

Better Health Care Aim Of Area Pilot Program

A plan for a practical method of providing comprehensive health services to people of rural communities is the work of a pilot project now operating in Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

Headed by Dr. H. Parker Jones, Beaufort County Health Department, the project is designed to demonstrate that local comprehensive planning is effective in coordinating work at all organizational levels of health care administration.

South Carolina's five-county program is one of three pilot projects currently underway in the nation under the support of the Public Health Service. Rural communities in Colorado and Maine are the sites of other projects.

Ultimate objective of these comprehensive planning programs is to assure accessibility to unified modern health care for people of rural communities, according to Dr. Jones.

"Health service is more than giving a shot to cure an illness or to prevent a disease," says Dr. Jones. "It is the development of all the aspects of environment that bear on the physical, mental and emotional

well-being of the individual."

By identifying local health needs as well as local resources, the project seeks to eliminate duplication of services, fill gaps in resources, discontinue obsolete services, and promote a more effective use of health manpower, he pointed out.

To insure local participation in planning and decision-making, the project is guided by an advisory committee of local physicians, hospital administrators and public health officials. They are: Dr. Jones, chairman, Dr. B. H. Keyserling, A. R. Nicholson, Jr., Somers B. Pringle, Beaufort; Dr. T. B. Warren, Jr., W. J. Wicker, Allendale; Dr. W. P. McDaniel, Mrs. Frankie Rainey, R. A. Sineath, Colleton; Dr. J. A. Hayne, J. A. McNab, Hampton; Dr. C. P. Ryan, Jr., J. W. Exley, Jasper.

Plans call for the organization of health councils in each of the five counties and for a

thirteen-member health advisory council for the five-county area. Members of these will be health professionals, civic leaders and other consumers of health services.

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