Committee Chairmen at their regular meeting on December 5.

WELCOME TO . . . .

MRS. SHERRY LAUFENBURGER, newly arrived in So. California from Denver, is our new Girl Friday and has promised to rescue our various departments whenever they are overcome by the paper blizzard.

MRS. ROBERIA JONES, who was previously with Gateway Mental Health Center, will replace Mrs. Helen Pinkerton as Administrative Asst. and Secretary to Mr. Markey. (Lena is leaving us to work with national Bahá'í Headquarters, Wilmette, Illinois.)

CALENDAR

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

NOV.			
17	10:30 a.m.	AREA V and Area IV Allied Health Meeting	
18	12:00 noon	AREA V Stroke Liaison Task Force	
19	8:00 a.m.	AREA V Social Workers Advisory Committee	
19	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
19	7:30 p.m.	Watts-Willowbrook District RMP Meeting	South Health Center 1522 East 102 Street
20	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP CCU Coordinating Meeting	Hilton Inn San Francisco
to	5:00 p.m.		
21	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
21	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Stroke Meeting	Airport Marina Los Angeles
to	5:00 p.m.		
21	9:00 a.m.	Conference on San Fernando Valley Community Health Resources	Sportsmen's Lodge Studio City
to	3:30 p.m.		
22	8:30 a.m.	East Los Angeles Health Conference	L. A. Co. - USC Med. Center Auditorium
to	1:00 p.m.		
- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS -			
December 5                      December 19			

AREA V'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

AREA V's application for third-year funding anticipated "increasing visibility of RMP activities in the health professional and general communities and an accelerating pace in growth as more and more is known about RMP and its ability to stimulate further involvement and better coordination of existing facilities and talents within the Region." V-MINUTE NEWS reviews here some of the progress that has been made in community involvement since July:

Our most conspicuous effort is, of course, the opportunity which has been afforded the Mexican American Community of East Los Angeles to express its perception of health needs. On November 22, "policy makers" who can influence the health delivery system in East Los Angeles will be asked to respond to the needs defined and solutions recommended at the Community Health Workshop held Oct. 25. Roger O. Egeberg, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, Department of HEW, heads the list of key decision-makers who will speak on this occasion. Commitments to speak to the community's problems have also been received from Senator George E. Danielson, Senator Alfred H. Song, Senator Walter J. Karabian, Ernest E. Debs, County Supervisor--others are anticipated. Hopefully, in the not too far distant future, this project--a joint effort of AREA V RMP and Welfare Planning Council, coordinated by FRANK F. AGUILERA (Asst. Coordinator, Community Programs) will culminate in visible improvement of the health care services for this community.

DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH (Asst. Coordinator, Community Programs) has begun to research the health problems of the American Indians in AREA V. A survey taken in 1966 by UCLA estimated that at that time there were approximately 10,000 American Indians in the area, representing 101 tribes. Large numbers reside in Bell Gardens, Bell, Brea and Cudahy. Newcomers, especially single youths, remain in the downtown rooming houses due to lack of transportation. Few

of the Indians know what the community resources are or where to go for help, whether for health, clinics, employment or housing; communications among these people are poor; they are discouraged--"Everyone is on a health kick just now" they say. "After it is all over, we'll have nothing." Some useful contacts have been made and activities of this project will be reported as they develop.

AREA V is receiving appeals from various Open Door Clinics for whatever assistance RMP might provide. For the benefit of any who might not be familiar with these fairly new institutions, a word of explanation might be in order: Open Door Clinics might be described as "walk-in" clinics organized to minister to the needs of young people who are reluctant to seek medical services, counseling or social services from agencies whom they feel they have reason to fear. Some of the clinics restrict their activities to counseling only and to active informational programs, others provide medical examination and referral, still others include a medical service component. There is now a Steering Committee representing all Open Door Clinics in the Los Angeles area which operates under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bert Hausman. AREA V RMP, in its role as an organizer of health service providers is extremely interested in the extent of this problem and what can be done to help.

## BACKGROUND

This Conference represents eight months of information gathering and evening meetings with members of the Greater East Los Angeles community. The survey identified the community's view of its health needs and was conducted by three Community Consultants. Statistical material which was collected supports the survey results. The Steering Committee, composed of members from the community provided guidance and developed recommendations throughout the survey.

To further determine the health needs in East Los Angeles, a Community Health Workshop was held on October 25, 1969. Over 400 interested persons, including community residents and providers of health services, attended the Workshop. The suggestions and recommendations from fourteen workshops and the audience during the afternoon program have been incorporated into an East Los Angeles Community Health Report.

The Health Report has been sent to Roger O. Egeberg, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, H.E.W., who will respond to the findings of the report. Other officials from the federal, state and local levels of government who can influence changes in the system of health care in East Los Angeles have received the report as well. Thus, while the policy makers are being asked to make a commitment to create changes, the final responsibility for planning specific solutions which will improve the health services of East Los Angeles falls back to the community.

The conference will provide an opportunity for community involvement to influence changes in the present health system.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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- 8:30 a.m. A. REGISTRATION
- 9:00 a.m. B. WELCOME
- 9:15 a.m. C. KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
- 10:00 a.m. D. SUMMARY OF HEALTH NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN E.L.A.
- 10:30 a.m. E. COFFEE BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. F. RECOMMENDATION RESPONSES
- 12:00 p.m. G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
- 1:00 p.m. H. ADJOURNMENT

Roger O. Egeberg, M.D.  
Assistant Secretary for  
Health and Scientific Affairs, H.E.W.

Representatives from:  
Federal, State, County and  
City Government

"This is what I believe: The Chicanos, the Blacks, and the thoughtful young people throughout the land are trying to tell us, and there is no one who should be more ready to listen and to act than the health professional."

Paul B. Cornely, M.D.  
President Elect  
American Public Health Association

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The assistance and cooperation provided by the community residents, community-based organizations, and the private and public agencies participating in the planning and development of the East Los Angeles Health Conference are greatly appreciated.

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Sra. Modesta Velasquez who is 80 years old and a stroke victim talks with Community Consultant Carmen Guzman, about

## EAST LOS ANGELES HEALTH CONFERENCE



November 22nd  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

LAC/USC Medical Center  
Auditorium - Unit I  
1200 North State Street  
Los Angeles, California

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