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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY GROUPS

Atlantic City  
Friday, April 14, 1972  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Present: Drs. Leonidas Berry, Edmund Flink, John Graham, and Harrison Shull.

1. Dr. Jose de Jesus, A.C.P. Governor for Puerto Rico, kindly reported, at the Committee's request, on some of the needs for improved medical education in the Caribbean and possible ways in which the A.C.P. might help. Those involved in the field of medical education in the Caribbean, especially in the Medical School in Jamaica, are anxious to provide programs of such quality that students and others from this area might not feel impelled to seek medical education elsewhere, sometimes never to return.

Dr. de Jesus was of the opinion that the Medical School in Jamaica would welcome any input to their programs from the A.C.P. in the form of courses such as the College has put on in Costa Rica, the Phillipines, etc. He thought it possible that the government might contribute funds to such an effort. He also believed that there were many well-trained physicians in the area who had M.R.C.P. who would like to have F.A.C.P. Consultations with the Dean of the Medical School in Jamaica and Dr. Melvin Evans of the Virgin Islands (political governor and F.A.C.P.) would be worthwhile.

After considerable discussion it was voted that this matter might best be handled by the Committee of International Affairs, and since Dr. de Jesus is a member of that Committee, that he present these ideas to that Committee with the understanding that the Minority Group Committee would wish to help at any suitable point.

2. Dr. Harrison Shull reported on progress made between the A.C.P. and the Meharry Medical School.

a. He reported that a definite commitment to put on an A.C.P. Post-graduate Course in medicine at Meharry had been arranged between Meharry and the Post-Graduate-Course Committee--probably for the 1973-1974 series.

b. He had also explored with people at Meharry the possibility of the A.C.P. arranging for a "visiting professor" to go there for a week or two.

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Meharry would like this and Dr. Jack Myers would be willing to accept such an assignment. Dr. Flink had already had correspondence with Dr. Glaser of the Commonwealth Fund who had indicated there were possibilities that this fund might help to finance travel and sundry expenses for such a visit. It was agreed that Dr. Flink would attempt to get a definite commitment of \$750-\$1000 to cover expenses for such a visit and if he is successful, then Dr. Shull would take this idea back to Meharry. The details of the visit could then be arranged directly between Meharry and Dr. Myers.

c. Dr. Shull then reported that Meharry would welcome any help the A.C.P. could provide in finding a relatively young researcher who might be persuaded to go to Meharry for a year or two to conduct his research there and help with teaching.

After considerable discussion as to whether this committee was in a position to help in such a search, it was decided that in this instance we should do what we could to help, having been asked. It was felt that our committee could do this best if Meharry would write a specific request indicating in some detail the nature of such a position and proposition. Dr. Shull will bring this to the attention of the Dean of Meharry and our committee will act on hearing from him.

The possibility was discussed of funds for such a project being obtained from the Johnson Foundation through David Rogers. Dr. Flink will explore this possibility.

Dr. Leonidas Berry then discussed one of two proposals he had prepared in connection with educational opportunities for "ghetto physicians" in the Chicago area. This proposal, which he had named the "adjunct courtesy plan", provided for "ghetto physicians" being allowed to follow their patients in participating hospitals. The patient would be under the care of a member of the hospital staff and at the same time the patient's "ghetto physician" could also participate in his care and follow the patient on discharge in his office. The plan included the possibility of payment of both physicians during the patient's stay. The committee felt that this plan presented a number of thorny problems and that at present efforts should not be made to implement it.

On Saturday, April 15 Drs. Berry and Graham appeared before the Board of Governors to report progress and ask their help in the matter of encouraging Minority Group participation in their committees, programs, and all activities of the A.C.P.

On Monday, April 17 a breakfast meeting of the Committee was held to which were invited Dr. Eliot Foltz, A.C.P. Governor for Northern Illinois; Dr. Robert Kark, A.C.P. governor-elect for Northern Illinois; and Dr. Chester Cassel, A.C.P. governor-elect for Florida.

Dr. Cassel told of the development of a Committee of Cuban refugee physicians, headed by Dr. Eliseo C. Perez-Stable, M.D., F.A.C.P. This Committee will take an active interest in involving Cuban physicians in the College and its activities and may also be willing to help in the evaluation of credentials for Cuban physicians applying for medical positions in various institutions in the United States.

The committee expressed gratitude to Dr. Cassel for his efforts in organizing this "Cuban" committee and suggested that our chairman would like to be kept informed of future developments.

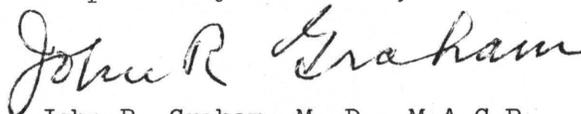
Dr. Berry then discussed his second plan for "ghetto physicians" which he entitled "Continuing Medical Education with Out-Patient Care". This plan had been tentatively explored with Dr. Foltz at the Michael Reese Hospital and received favorable consideration. It involved an arrangement whereby a "ghetto physician" could send his private patient to the hospital out-patient department where the out-patient staff of the hospital would conduct appropriate consultation and tests and then refer the patient, with a full report, back to the original physician. Such a relationship could be on a continuing basis over considerable periods of time so that the physician would get to know the hospital staff, and vice versa, and develop an educational service relation of value.

The committee felt that this approach to the "ghetto physician's" problem was a better way to begin hospital-ghetto relations than the previously mentioned "Adjunct Courtesy Plan" involving in-patient care and financial problems. It was suggested that a beginning of this plan with a few well-oriented physicians who were enthusiastic would be the right approach. It was also urged that exploration be made into what the "ghetto physicians" felt they needed in the areas in which the A.C.P. could help. It was agreed that Dr. Berry and Dr. Kark would continue to develop this program.

A letter from Dr. John B. Johnson of the National Medical Association was read in which a request was made that the A.C.P. consider forming some official liaison-relationship with the N.M.A. The committee voted that they would be in favor of such a relationship if it could be achieved within the organizational structure of the College and that this matter should be referred to the appropriate board for further discussion.

Tentative arrangements for a meeting of the committee on the evening before the next meeting of the Regents in Philadelphia in June, 1972 were made provided there was sufficient progress to report or problems to be settled to justify such a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman