Congressman James F. Hastings To Speak
Annual General Meeting
Set For April 28 In Buffalo

The seventh Annual General Meeting of the Regional Advisory Group, (RAG), the advisory body to the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. will be held Saturday, April 28, 1973 at the Wick Center Auditorium of Rosary Hill College, 4380 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The program will run until 12 noon.

The keynote speaker will be Congressman James F. Hastings, (R.-Rushford Lake), a member of the House Sub-committee on Public Health and Environment.

Congressman Hastings introduced a legislative bill, H.R. 5608, "Health Programs Extension Act of 1973", which seeks to extend for one year, authorities for a number of health programs, among them regional medical programs, that are due to expire on June 30, 1973. Congressman Hastings, along with other legislators, depletes the President's order to dismantle existing programs until a more thorough review and decision is made by Congress, who developed these programs and who should determine their fate. The Congressman notes that his introduction of this continuation legislation should not be construed as a personal endorsement of all these programs, but rather a means of allowing Congress more time to make a responsible evaluation and decision.

Election of persons whose names have been submitted for membership in the RAG will be acted upon at this meeting. Anyone wishing to submit candidates for membership in the RAG is requested to send these names to James J. McCormack, Ph.D., LARMP, 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York as soon as possible.

You're Invited
An open invitation is extended to all county committee members, health agencies, health personnel, hospital administrators and other guests to attend. Reservations should be sent to Anthony Zerbo, Jr. at the LARMP office.

New York State Medical Society Passes Resolution In Support of RMP
Whereas
The several Regional Medical Programs throughout New York State have provided a positive organizational base from which physicians may effectively implement improvements in the health care system consummate with the responsible practice of medicine and
Whereas
The same RMPs have provided valuable and irreplaceable technical assistance to the physician community and the larger communities that serve to effect improved general health care and
Whereas
the RMP has provided much needed local autonomy in the expenditure of federal resources directed toward local needs
Therefore Be It Resolved
that the Medical Society of the State of New York deplore the exclusion of the RMP from the administration's proposed 1974 federal budget and
Be It Further Resolved
that the Medical Society of the State of New York request that the Congress of the United States extend the RMP legislation and provide funding necessary for continuation and expansion of this valuable program.

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The stage is now set for the inevitable battle slated to take place between the Administration and Congress over the Presidential order to close down Regional Medical Programs by June 30, 1973. A legislative bill to extend Regional Medical Program, along with 14 other expiring programs, was introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy (D - Massachusetts) in the Senate. This passed by a vote of 72-19 on March 28, 1973.

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Mobile Health Unit Increases Its Services To County Residents

The Allegheny County Mobile Health Unit, which went into full operation in October, 1972, has steadily increased its services to county residents, according to Dr. Virginia Barker, Dean of the Alfred University School of Nursing, who also serves as director of the mobile health unit project.

Dr. Barker said the mobile unit idea was initiated in Allegheny County as a means of providing preventive health care services and health education to all persons in the sparsely populated townships in the county. Plans and funds to organize and operate the unit were supplied by the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program Inc. Services include vision and hearing tests, blood sugar screenings, blood pressures, urinalyses, and other tests. No direct treatment is provided on the van. Suspected cases of illness or health deficiencies are referred to family physicians or to the county's two hospitals if the client does not have a family physician. Services are free to county residents.

The traveling unit is staffed by faculty and students of Alfred University's School of Nursing and members of Allegheny County's Public Health Nursing Service. Mrs. Margaret Connelly, County Public Health Nursing Director said that during the past four months of operation 141 persons between the ages of 15-85 have sought the services provided by the unit. Mrs. Connelly reported that from this group, 79 have been referred for treatment by family physicians or to the two hospitals. Five were hospitalized and one person underwent needed surgery. She also noted that 10 of those receiving screening tests had no family physician and 12 persons were referred to the physician of their choice.

The $52,000 fully equipped unit is presently accommodating a maximum of 10 persons per day at an average visit of one hour per person.

Dr. Barker said the mobile unit was adopted for the county because of the shortage of physicians, lack of public transportation to doctors' offices and hospitals for the many elderly and very young residents.

Regularly scheduled stops are made by the unit at Angelica, Alfred, Caneadea, Richburg and Whitesville.

Rural Externship Committee Head Named

Murray S. Marsh, administrator of the W.C.A. Hospital in Jamestown, New York is the new chairman of the Rural Externship Advisory Committee.

