DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FROM 10.30am ON WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 1986 AT AUCKLAND DISTRICT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLEDISLOE BLDG,ROOM 310.

PRESENT:

Ms C Petersen (Principal Public Health Nurse, Ak, Chairperson)
Ms T Webby (Principal Public Health Nurse, Whangarei)
Ms J Donley (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms C Young "
Ms S Burgess "
Ms V Muller "
Ms R Jackson "
Miss M Hammonds (waiting for H.O. approval re practising as a domiciliary midwife)
Mrs D Whitlow (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies:

Mrs F Moffat (Principal Public Health Nurse,Takapuna)
Mr J Glover " " " " Sth Auckland)

Welcome:

Ms Petersen opened the meeting,welcoming members.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were confirmed with amendments from Ms Donley tabled and circulated to all members. (Copy on file 202/4/11).

Business Arising Out of the Minutes:

On-going Education:

Ms Petersen reported that no positive response had been received from Head Office concerning the department sponsoring domiciliary midwives for special courses.

Supplies:

The matter of a free napkin service for women who have had home births was raised. This was to have been followed up by Miss Yule.

Pharmaceutical Supplies

There was discussion concerning the matter of drugs on drug tariff (midwivery order H581). Ms Burgess previously wrote to Dr Boyd, Chairman of the Pharmacology and Therapeutics Committee seeking approval to have the midwifery order changed for domiliciary midwives' requirements. Ms Burgess to send further letter to Dr Boyd regarding progress.

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Agenda Item

Deliveries in South Auckland Health District

The Principal Public Health Nurse, South Auckland was unable to address this problem as he was out of Auckland. Ms Donley reported that some time ago she had experienced trouble in obtaining approval for a delivery. The Medical Officer

of Health South Auckland required names and addresses and estimated delivery dates of all bookings when approval sought to practice in that district. No further problems experienced.

Further Business

Health Review Committee Report
The report is not yet published. There have been major changes to the draft.

Primary Health Care Initiative Funding Scheme

Ms Petersen reported that a pilot scheme is being set up in Takapuna and Auckland Health Districts whereby nurses will be working as independent nurse practitioners. The practice in Auckland will be conducted in rooms in Dominion Road, near Valley Road, with 3 nurses responsible for the administration and "nurse practitioner" duties.

The Minister of Health has approved the scheme and also approved funding for salaries from the practice nurse subsidy. A charge may also be made to patients.

The meeting further discussed evaluation and problems and concerns relating to the scheme.

There was also discussion concerning domiciliary midwives acting as "store-front" midwives and running similar surgeries or collectives with a sharing of cases.

Ante-natal Care and Community Clinics
Ms Webby reported that only 20% of women in the Northland area attend antenatal clinics. There was discussion concerning the move to establish neighbourhood clinics, and "well women" clinics.

Change of Location: Auckland District Office
Ms Petersen reported that the Auckland District Office was moving to Albert Plaza Building in Albert Street early December 1986. All members to be notified formally.

Midwife in thames
The domiciliary midwife presently practising in the Thames area is shortly moving to Tauranga and the meeting discussed the involvement of the obstetrician and general practitioners in relation to her practice.

Report From The Chief Nurse Northland Hospital Board to the Board.
Ms Webby discussed and read relevant data from the above report submitted by the Chief Nurse. Conclusions were:
1. There is a demand for expanded home birth service in Northland.

2. The Northland Area Health Board would be unwise to develop a home birth service at the expense of its present hospital services.

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3. The Northland Area Health Board could assist privately funded home birth services through the provision of equipment and facilities, and access to on-going professional education for staff and home help for new mothers.

4. The Northland Area Health Board should develop its in-hospital and follow-up services in such a way as to encourage their acceptability to expectant women.

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There was no further business. Ms Petersen extended Christmas greetings to all members and the meeting closed at 11.45am.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 1987 in the Albert Plaza Building 87-89 Albert Street Auckland.1.