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BETTER HEALTH AT LOWER COST

American Samoa's first five-year Territorial Health Plan produced under the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act is now being distributed by the Health Planning and Development Office.

While the PLAN FOR HEALTH sets long-range goals and objectives for health status and a range of health services, the aim is for: "Better health at lower cost". The most important step toward achieving this, is to get people to become more responsible for their own health. Total dependence on the medical practitioner, however expert, however dedicated, will not lead to "better health at lower cost".

The real future of a decent level of health for the people of American Samoa", insists Charles McCuddin, SHPDA Director, lies in reaching out to them through health education, and other means, and helping them to maintain and promote their own health."

This realization is dawning worldwide, and is reflected in such significant changes as Canada's decision to reallocate a great percentage of that country's total health budget to health promotion and maintenance efforts, (ref. A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS, Marc Lalonde).

The outdated concept that, more doctors, more hospitals, more expensive equipment, and more technology, is the path to better health, is now held by only a limited and rapidly decreasing number of health professionals. Medical Care still holds its rightfully honored place in the treatment of illness and injury, but is becoming increasingly expensive, and has a relatively minor impact, if any on improving the overall health of the population.

SOIFUA MALOLOINA SILI ONA LELEI I SE TAU MAULALO

O le ulua'i Tusi o Fuafuaga a Amerika Samoa mo Soifua Maloloina mo tausaga e lima ua saunia i lalo o le Tulafono Fa'a-Malo Tele i Fuafuaga ma Tualumaga Soifua Maloloina, ua maea ma o lo'o tufatufaina e le Ofisa o Fuafuaga ma Tualumaga Soifua Maloloina.

Ua iai i totonu o lenei Tusi o Fuafuaga sini ma atu fa'apitoa mo le Soifua Maloloina fa'apea galuega tau le Soifua Maloloina, a'o le atu sili o le "Soifua Maloloina sili ona lelei i se tau maualalo." E le mafai ona maua lenei atu sili pe a fai o le a fa'alagolago tele ma tu'u tia'i e i tatou i le foma'i.

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Ua fai mai le ali'i o Charles McCuddin, le fa'atonu o le Ofisa Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga Soifua Maloloina, o le lumana'i moni o se tulaga lelei o le Soifua Maloloina mo tagata uma o Amerika Samoa e maua lea i le logologo atu ma avatu aoaoga tau le Soifua Maloloina i tagata uma, ma fesoasoani iā i latou i le fa'atumauiina ma fa'aleleia lo latou lava Soifua Maloloina.

Ua salalau lenei talitonuga i le lalolagi atoa, ma ua aliali mai ni suiga va'aia lelei i le atunu'u o Kanata ina ua latou filifilia le toe fa'atulagaina o tupe fa'aalu Soifua Maloloina, ina ia fa'asili ona tele le pasene o le tupe fa'aalu e alu i polokalama ma gaoioiga e fa'atumauiina ma fa'aleleia ai le Soifua Maloloina.

O se manatu tuai e fa'apea o le tele o masini taugatā, o le tele o faiga fou, o le ala lena i le Soifua Maloloina e sili ona lelei, o lo'o talitonu ma taofi iai se vaega toaititi o tagata fai galuega Soifua Maloloina. O lo'o iai pea le tulaga tauloina o tausiga fa'afoma'i i togafitiga o ma'i ma lavevea ae peita'i ua aga'i lava i le fa'ateleina le taugata ae fa'atauva'a le malosī, pe afai e iai, i le fa'aleleia o le Soifua Maloloina aoao o le atunu'u.

RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED

Last month the Territory's Health Planning and Development Agency Submitted to DHEW Region IX its renewal application of conditional designation agreement.

Before being submitted, the application was first reviewed and commented upon by the Territory's SHCC, the governor, the Territory's A-95 clearing house, and the public. After reviewing the agency application in its entirety including proposed budget and annual work program, Governor Peter Coleman, the SHCC, and the Clearing house Board approved the application.

The agency has asked for a budget increase of 29% over the last period, for the coming period beginning July 1978. The approval of the proposed budget by the HEW Secretary will allow the agency to continue administering and implementing the National Health Planning Law (P.L. 93-641) in American Samoa in the next year.

TUJINA TALOSAGA MO FAAFOUINA FEAGAIGA OFISA TOFIA

I le masina talu ai sa tuuina atu ai e le ofisa Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga i le vaega DHEW, Region IX, lana talosaga mo le faafouina o le feagaiga i le ofisa tofia fa'ata'ita'i.

