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ANOTHER FIRST VENTURE IN CORONARY CARE FOR AREA V

AREA V focused on another aspect of coronary care last week by co-sponsoring with the West San Gabriel Valley Division of the L. A. County Heart Association in the presentation of a Course on Emergency Ward Care of Cardiac patients.

Sixty-two nurses from AREA V community hospitals registered for the two-day course which was given June 19 and 20 at Methodist Hospital in Arcadia. Represented were La Vina Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena Community Hospital, LAC-USC Medical Center, Garfield Community Hospital, Santa Teresita Hospital, Sierra Madre Community Hospital, San Gabriel Community Hospital and Pasadena Dispensary.

Emphasis of the course was on interpretation and treatment of warning arrhythmias but the subjects ranged from the equipment advised for emergency ward facilities and drugs currently in use to the necessity for a written protocol for the unit to facilitate the emergency treatment and transfer of the myocardial infarction patient to the CCU.

Lectures were given during the symposium by Doctors Richard Dickey, Clyde McAuley, Shirl Evans, Bruce Wallace and James Getzen, all of Methodist Hospital and by Dr. Lawrence Herman of Garfield Community Hospital.

Mrs. Eileen Lowder of the San Gabriel Valley Heart Association was responsible for publicity and registration; Mrs. Kay Smillie, Director of Inservice Education at Methodist Hospital coordinated the course. VIVIEN WARR and GLADYS ANCRUM of AREA V assisted with the ECG Workshops and presentation of the multimedia instructional material.

The course was enthusiastically received and AREA V hopes to plan similar programs with other Divisions of the L. A. County Heart Association.

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## SPECIAL STUDY FUNDED

One of five studies approved by the Area Advisory Group at its April meeting for funding by carryover monies has received a "go-ahead" from CCRMP. "Summer Experience for Allied Health Students" affords a 9-week observation/participation experience in health care settings for a core group of medical and other health discipline students. Students will be assigned to a wide variety of health care facilities and personnel in acute care, chronic, and rehabilitation facilities and in community agencies. They will see patients with many kinds of needs and will assist various health workers in providing for those needs. A major hope of this study is that students who participate will take the initiative to continue interdisciplinary activity after graduation and subsequently into practice of health professionals. The overall plan for the experience has been developed by the multi-discipline staff of the Division of Research and Training in Rehabilitation at USC School of Medicine. The funding of \$1800 will support two trainees in this program.

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Proposal 2-072 - "Paramedical Immunohematology Postgraduate Teaching Program" is being readied for presentation to CCRMP this fall. The proposal has been approved by the Continuing Education & Health Care Committee, and by a CCRMP Technical Review Committee, subject to certain recommendations. Final revisions of the proposal will be mailed to AAG members for consideration at the September 8 meeting.

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## AMERICAN INDIAN FREE CLINIC . . . .

received the backing of Councilman Robert J. Stevenson June 19 when, at his invitation, nine members of the Clinic's Board visited City Hall to publicize their efforts to set up the Clinic. In a private conference with the Indian leaders, a representative of Mr. Stevenson stated that the Councilman fully understands and deeply appreciates the shyness and pride of the typical American Indian who often finds himself a stranger in his native land with no helping hand for social and economic improvement. Councilman Stevenson announced his great pleasure in sponsoring the group's appearance before the City Council and offered the assistance of his office and staff in the Free Clinic project. A spirited discussion amongst Council members as to which had the most Indian residents as constituents caused one of them to comment that it was nice to note that we are now fighting over Indians instead of with them!

Several representatives from the Clinic appeared before the hearing on the Bauer Report by the Public Health Commission on June 18 and presented facts about the need for the type of neighborhood facility they propose.

The Indian Free Clinic received \$500 from the proceeds of the Benefit Powwow presented May 30 by the American Indian Tribal Dancers and many people who had never previously attended a powwow had an interesting experience. Don't miss the next benefit dinner and powwow on June 27!

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AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS  
CALENDAR  
June, July 1970

Friday, June 26

COMP - LA

Mental Health and  
Mental Retardation

10 a.m.  
Los Angeles

Saturday, June 27

Benefit Dinner  
and Powwow

6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
John Anson Ford Park  
Bell Gardens

Tuesday, June 30

AREA V

Staff Stroke Team

12 noon Downstairs

Wednesday, July 1

AREA V

Staff Meeting

9:30 a.m. Conference Rm.

AREA V

Cancer Planning

12:15 p.m.  
RMP Conference Room

Thursday, July 2

CCRMP

Staff Consultants

2 to 5 p.m. Pompano Rm.  
Airport Marina Hotel, L.A.

Friday, July 3

HOLIDAY

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

July 14    September 8    November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS - JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

July 10    August 14    September 11

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