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Dr. Berry:
We missed ya!
Hope your trip to
Detroit was
satisfactory. -S

JUNE 19, 1963

HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Present at the meeting were:

Dorothy Besal
Howard Cook
Joel Edelman
Caroline H. Elledge
Dr. Alfred D. Klinger
Albert Long
Beatrice Alston Norris

John E. Peterson
Goldie Shapiro
Leonard W. Stark
David Stickney
Dr. Floris Van Minden
Edward S. Weil

Dr. Alfred Klinger was acting Chairman in the absence of Dr. Berry:

1. It was suggested that ~~the~~^a brief summary of the preceding meeting be read at the beginning of each Health Committee meeting.
2. Mr. Burt Olin, Chairman of ACCESS, and Mr. Alexander Ropchan, of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, discussed ACCESS with the committee.
3. They characterized the position of ACCESS as opposing further centralization on the West Side Campus and recommending that new facilities be constructed with priority on a far south side location. A study should be made to determine more specifically the needs. ACCESS is in favor of reimbursement of private hospitals for care to the medically indigent and is in favor of an expanded home care program.

Mr. Long felt that the Medical Forum ^{Plan} could actually be considered an acceptance of ACCESS position with further extension. Mr. Cook felt that the private patients aspect of the Medical Forum ^{plan} was a new aspect.

Mr. Cook had some figures on insured patients at County Hospital: The total budget of the hospital is \$25,000,000 per year, categorically indigent patients represent 45% of the patient load, medically indigents represent 28% of the patient load, and paid and part paid patients represent 27% of the patient load. Payments received from ~~our~~^{all} sources excepting the Government (individuals paying from their own private funds, insurance payments, etc.) equal \$1,252,000 which represents 5% of the total budget or income.

Mr. Ropchan said that in the Welfare Council's 1954 study of Cook County Hospital something like 12% of the non-whites had insurance and 7% of the whites had insurance. These figures were qualified, however, since they were statistics gathered upon admission and many people think that they have more insurance coverage than they do.

3. Mrs. Campos gave a brief summary of the action of the Citizens Committee appointed by Seymour Simon to study Cook County Hospital.
4. Medical studentⁿ recruitment activities of the CED were discussed by Dr. Alfred Klinger. The group has been working in several ways; physicians have been talking to high school students interested in medicine; a scholarship and loan survey is being made; members have discussed with hospital programs to allow high school students to take part in hospital activities.
5. Mrs. Campos gave a brief report on the May 23 meeting of Chicago area Negro medical students, interns, and residents.
6. Mr. David Stickeyⁿ of the Illinois Hospital Association reported that an office with an executive and staff will open on July 1 for the Health Career Council of Illinois. It has been created by such groups as the Illinois Medical Society, the Illinois Hospital Association, the Medical Records Librarians, ^{or} the Federal Government, foundations, Blue Cross, and other sources. It will work with school counselors, ~~and~~ plan Health Career Days, etc. Mr. Leif Thorne-Thompson will be director.