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Minutes
Domiciliary Midwives Meeting 5 April 1997
held at Maggie's Te Awa Rd Hamilton

Meeting started with a round of introductions, a catch up with what is happening in other districts and to identify agenda items.

Business
After lunch Jenny passed around financial statements (please find enclosed) Jenny has taken over the books there was unanimous agreement by all present to this.

Discussion was held about the archives of the society it was agreed that they will be kept at Jenny's meantime.

Following discussion subscriptions were set at $50.00 members urged to pay can be sent to Jennny.

General discussion about name changes, suggestions Homebirth Midwives group \ Society, it was agreed that there should be a specific Homebirth focus therefore NZCOM for eg. would refer to this group for specialized opinions.

There is money available in the funds this to be used to support and promote homebirth, a form was sent around so those present could make suggestions on how the funds could be spent. Discussion was held that if the sum of money to be spent exceeds $500.00 a general consensus at a meeting would be needed.

Homebirth statistics, Auckland HBA having trouble getting stats in, a suggestion made that NZCOM include the stats form in the next journal to serve as a reminder to midwives.

It was moved by Belinda that Maggie, Jenny, and Michelle be coordinaters of the group seconded by Irene.

Agenda Items
1. Access agreements - There was general discussion Jane is the Waikato CHE organiser, she requested a copy of Aucklands agreement, Sian to send her a copy.

2. Rural services - General discussion about how will rural women get their homebirth needs met. Sian reported that there is now a $250. 00 and $350. 00 supplement which will be defined by circles on a map and assessed individually. Maternity facility criteria has been deleted. It is important to keep a log book for the entire year so that we have data to argue with. For every woman that might be rural write a detailed description of kilometres etc. and will be assessed by HBL. We were encouraged to contact Sandy Gray for any further information; her address 827 Te Atatu Peninsula Auuckland, ph (09) 8345704.

3. Section 51 - Fee for second practitioner Anne reported that Patsy Davis had indicated that there may be some money available for this, a suggestion was made that this be negotiated through the college. Joan suggested that when things settle down re Section 51 it will be the time to move with negotiations.

4. Seconds and students at homebirths - Question from Maggie if have a direct entry student in attendance do you call a second for the birth. Apparently there has been a directive from the Polytechnic that students not be in attendance at a homebirth with only the primary midwife. Joan suggested that considering the political climate at the moment that we take seconds with us.

5. Homebirth midwives list - Jenny to send this out with the minutes please find enclosed.

6. Joan gave us an update on Maggie Lecky-Thompsons trial. The trial has finished and waiting the outcome. Joan gave a copy of " Witch Hunt Australian Style " published in the Aims journal, Maggie has a copy.

7. Elaine Paps new book - About midwifery in NZ. Joan has been asked to review, she feels that it misses the point as far as midwifery in NZ today, that Helen Clark is minimised and marginalised. A positive is that midwifery is identified as different from nursing.

8. Review of the Nurses Act - This is going ahead main submissions are that there is a need for a separate Midwives act and for a Midwives council, submissions have been sent by the college a suggestion was made that a submission be sent by this group.

9. " Birth Spirit " - A new magazine to be published by Maggie and Jenny, they are calling for submissions, stories, political statements, poetry, book reviews etc.

10. The use of Sonicaids - Anne asked about our use of sonicaids when women are in labour. There was good discussion about their use, informed choice and consent and generally giving women full information to women about sonicaids. Maggie suggested that Anne write a letter regarding this issue to NZCOM journal.

11. Article " Babes at risk. Do reforms make maternity dangerous ? Published in the latest Listener - Sian encouraged the group to respond to this article.

Next meeting to be held in October at the Homebirth Conference in Wellington.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !

- DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES SOCIETY
- SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
- Maggie Banks Place, Te Awa Rd (1st house on left) Hamilton
- Saturday 5th April 1997 10AM to 3PM
- To decide the future of the DMS
- Necessary for legal reasons as we are an Incorporated Society
- Decisions required about disposal of assets if we decide to disband
- Also a great time for us like-minded souls to catch up with each other and share concerns and joys
- Please ring Maggie Banks or Jenny Johnston for further information
- Jenny 07 8682116
- Maggie 07 8564612
- See you there!