A'o le'i auina atu le talosaga sa muamua ona iloiloaina ma fai manatu iai le Aofia faufautua, le ali'i Kovana, le Ofisa iloilo o tupe mai Malo Tele, fa'apea le lautele. Ina ua ma'ea ona iloiloaina o le talosaga i ona itu uma e aofia ai ma le vaega tupe talosagaina ma galuega fa'atulagaina fa'aletausaga ona pasia ma sainia lea e le ali'i Kovana Pita Kolumane, le Aofia faufautua, fa'apea le ofisa iloilo o tupe le talosaga.

Ua talosagaina e le Ofisa o Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga Soifua Maloloina le si'iga o le tupe fa'aletausaga mo le 1979 e amata ia Iulai 1978, i le 29% sili ai i le 1978. O le pasia e le Failautusi o le vaega tupe talosagaina o le ā mafai ai e le Ofisa o Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga ona fa'aauau pea lana puleaina ma fa'atinoina o le Tulafono Malo Tele i Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga Soifua Maloloina (P.L. 93-641) i Amerika Samoa i le tausaga a sau.

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PREPARING FOR FULL DESIGNATION

The National Health Planning and Resources Development Law (P.L. 93-641) provides that a state agency may be conditionally designated for a period of up to two years. During which time it should prepare for and be able to undertake the responsibilities as outlined in the law of a fully designated agency.

Full designation status would be granted to an agency if the following requirements were met:

- The agency must have a completely developed and approved Health System Plan (HSP) for its health service area.
- The agency must produce an Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for its health service area.
- The agency must demonstrate its capabilities of carrying out new institutional health review (1122, certificate of need) and project review and develop procedures and criteria for carrying out such.
- The agency must develop procedures and criteria for carrying out appropriateness review.
- The agency must develop guidelines and procedures and demonstrate its ability to handle area health service development fund grants.

American Samoa Health Planning Office, the agency that administers the P.L. 93-641 in the Territory, is preparing to become fully designated by October 1978. According to the agency Director Charles McCuddin, the agency is well into meeting the full designation requirements above. The agency's up-to-date achievements toward meeting these requirements are as follows:

- The agency now has a completed health system plan, known as American Samoa Plan for Health which was approved by both the Territory's SHCC and the governor.
- The agency also has a completed Annual Implementation Plan known as Health Action Plan

which is based on American Samoa Plan for Health.

- There is now Territorial Legislation, (P.L. 15-66) initially drafted by the agency, passed and approved by the Fono and the governor which creates authority to establish the local certificate-of-need program. The agency now has a written manual of procedures and criteria for the implementation of its CON program (see health legislative activities)
- The project review process is in existence and is functioning.

The copies of each document above completed by the agency were sent to DHEW Region IX in San Francisco.

If granted with full designation status, the agency will have authority to review and approve or disapprove the proposed uses of Federal funds in the Territory. The agency also will be eligible to apply for area health service development funds, if made available, which is established under section 1640 of Public Law 93-641.

HEALTH FACILITIES PLAN DRAFT

During the SHCC meeting on May 8, 1978, SHPDA Director Charles McCuddin presented for the SHCC's review, the draft of the Health Facilities plan developed by the SHPDA. In discussing the draft, McCuddin first told the SHCC that Section VI of the American Samoa Plan for Health is Health Facilities Needs. This section of the Plan for Health is also the Territorial Medical Facilities Plan required by Title XVI of the P.L. 93-641.

McCuddin further stated that the National use rate formula is inappropriate for determining goal levels for American Samoa. The Medical Facilities Plan addresses this problem and states locally relevant goals and objectives. Needs for Medical Facilities construction, modernization and renovation are included in the plan.

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ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COMPLETED

American Samoa Annual Implementation plan, known as Health Action Plan (HAP) is completed. The plan was developed by the SHPDA staff with the assistance of the ASSHCC's Plan Implementation Committee. The staff, through formal and informal means, sought the input of the professional personnel of the Health Department, the government of American Samoa, and the Community at large. The ASSHCC, Health Department Executive Staff, and the Health Director reviewed and commented on the plan.

The Health Action Plan, the first of its kind in the Territory, is a one year action plan based on long-range (five year) American Samoa Plan for Health. The HAP focuses on high priority objectives to be met in the coming year, and primarily contains short-range objectives, recommended actions, and resource requirements.

