

these persons will be to gather data on services and the facilities available for people suffering from heart disease, cancer and stroke; to provide liaison between Regional Medical Programs and the Model Cities programs; and to assist the Model Cities offices in developing a program of health services for the community which will be consistent with the overall goals and objectives of the Regional Medical Program.

Tennessee-midsouth Regional Medical Program has developed a number of projects which affect the health care of the poor in Nashville. Coronary care units will be established at Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital and Hubbard Hospital, which serve patients largely drawn from an indigent population. Meharry Medical College will conduct continuing education programs for Negro physicians and will establish a supervoltage radiation unit to improve cancer therapy in the community and improve graduate and under-graduate radiology training. In addition, there is a project to test the effectiveness of multiphasic screening examinations in the early diagnosis of heart disease, cancer and stroke. Meharry will establish a screening center which will operate in support of a comprehensive neighborhood health center funded by OEO and will serve a population of 18,000 people. The test population and a control group will be evaluated and compared with reference to changes in morbidity, patterns of utilization of health services, health attitudes and cost per patient diagnosed.

Tri-State Regional Medical Program received a planning grant in late 1967 and is only now becoming completely organized. Since that time Dr. Norman Stearnes, Program Coordinator, has been involved in a number of meetings where he has made known Regional Medical Program's interest in working to improve the availability of health services to the urban poor. He also is serving on an ad hoc committee formed in Boston by Blue Shield to discuss the planning of home services and will sit on the Health Services Advisory Committee to the Boston City Department of Health and Hospitals. At this time, there are two projects for earmarked funds under development in the Boston area, a stroke project at the New England Medical Center which will have a tie-in with the Columbia Point Neighborhood Health Center and a hypertension project being developed by Dr. Edward Kass of the Channing Laboratory, Boston Department of Health and Hospitals.

Illinois Regional Medical Program has established a number of formal and informal contacts with persons in the Chicago area responsible for providing health services to the inner city including Dr. David Greeley, Associate Director, Chicago Board of Health and Dr. Mark Lepper, Vice President, Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital which operates an OEO financed neighborhood health center. Now in the planning stage at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital is a community hypertension detection program which will be focused on the Mile Square area of Chicago. Included would be evaluation of case finding methodology, effectiveness of treatment, nurse interviews with patients and an analysis of the interaction of the program to the community.

Michigan Regional Medical Program: At its recent February meeting the Regional Advisory Group of this program formally adopted a statement for priorities for Regional Medical Program action which reads in part "the first priority for Regional Medical Program support will be given to those projects which are concerned with the improvement of the delivery system of health care including such aspects as (a) improvement of the delivery system of health care to low income groups; and (b) innovations and improvements in the utilization of manpower . . ." Underway is a planning project supported jointly by Regional Medical Programs and the State Health Department (Project ECHO) for gathering data on the health needs in depressed areas of Wayne County, Michigan.

Wayne County General Hospital has submitted a project to study the use of subprofessional workers to assist the physician in patient care and will design and establish training for such persons recruited from the local community. Wayne County General Hospital serves the indigent population of Wayne County and is located adjacent to a large indigent group in western and southern Wayne County, Michigan.

In addition, Regional Medical Program staff at Wayne State University School of Medicine is working to establish liaison with urban health programs in Detroit including OEO and Model Cities. The Executive Director of the Detroit Urban League has been named to the Wayne State Advisory Group.

Indiana Regional Medical Program is working with Flanner House, a voluntary community agency in Indianapolis to develop a multiphasic health screening program for low income population groups. With State and local support the