

Health Agencies Discuss Coordination Of Effort

Coordination of the various health and health-related agencies in the area was the topic of discussion at a meeting April 14 at the Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

A. R. Nicholson, hospital administrator, emphasized that "there is a need now in our growing community for a coordination of efforts."

Because of her experience in setting up such liaison offices, Mrs. Mary L. Free of the United Community Services of Charleston was invited to be present at the meeting.

In order to discuss the feasibility of a "clearing house" for all the available services in the area, resumes of their various responsibilities in the community were presented by: Thomas C. Barnwell, project director; Mildred A. Dorsey and Laura A. Bush, health education and action team of the Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Services; Mrs. Sophie P. Teel of the Coastal Empire Mental Health Center; Mrs. W. C. Horton of the Department of Public Welfare.

Also, Mrs. Rose Marie Shelly and Mrs. Lili Parker of the Department of Health; Mrs. Lillian Robinson of the local Red Cross office; Mrs. Virginia Ringree, Mrs. Penny Tisak and Mrs. Sherrill Palombo of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Mrs. Renee Levin; Mrs. Marie Myers, Mrs. Ethel Strong and Mrs. Lynda Hendricks of the Beaufort Memorial Hospital "Pink Ladies."

After hearing all the presentations, Mrs. Free said a social

services department was definitely needed at the hospital. She recommended a full or part-time social worker to serve as liaison between hospital and community service agencies for assistance to doctors and patients.

Mrs. Free added that should the establishment of such a social service department be considered, she would be willing to assist in the setting up of the program.