The Territorial government and the Health Planning and Development Agency will use the HAP in promoting desired health system and health status changes. In addition, they will use the HAP in performing the following functions as mandated under public law 93-641:

- Development of specific plans and projects to achieve HAP objectives
- Provision of technical assistance to individuals and entities for developing projects and programs which the agency determines are necessary to achieve the desired health system
- Awarding of grants or contracts from the area health services development fund
- Reviewing proposed uses of certain federal funds within the health service area
- Reviewing the need for proposed new institutional health services
- Reviewing the appropriateness of all institutional health services offered in the health service area
- The recommendation to the State Agency of projects and priorities to modernize construct, or convert medical facilities in the health service area

The HAP contains 21 objectives which have been ranked by priority. Three priority groups have been established. Priority group one objectives are those most closely associated with health status improvement, and were ranked high primarily on the basis of their potential impact on health status in the Territory at relatively low financial outlay. Priority group one includes objectives aimed at:

- Infantile gastroenteritis
- Smoking reduction campaign and clinic
- Diabetes control clinic
- Hypertension control program
- Patient educator
- Patient education

The priority group two objectives include:

- Off-Island referral procedure
- Health education assessment
- Health education focus
- Clinic waiting time
- X-Ray replacement
- Health system organization

The objectives in priority group three include:

- EMS program Director
- School health education bill
- Dispensary replacement
- RN's dispensary placement

Development of the AIP/HAP is an important step for the Territorial SHPDA as it works toward its goal of becoming a fully designated state agency by late 1978.

Since the federal regulations require the SHCC at least 60 days to review and consider the Medical Facilities Plan, McCuddin asked the SHCC to consider the plan until next meeting at which approval/disapproval, recommendations or revisions will be sought.

Persons wishing to review the medical facilities plan may contact the office of Health Planning and Development at the LBJ Medical Center, phone 633-4559.

HEALTHCARE CHART BOOK UPDATED

The Territorial Health Care Chart Book first prepared and published in 1975, has been revised and updated by the SHPDA staff.

This book is a handbook of information related to health parameters and health services in American Samoa. Data are presented in graphic format (chart) with note of explanation provided on the opposite page to assist readers unfamiliar with biostatistics.

In a readily understandable manner, the health care chart book is prepared for the use of health directors, and administrator, health planners and educators, health program personnel and all interested persons in resolving health problems and developing long range planning for health status and health services improvement.

SHPDA Data Manager John Faumuina, responsible for updating the handbook, said that the book will be updated periodically in order to remain as a useful tool. He also stated that the next edition of the handbook would include information on health resources of the Territory.

Anybody wanting to have a copy of the handbook may contact the Office of Health Planning at the LBJ Medical Center, Faga'alu.

**good medical care is
your right,**

but good health is your responsibility

SPECIAL PLAN FOR DIABETES CONTROL

The SHPDA staff just completed a special plan to help carry out the Territory's AIP recommendation for controlling diabetes, a priority problem affecting the health of the Territory. The plan sets for the specific actions to improve the Territory's health through effective control of diabetes and diabetes related problem.

The program recommended in the plan would be established in the Public Health Division. The program would aim primarily at the high risk groups such as the very obese, those who have family history of diabetes, those over the age of 40, and those mothers who have born very large babies or have had large still births.

To ensure effective implementation and administration of the program, it is recommended that the program director have the responsibility to coordinate the project's efforts with other services in and out of the Department of Health. When implemented effectively, the program hopefully will reduce the number of deaths and disability in American Samoa, due to diabetes.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH ACTIVITIES

At the may 8, 1978 Council meeting, SHPDA Assistant Director Anetere'a Puletasi reported to the Council the activities planned and undertaken by the SHPDA and various programs of the Health Department to emphasize the problem of hypertension in American Samoa during the National High Blood Month, the month of May.

The activities include:

- a proclamation by Governor Coleman Via News Bulletin and Executive memo.

- blood pressure checking booths at three locations namely: Nu'uuli Shopping Center, Museum Samoa Fale at Fagatogo, and Office of Territorial Administration on aging at Fagatogo
- health education messages disseminated through various media such as posters, T-shirt newspaper, radio & TV.

Public Health Director Edgar Reid reported that the effort was successful. More than 1000 persons came to have their blood pressure checked.

SHCC ANNUAL SOCIAL

The Territorial SHCC held its annual get together at Bayshore Park, Faga'alu on May 13, 1978. Among the invited guests who attended were Health Director Sumner Cheeseman and Mrs. Cheeseman. The members shared in the preparation for the barbecue with Chairperson HC Letuli providing a roast pig and umu taro and palusami. It was a lot of fun for those members and their families who attended.

HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

• U. S. Congress

Early this year three bills were introduced in the Congress to amend Title XV and XVI of the Health Planning Law (P.L. 93-641). With respect to planning funding the Kennedy Bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Kennedy proposed to increase the minimum funding level of HSAs from \$175,000 to \$250,000 in FY 79, \$270,000 in FY 80 and \$290,000 in each succeeding year. The Rogers Bill introduced in the House proposed to increase the minimum funding to \$200,000 in FY 79, \$215,000 in FY 80, and \$230,000 in each succeeding year. The President's Administration Bill proposed that DHEW have discretionary authority to determine the funding level for each agency, based on the department's assessment of its needs.

• Territorial Fono

The Fono had passed the bill on December 1977 to create authority to establish and administer the certificate of need (CON) program in American Samoa as required by the National Health Planning Law. The Bill was later signed by Governor Peter Tali Coleman and now becomes Public Law 15-66, which became effective on February 15, 1978.

The CON program is created primarily to encourage appropriate allocation of the health care resources and the development of alternative

E tolu ni pili sa fa'aulu i le Fono Faitulafono a le Malo Tele i le amataga o lenei tausaga, e suia ai vaega XV ma le XVI o le tulafono fuafuaga ma Taualumaga soifua maloloina (P.L. 93-641) O le mataupu e uiga i tupe, na fa'auluina e le ali'i Senate Keneti i le maota o Ali'i, se pili e talosagaina ai se siiga o le vaega tupe e maua e HSAs mai le \$175,000 i le \$250,000 mo le tausaga fa'a-le-tupe 79, \$270,000 i le FY 80, ma le \$290,000 i tausaga ta'itasi mulimuli ane. Ole pili ua fa'auluina i le maota o sui e le ali'i faipule o Rogers e talosagaina le si'iga o le vaega tupe i le \$200,000 i le FY 79, \$215,000 i le FY 80, ma le \$230,000 i tausaga ta'itasi mulimuli ane. O le pili sa fa'auluina e le ofisa o le Peresitene, sa talosagaina e fa'apea e ao ina tu'uina atu le malo-siaga ma le pule i le vaega le Soifua Maloloina, Aoaoga, ma Manuia Lautele latou te fa'atulagaina vaega tupe e tatau sa'ilililiga a le vaega i manaoga o ofisa ta'itasi.

or substitute methods of delivering health care services in the Territory at the lowest reasonable cost.

Under the CON Law the American Samoa Health Planning & Development Agency (ASHPDA) has the authority and responsibility to develop and administer the local CON program, in the manner prescribe in its administrative regulation manual and in the federal guidelines.

In order to become fully designated as an agency to administer the National Health Planning Law in the Territory, ASHPDA must have, in addition to SHP and AIP, a CON program in operation which is satisfactory to the Secretary of DHEW. Once our ASHPDA gets its full designation, grants and funds for health care facility expansion & construction, and for area health service development (ASHD) funds may be made available to American Samoa.

The Fono and the Governor is highly commended for enactment of this important legislation. Members of the SHCC, professional personnel of the Health Department, and every one that participated are especially recognized for involvement.

. Fono, Amerika Samoa

Sa pasia e le Fono le pili ia Tesema e aiaia se uialosiaga ma se pule e faia ma pulea ai le polokalama mo le iloiloga o manaoga tau soifua maloloina i Amerika Samoa e pei ona fa'atonuina e le tulafono Fa'a-Malo Tele, i Fuafuaga & Taulumaga Soifua Maloloina. Na sainia lea pili ele ali'i Kovana Pita Tali Kolumane maua avea nei ma tulafono lautele 15-66, na fa'amamaluina talu mai Fepuali 15, 1978.

Ua faia lenei polokalama ina ia fautuaina le fa'a-polokalamaina tatau o tamaoaiga (tupe, fale, masini, sapalai, tagata faigaluega, etc) mo le tausiga soifua maloloina, atoa fo'i ma le atia'e o faiga galuega tausiga o gasegase ma le soifua maloloina i le atunu'u i se vaega tupe ititilava e tatau ai.

I lalo o lenei tulafono, ua tu'uina atu se 'aia ma se tiute tauave i le ofisa o Fuafuaga ma Taulumaga Soifua Maloloina na te faia ma pulea lea polokalama i le auala i pei ona latou fa'atulag-ina atoa ma tulafono ta'iala mai le Malo Tele.