Mr. Marsh, who is deeply interested in the Rural Externship Program, said plans are presently being developed and implemented for the 1973 summer session. Traditionally, W.C.A. Hospital has actively supported the program and has encouraged the student-mentor arrangement.

Mr. Marsh said that the goal this year is to place 40 health science students in rural communities in such disciplines as medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, hospital administration, occupational and physical therapy, and nutrition.

Students will be placed in the seven Western New York and two Pennsylvania counties that make up the LARMP region. The project will be operated again this year under the auspices of the LARMP.

William D. Cragie was recently appointed director of the Rural Externship Program. Mr. Cragie notes that during the past three years 102 health science students have been placed in rural communities under the sponsorship of this program.
TLN LECTURE SCHEDULE MAY 1973

May 1 - Tuesday
Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
"Dermatologic Treatments That Almost Always Work"
Richard L. Dobson, M.D.
Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
"Separation Anxiety - For Mother and Child"
Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

May 2 - Wednesday
Clinical Pastoral Education - 10:00 a.m.
"The Person With A Grief Problem"
Rev. C. Charles Bachmann, Ph.D.
Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.
"Behavioral and Neurogenic Factors in the Pathogenesis of Coronary Heart Disease"
Ray H. Rosenman, M.D.

May 3 - Thursday
Family Practice - 8:30 a.m.
"Vaccination and Immunization"
Bernard Eisenberg, M.D.
Podiatry - 11:30 a.m.
"Silastic Implant Surgery in Hallux Valgus"
Earl Kaplan, DPM, FACFS
Medical Technology - 1:30 p.m.
"The Use of Microtiter Techniques in Clinical Serology"
Susan J. Depew, M.S., M.T (ASCP)

May 4 - Friday
Pediatric Journal Club - 8:00 a.m.
To be announced

May 8 - Tuesday
Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
"Differential Diagnosis of Adult Onset Muscle Weakness"
Krishna Kalyanaraman, M.D.
Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
"The Need For A More Family-Centered Approach to Maternity Care"
Paula U. Fick, R.N., M.S.

May 9 - Wednesday
Mental Health Training - 11:00 a.m.
"Group As A Therapeutic Technique Utilized By The Paraprofessional"
Coordinator - Janice Felski, MHATA
and Panel from Buffalo State Hospital
Medical Record Administrators - 2:00 p.m.
"New Horizons in Medical Record Careers"
Kathleen A. Waters, RRA

May 10 - Thursday
Pharmacy Journal Club - 9:00 a.m.
"Congestive Heart Failure"
Richard A. Hutchinson, DPHM
Medical Librarianship - 11:30 a.m.
"Core Collections/Classification"
Helen J. Brown, M.A.
Remedios L. Silva, MSLS
Managerial & Supervisory Development - 1:30 p.m.
"The Human Resource - Your Biggest Expense - And Asset"
Dudley Ericson

May 15 - Tuesday
Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
"Clinical and Angiographic Follow-Up in 1,000 Patients After Coronary Vein Graft Surgery"
William C. Sheldon, M.D.
Physicians - Cancer Oncology - 11:30 a.m.
"Hypophysectomy - Its Place and Value"
Robert Bourke, M.D.
Nursing - Cancer Oncology - 12:30 p.m.
"Nursing Care in Adrenalectomy and Hypophysectomy"
Margaret Stein, R.N.
Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.
"A Dietetic Rap Session"
Dorothy B. Deering, R.D., M.S.
Dorothy L. Brown, R.D., MPH

May 16 - Wednesday
Physicians - Cancer Oncology - 11:30 a.m.
"Hypophysectomy - Its Place and Value"
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Nursing - Cancer Oncology - 12:30 p.m.
"Nursing Care in Adrenalectomy and Hypophysectomy"
Margaret Stein, R.N.
Dietetics - 2:00 p.m.
"A Dietetic Rap Session"
Dorothy B. Deering, R.D., M.S.
Dorothy L. Brown, R.D., MPH

May 17 - Thursday
Special Program - 1:30 p.m.
"Alcohol Problems and Third Party Payments"
Cedric M. Smith, M.D.
Robert McLaughlin
Allan Perlmutter

May 22 - Tuesday
Physicians - 11:30 a.m.
"Special Problems in Head and Neck Cancer"
John M. Lore, M.D.
Nursing - 1:30 p.m.
"Care of the Dying Child"
Katherine Filion, R.N.
Judy Larsen, R.N.
Marilyn R. O'Connor, R.N., B.S.

