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

RMP's ability to bring together various groups for the achievement of a common goal was demonstrated last week. Frank Aguilera (AREA V STAFF) was asked by Sister Mary Lopez, Administrator of Santa Marta Clinic in East Los Angeles, for information about any grants, scholarships or training programs that might be available to stimulate interest in nursing careers among Mexican American students.

To make a long story short--a necessity in V-MINUTE NEWS--Frank arranged a meeting for July 28 at which Sister Mary Lopez was given the opportunity to discuss the scarcity of Mexican American nurses and what might be done about it with Miss Evelyn M. Hamil, R.N., Director of Nursing Service and Education and Mrs. Carrie Bays, Registrar of the School of Nursing, both of LACO/USC Medical Center. Mr. Jose Carlos brought to the meeting Miss Aurora Martinez, R.N., Public Health Nursing Consultant, East Los Angeles Child and Youth Clinic, who has been working with Eastside high schools on the same problem.

As a result of the meeting, Miss Hamil has offered to provide ten Mexican American students with jobs at the Medical Center to give them the opportunity, before the February, 1970 semester begins at the School of Nursing, to develop an understanding of the nursing discipline, basic hospital terminology and some time to make up any educational deficiencies that may become apparent in the interval. The candidates for these positions must, of course, meet certain minimum requirements such as U. S. citizenship, high school diploma, at least one year of high school chemistry. Sister Mary Lopez has offered the facilities of Santa Marta Clinic as a contact point for the initial screening of applicants, Miss Martinez will assist in various aspects of the publicizing of this opportunity in the community, and various other organizations will be contacted to undertake some long-range solutions for this problem. V-MINUTE NEWS will report how this interesting project develops.

MISS EVELYN M. HAMIL, R.N., represents the Department of Hospitals on our AREA ADVISORY GROUP. Mr. Jose Carlos is a representative of the East Los Angeles community on the AREA ADVISORY GROUP.

The weekly news digest from CMA reports that the AMA House of Delegates at its meeting July 13-16 in New York City called for the AMA to develop an appropriate background paper which will clarify the distinctions between PL 89-239 (Regional Medical Programs) and PL 89-749 (Comprehensive Health Planning) and define the role physicians should play in their implementation.

A warm welcome to MISS DOROTHY ANDERSON, R.N., M.P.H., who will be joining AREA V STAFF early in August. Previously with Area VIII (RMP-Irvine) as Assistant Coordinator Nurse, Miss Anderson is well known in the health and nursing fields, and has extensive experience as a teacher and consultant with the Department of Public Health and with the American Red Cross. Her duties with AREA V will be connected with the development of community programs and the staffing of the SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE and CANCER COORDINATING COMMITTEE. Miss Anderson has been invited to DRMP August 6, 7 and 8 to present the report of the Allied Health Conference to Dr. Stanley Olson and Dr. Veronica Conley.

Mr. Chester A. Rude, Chairman of AREA ADVISORY GROUP reports with regret the resignation of Mr. Ben Griffith, due to the pressure of other activities. Mr. Griffith is one of the original members of the AREA V GROUP, and was active in the preparation of the first AREA V RMP application.

JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D., Chief of Program Evaluation at AREA V is back from a two-week session at the Advanced Human Relations Laboratory sponsored by the NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science and the Western Training Laboratories at the Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead.

FRANK F. AGUILERA, AREA V STAFF, has been appointed by the East Los Angeles Health Task Force to represent them on the Barrio-Ghetto Program Committee of the L. A. County Heart Association. This Committee is charged with the preparation of plans to indicate how the Association can best use its resources to achieve a high degree of heart health in the black and brown communities.

Some items from the AREA V SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE meeting of July 23: Major item of discussion was the role of social work in the private practice of medicine and the committee is contemplating the production of a proposal which would provide a basic model for the ideal utilization of social service by private practitioners. Comments were offered by Drs. Petit and Tyler. Mr. Jose Carlos, AREA ADVISORY GROUP, was a guest.

Plans for the development of an umbrella-type cancer program for AREA V were reviewed July 24 when Dr. Petit met with Dr. Lewis W. Guiss, Chairman of CANCER COORDINATING COMMITTEE and his subcommittee Chairmen, J. R. Bateman, M.D., Melville L. Jacobs, M.D. and Mr. John K. Findly.

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

JULY			
31	9:30 a.m.	Demonstration of Multi-Media System (CCU Training)	
AUG.			
1	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Regional Medical Program-East Los Angeles Steering Committee on Health Needs	
4	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	California RMP Nurses Committee Meeting	
5	12:00 noon	CCU Faculty Meeting Physician Training	Good Samaritan
6	11:30 a.m.	Hospital Medical Staff Administrators Conference (Steering Committee Meeting)	
7	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	San Francisco
8	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen's Meeting	
14	6:30 p.m.	AREA V Library Services Committee Meeting	Los Angeles

- SUMMER SCHEDULE -

Committee Chairmen's Meetings

August 8                      September 12                      September 26

There will be no seminars during August

A REPORT ON THE VISITOR'S CONFERENCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF NURSING

By Kay D. Fuller, R.N. and Gladys Ancrum, Dr. P.H.

Nursing educators from 18 states met in Denver on June 23 for a four-day study of the unique continuing education program of the University of Colorado School of Nursing. The CU program of year-round, intensive short courses for nurses practicing in a wide variety of professional fields is one of the most stimulating continuing education programs in the nation.

The program is headed by Mrs. Elda S. Popiel, Assistant Dean, Continuing Education. The department is currently developing core programs in the area of crisis nursing (to meet the needs of the growing number and kinds of specialized intensive care facilities) and rehabilitation and maintenance in chronic disease (to address the issue of "living after survival.") Since all the continuing education efforts are coordinated through Colorado Nurses Association, the University, and the basic schools of nursing in Colorado, successful courses are quickly integrated into the formal basic and graduate nursing education curriculums.

Overall guidance for program development and coordination is provided by an advisory committee which brings together 36 representatives from various nursing environments and allied professions. In addition, each of the major program offerings is designed, developed, and presented with the aid of a specific advisory committee made up of nursing and other health professionals who have an acknowledged commitment and/or expertise in that program area.

The Colorado program is "participant" centered as opposed to curriculum centered. It draws together resource faculty from throughout the state to present workshops, institutes, conferences, and short-term intensive courses in response to requests from the state's professional groups and health care institutions. It provides on-the-job consultation as a part of the structure of a number of the courses, thereby maximizing the opportunity for influencing the practice of top quality nursing care in Colorado. (There are approximately 10,000 RN's practicing in Colorado with 50% in Denver, making the city one of the few communities in the United States where there is an adequate supply of nurses.)

It is the policy of the University of Colorado that all adult and continuing education offerings be non-credit. Because of this, no set curriculum needs to be followed nor a time for final exams scheduled. This enables the Continuation Education Services to create the kinds of learning experiences which will meet the needs of the nurse-participants in the program.

The conferees from California included the Inservice Coordinator from Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Bellflower, the Director of Inservice Training from Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles and the Director of Education and Training at Kaiser Medical Care Entities, Fontana. The five of us were greatly impressed with the course content and plan to explore the possibilities of getting a similar program going in Southern California. We'll be happy to hear from all interested parties.