Ina ia avea ma ofisa tofia aoao e pulea ma fa'atinoina le tulafono fa'a-Malo Tele i fuafuaga ma taulumaga soifua maloloina i totonu o le atunu'u, e ao ona faia e le ofisa se polokalama o iloiloga o manaoga, fa'atasi ma le iai o se SHP ma le AIP, ma ia pasia e le Failautusi o Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Aoaoga,

Manuia Lautele. Afai o le a avea loa le ofisa ma ofisa tofia aoao, e le taumate o le a iai vaega tupe mo le fauga ma le fa'aleleia o falema'i, ma isi fo'i polokalama, e mafai ona maua e Samoa.

ELECTION OF ASSHCC OFFICERS

At its meeting on May 9, 1978, the SHCC reelected HC Letuli Toloa as their chairperson and Diana Pilitati as vice-chairperson for the next coming year beginning July 1978. HC Letuli Toloa, a consumer member, now on the third term as SHCC chairperson, is Commissioner of the Public Safety Department. Diana Pilitati, a provider member, is the Associate Director of Public Health Nursing.



MARY JOINS SHPDA

Mary Putuga, a graduate of Fa'asao High School in 1977, has been hired recently to fill the long time vacant clerk typist position with the SHPDA. Before joining the SHPDA staff, she was with the Audit Office working in the Account Receivable Section. Mary said that she likes her new job very much so far. Welcome Aboard ! Mary.

OFF-ISLAND CARE CRISIS

FAAFITAU LI GASEGASE AVE I FAFO

During May 8, 1978 Council meeting, the members were apprised of the continuing problem experienced in providing for referrals for off-island Medical Care. SHPDA Director Charles McCuddin told the Council the Health Department is facing the acute problem of depletion of funds allocated for off-island care. He said that two underlying factors accountable for such problem are the escalating cost of Medical Care in Honolulu particularly in Tripler Hospital where most American Samoa's referrals are treated, and the dramatic increase in the number of off-island referrals for care.

According to the statistical information collected and analyzed by the SHPDA staff, the Department of Health sent 35 patients off-island in 1974, 68 in 1976, and 109 in 1977. The number of referrals increased by 210% between 1974 and 1977.

The total cost for off-island care paid by the Department in 1974 was \$124,939; \$407,339 in 1976; and \$512,324 in 1977. The total cost of all off-island referrals has escalated 310% between 1974 and 1977. The Tripler Hospital preferential rate for American Samoa in 1974 was \$66 per day. By November of 1977, the rate had been increased to \$206 per day, an increase of 212% over the 1974 preferential rate. The cost per patient sent in 1976 and 1977 were \$5990 and \$4700 respectively.

McCuddin told the Council that the government of American Samoa has no control over the cost of Medical Care in Hawaii. However, the government does control the selection of patients sent off-island for that care. He further stated that the Department of Health needs to develop written strict guidelines for determining medical necessity for off-island referrals, and should adhere to these guidelines, and that medical necessity should be the only determining factor in decisions to refer patients off-island for care.

I se Fonotaga a le Aofia faufautua sa faia ia Me 8, 1978, na latou fa'alogo ai i se fa'afitaulia tupu pea e uiga i le ave o gasegase i fafo e togafiti ai. Sa fa'aalia e Charles McCuddin, fa'atonu o le Ofisa o Fuafuaga ma Taualumaga, e fa'apea o lo'o tupu nei se fa'afitauli i le Matagaluega Soifua Maloloina, ua uma le tupe sa fa'atulagaina mo gasegase togafitia i fafo. Sa fa'apea lea ali'i, e lua ni mea ua mafua ai ona tupu pea o lea fa'afitauli, o le alu i luga o le tau o togafitiga o gasegase i Honolulu ae maise lava le fale ma'i i Tripler o lo'o to'atele gasegase o le atunu'u e ave iai, ma le isi mea o le fa'ateleina o gasegase e ave i fafo.

O ni fa'amatalaga sa su'eina ma saunia e le Ofisa SHPDA, e fa'apea sa aveina i fafo e le Matagaluega Soifua Maloloina le 35 gasegase i le 1974, 68 i le 1976, ae 109 i le 1977. O le faitau aofa'i o gasegase ave i fafo ua fa'ateleina i le 210 pasene le va o le 1974 ma le 1977.