May 24 - Thursday
Physicians - Trauma - 10:30 a.m.
To be announced
Allied Health - 1:00 p.m.
"Programs and Activities for the Perceptually Handicapped Child"
Roberta Powers, OTR

May 30 - Wednesday
Medical Record Administrators - 2:00 p.m.
"New Horizons in Health Record Careers"
Betty-Marie Mine, RRA
In 131 Pacific), New York, today I speak on behalf of my colleagues, namely the directors of all six programs in New York State. These men are with me today and have signed the testimony submitted to your Committee.

We would commend the Committee on its foresight and logical approach to the legislation affecting not only our program, but that of the programs included in the Health Services Extension Act of 1973. We see the period of one year, which is the qualifier to this Act, as a time in which the legislation can be redrafted (rewritten) to conform with the pressing needs of the day. It can be updated to ensure that appropriations for the components of H.R. 3608 are invested in the best possible manner.

Not only should the legislation be brought up to the standards required of it in 1974, but the administration thereof should receive careful scrutiny to make sure the tax dollar is invested wisely.

The Administration budget observations describe in detail what is essentially an R.M.P. function: building on community strengths, competent use of funds at the local level, reduction of bureaucratic hindrance, decentralization of what has hitherto been federal government function. The ability to become self-supporting is one of the criteria of importance in projects that receive our support, both in New York State and nationally.

We would reiterate that decentralization of authority, reduction of bureaucracy, building on existing community strengths and relieving the federal government from responsibility that should be the province of the local authority, is a succinct capsule of the activities of Regional Medical Programs throughout the nation.

We have as an appendix to this presentation, Mr. Chairman, some facts about New York State. This data, which gives a numerical dimension to our impact, impressive as it is, is in no way as important as the process that has brought it about.

It is crucial to bring the best care in the categorical diseases, namely heart, stroke and cancer, to the greatest number of people. To do this, Regional Medical Programs had to develop a process. A clear understanding of the high calibre personnel and the methodology requisite to this process is critical to you and to others who wish to improve the health care in this country.

Dr. Ingall

Ammended By-Laws
Have Been Distributed

The November 9, 1972 amended by-laws of the Health Organization of Western New York, Inc. have been sent to all members of the Regional Advisory Group and all county committee members. The name of this advisory body to the Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc. has been changed to Lakes Area Regional Advisory Group, Inc.

The amended by-laws will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 1973 at Rosary Hill College, Buffalo, New York.

Anyone having comments regarding the by-laws is requested to contact James J. McCormack, Ph.D., Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc., 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York.

Nominating Committee
Appointed

Seven persons were appointed to the nominating committee who will be charged with presenting a slate of candidates for membership to the Regional Advisory Group Board of Directors at the April 28 Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Irwin Felsen, RAG chairman, named RAG members Sister Bernadette Armiger, Niagara University School of Nursing; Murray Marsh, WCA Hospital, Jamestown, New York, and Robert Harris, Western New York Hospital Association to the committee. Also appointed were Dr. Alan Drinnan, School of Dentistry, State University of New York at Buffalo; Dr. Alfred Finnichio, St. Bonaventure University, Olean, New York; Dr. Robert Love, State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, New York and Dana Lundquist, Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Pennsylvania.

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And Be It Further Resolved that the Medical Society of the State of New York request that the Administration reexamine its position and recognize RMP as an effective force responsive to the private and voluntary sectors of the health care system for improving health services in line with regional priorities.

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TLN TO CLOSE FOR SUMMER, REOPEN SEPTEMBER, 1973

The Telephone Lecture Network will temporarily suspend operations as of June 1 through August 31, 1973. Starting in September 1973 the Network will offer an entirely new schedule of continuing education programs. Registration for the coming year will be in April. For more information contact:

Joseph Reynolds, Network Coordinator, Lakes Area Regional Medical Program, Inc., 2929 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. or call — (716) 835-0728

Stress and Heart Disease:

Behavioral and Neurogenic Factors in the Pathogenesis of Coronary Heart Disease, will be the topic presented by Dr. Ray H. Rosenman, associate chief, Department of Medicine, and associate chief, The Harold Simon Institute for Cardiovascular Research, Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, San Francisco, California, on May 2, at 2 p.m. over the LARM's Telephone Lecture Network. All dietitians, physicians and other interested health personnel are invited to participate. The program can be heard at all 35 TLN outlets located throughout the nine county region of Western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. The outlets are in hospitals in your community. The hospital administrator may be contacted for further information.