

Medical Board to Hold Hearing Friday on Synanon Regulations

SANTA MONICA — The State Board of Medical Examiners will hold a public hearing on regulations proposed for operation of "places of aid" for persons recovering from narcotics addiction at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the State Building, Los Angeles.

The regulations are applicable to Synanon Foundation, controversial beachfront center for rehabilitation of narcotics addicts.

They were drawn up in accordance with legislation, approved last July, which requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to approve "places of aid" such as Synanon.

Many witnesses, including Charles Dederich, founder of Synanon and chairman of its board of directors, will appear in behalf of the foundation, located at 1351 The Promenade.

The list includes Fred Nicholas, Beverly Hills attorney; Dr. Louis Yablonski, UCLA sociologist; Dr. Bernard F. Brandschaft, UCLA professor of psychiatry, and Dr. Hedda Bolgar, president of the Los Angeles Society of Clinical Psychologists.

Other witnesses will be Reid Kimball, vice president of the foundation's board of directors; Miss Betty Coleman, a director; Miss Arline

Hepner and Jack Hurst, residents at the center, and Herman Gayer, a former resident.

The objective, according to Nicholas, will be to present evidence to show how the foundation functions.