

Free clinic nurse wants informality

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By CORINNE ABATT

Health care for the area's teenagers is the focus of a free clinic scheduled to open April 2 in Farmington.

Sponsored by the Farmington Area Advisory Council, the clinic is supported by a federal grant administered by Oakland County. It is one of four planned for the county, similar to one now operated by Birmingham's Common Ground.

FAAC representatives say the tentative location is the portable unit behind the board of education building on Shiawassee in Farmington.

Registered nurse Mrs. Carole Duggan, the clinic's only paid staff member, was recently hired by FAAC.

The clinic also plans to use volunteer doctors in the evening. Mrs. Duggan says adolescents are the target area, but it will be open to everyone.

Mrs. Duggan and a staff of volunteers expect to be dealing with "youth related problems - VD, pregnancy tests, hepatitis, mono and nutritional problems."

MOST RECENTLY Mrs. Duggan, mother of three youngsters, worked in the intensive care unit at Southfield's Providence Hospital.

Her experience includes work at two other free clinics in the metropolitan area, Center House and Shelter.

She is convinced of the need for clinics oriented to adolescents and

took a cut in pay to join the Farmington staff.

"This type of clinic appeals to young people. I am convinced now of the need for adolescent medicine. There are specialists in all areas but this one."

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Nurse Duggan wears red hip hugger slacks and a matching sweater.

She continues explaining her feelings. "There is a real void there, usually the family doctor can't relate to them and they are afraid he'll tell their families about them. They really don't have any place they can go on their own."

SHE INTENDS to couple medical treatment with education and information.

John Strotkamp, Youth Assistance social worker and Joe Damiani, director, will be available for intensive counseling.

Mrs. Duggan's approach to education will be from the physical standpoint. "Most adults think their adolescents know all there is to know about their bodies. They really don't, yet parents kind of assume when their kids reach 13 that they do."

The nurse is already working with those who have volunteered to help in the clinic.

She calls the volunteer response from the Farmington community "fantastic."

FOR THE PAST few weeks the volunteers have been in training sessions. Last weekend 23 received empathy and role playing information to aid them in working with young people.

Volunteers will be involved in the non-professional tasks such as in-take and record keeping.

Soon Mrs. Duggan will be teaching medical terminology and working with the volunteers on communications skills.

Professional volunteer response has been equally gratifying. Dr. Robert Thompson, one of the originators of the free clinic, will be on the volunteer staff along with a list of other physicians. Mrs. Duggan says many of her professional co-workers from Providence Hospital have already expressed their willingness to help.

The clinic will be open each Tuesday evening starting at 7 p.m. Mrs. Duggan is hopeful that it will be twice weekly in the near future and those times expanded as the need demands.

The clinic operates on a yearly budget of \$23,000 of federal money which is administered by the county. This amount covers salaries, facility, and all equipment for diagnosis and testing.



Photo by Fran Evers

SHE HELPS YOUTH
Mrs. Carole Duggan is the free clinic nurse.



Robert Amori, Rose Dolibois, Hope Nostel and Dennis Phenyen sat at the head table

Community center tries a single fund drive

"People who live in Farmington either have their roots here or want to put their roots here," Dennis Phenyen said at the kick-off luncheon for the Farmington Community Center fund drive on Monday.

Phenyen reviewed the history of the center, from the donation of the Goodenough family of the family estate to the present.

Featured guest at the luncheon was Mrs. Eleanor Spicer, a member of the family of the original donors.

Robert Amori, board president, told the audience the 1974 drive would change this.

"We hope to be able to involve the board and staff in more planning for future projects as a result of this drive," he said.

He outlined a single, annual fund drive which hopefully will raise \$75,000 this year for center activities.

Phenyen explained that the condition of the original grant was that the supporters of the center could

raise enough money for its operation.

Fund raising has been a major activity of the board of directors ever since.

The money will be split about half and half between expansion of the facilities and general operations, Amori said.

People from Farmington, Farmington Hills and the surrounding area all use the facilities.

The main use of the building is daytime classes, for children and adults, from karate to egg decorating. The center also is the meeting spot for many local groups.

Income from the classes, room rentals, special events and benefits have financed the center in the past.

Amori said he hoped this year's fund drive would supply the money needed for center activities, as well as funds for center expansion.

Hoped for improvements in the center facility include a long list of building repairs, as well as items such as improved rest room facilities, a ceramics kiln, etc.

"The hope is to be able to do better planning," Amori said.

Campaign chairman is Mrs. Rose Dolibois, who will be joined by a long list of community leaders in the fund drive.

Business fund drive chairmen are: David McCabe, Herb Shapiro, Robert Christ, Emil Coolidge, Vern Lunn, Earl Billings, Mrs. Edwin Oglesby and Mrs. Max Davey.

Residential fund drive section chairmen are: Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. John Lapham, Dr. William Brown, Mrs. V. J. Geraci, Mrs. Dwight Gordin, Mrs. Robert Jenkins, Mrs. Milo Karko, Mrs. Paul Lentz, Mrs. Sheldon Green, Mrs. Richard Maicki, Mrs. Ann Moseman, Mrs. Will Schwehr and Mrs. Howard Turner.

University eyes student patrols

Although Oakland University officials say campus crime is down, the university's public safety department has begun a new student marshal program.

"It was instituted and designed to be an auxiliary back-up for the department of public safety. They (marshals) will be the eyes and ears of the department," said Earl Gray, O.U. director of public safety.

Hiring student marshals to patrol the campus will help deter crime, Gray said. He contends persons will be less inclined to commit a crime if they know the campus is being patrolled constantly.

GRAY SAID the program will add the needed manpower to the university's 12 man public safety department.

The student marshals will not have the same authority as the university's regular police officer.

The marshals, who must be university students, will patrol the campus and report by radio any possible crimes to the public safety office.

They will not carry guns or make arrests.

GRAY SAID the marshals will be authorized to conduct some non-criminal investigations on such things as safety hazards on campus.

To be eligible for the program, the student must be a second semester freshman and maintain a 2.5 grade average. All candidates will be screened for past criminal records and physical problems.

If the student passes the screening test, he or she would begin a 60-hour training program to learn self-defense techniques, first aid and elements of crime. Gray said the marshals may also be used to drive the university's ambulance and control campus traffic.

"Right now we will pay them and then hope to see if the university is able to come up with a criminal justice program and a police cadet program that can serve as a form of directed studies," Gray said.

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