O le tupe aofa'i sa alu i gasegase ave i fafo sa totogi e le Matagaluega i le 1974 e \$124,939; e \$407,339; i le 1976; ma le \$512,324 i le 1977. O le tau aofa'i o gasegase ave i fafo, ua fa'ateleina i le 310% le va o le 1974 ma le 1977. O le pase-ne fa'apitoa mo Amerika Samoa i le fale-ma'i i Tripler i le 1974 e \$66 i le aso. Ia Novema i le 1977, ua si'i ai i le \$206 i le aso, e 212% le fa'ateleina mai le 1974. O le aofa'i o le tupe e alu mo le gasegase ta'itasi ave i fafo i le 1976 e \$5990 ma le \$4700 i le 1977.

Na fa'aalia e McCuddin i le aofia e fa'apea e le mafai e le malo o Amerika Samoa ona pulea o le tau o togafitiga o gasegase i Hawaii. Ae peita'i, o le malo na te faia le filifiliga i le ave ma le le avea o gasegase i fafo e togafiti ai. Na ia ta'uina fo'i e fa'apea e tatau lava i le Matagaluega ona faia ni ta'iala ma tulafono tusitusia mo le iloiloina o se tulaga tatau fa'afoma'i o se gasegase fia ave i fafo, ma ia matua fa'amalosia ia ta'iala ma tulafono, ma avea lenei tulaga tatau fa'afoma'i ma na'o le mea lava e tasi e taua i le faiga le fa'aiuga mo gasegase ave i fafo.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Nursing:

... Two registered Nurses from the Mainland recently joined the LBJ Medical Center Nursing Staff under two years contract.

Miss Paulette Belisle, a 1974 graduate of St. Clair College, Windsor, Ontario in Canada, is now a charge nurse in Pediatric ward for the evening shifts. Before coming to American Samoa Miss Belisle had worked as a pediatric nurse at the Lee Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Miss Diane K. Fuller, a 1976 graduate of Washington State University, is assigned to the Intensive Care Unit as charge nurse for evening shifts. Her previous nursing experience had been with the critical care unit and intensive care unit in the Harbor View Medical Center, Seattle, Washington.

According to Nursing Service Director Repeka Howland, the Department of Health still has inadequately unmet need for registered nurses. She also stated that in order to improve the quality of nursing care and the health of the Territory, the Department should build up its nursing capabilities to the level at which it can provide adequately the best quality nursing care for American Samoa.

... Director Howland also said that the nursing service written policies in wards and in general have been completed. These formulated policies have been product of the concerted effort by both the staff and nursing administration.

... The nursing staff have completed revising and updating their job descriptions. The drafts will be forwarded to the nursing administration and Department personnel administrator who have reviewal, approval of disapproval authority.

... Penelope Sekio and Etenauga Lutu, the LBJ Medical Center RN Supervisors, recently returned home after completing a five months course in Renal Dialysis in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Public Health

... Dr. Nofo Siliga recently returned home from the Mainland after getting medical treatment consultation for several months.

Health Planning Office

... Reappointed for second terms on the American Samoa SHCC were Dr. Tiamu Lopa, Repeka Howland, Eleanor Meredith, and HC To'loa Letuli. New members appointed to the council are Manu Meredith and Sameme U. Samia representing non-health personnel.

Medical Staff

... Recently joined the LBJ Medical Staff are:

- . Mary Ann Antonelli, MD,
Chief of Internal Medicine
- . Mary Jane Brand, MD,
Pediatrician
- . Morris A. Lamdin, MD,
Chief of Pediatrics
- . Mark Messe, MD,
Obstetrician
- . Mark J. Beck, MD,
Pathologist

OFF-ISLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & MEETINGS

The off-island training sessions and meetings provided for and attended by the members of the Council and the staff for the period of March 1978-June 1978 were as follows:

<u>Training/meeting</u>	<u>Person attending</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
• Advisory Board meeting, Western Center for Health Planning	Charles McCuddin (staff)	San Francisco	March 15
• Training seminar on problems, policy, power, and politics	Ellie Meredith Leasaū Eseroma Sinira Fuimaono (Council members)	Los Angeles	April 4
• Training seminar on Epidemiology of Health Problems	Repeka Howland	San Francisco	May 10
• Resources Development seminar	Anetere'a Puletasi (staff)	Irvine	May 30
• Annual Conference, American Health Planning Association	HC Letuli (Council) Sivia Sunia Charles McCuddin (staff)	Las Vegas	June 6
• Health Executive Development Program	John Faumuina	Cornell University	JUNE 12

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU..



- To develop uniformly effective methods of delivering healthcare
- To eliminate the maldistribution of facilities and manpower
- To control the cost of healthcare
- That's why Congress passed....

PUBLIC LAW 93-641