



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DISTRICT OFFICE

BLDISLOE STATE BUILDING, AUCKLAND

Reply reference

.202/4/11...

DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FROM 10.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 1986
AT AUCKLAND DISTRICT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ROOM 310

Present: Ms C Petersen (Principal Public Health Nurse, Auckland, Chairperson)
Mrs F Moffat (Principal Public Health Nurse, Takapuna)
Ms S Burgess (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms J Donley (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms V Muller (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms Y Watson (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms H Waugh (Domiciliary Midwife)
Ms C Young (Domiciliary Midwife)

Apologies: Miss A Nightingale, Miss D Bridge, Ms K Burnside

Welcome: Ms Petersen opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

1. Equipment Supplied by Head Office

Ms Petersen reported that there is still no response from Wellington regarding the department supplying further disposal equipment for midwives.

2. Draft Guidelines for Domiciliary Midwives

Ms Petersen reported that a useful meeting had been held on 26 February 1986 in Auckland District Office and while no firm resolutions were made it is hoped that a committee will be set up.

The draft guidelines have been scrapped and will be looked at again.

The Obstetric Regulations are also under review. Ms Bradley who attended the meeting in Auckland had expressed her appreciation on the attendance at the meeting by the midwives and felt it had been most useful and that there is now better communication with Head Office.

Midwifery Order (H581)

The Pharmaceutical Pricing Office are still receiving some claims from Pharmacies on the old, typed midwifery orders in which Savalon is listed as a claim. They have asked if the H581 forms reprinted in October 1983 be used and a supply is enclosed. Old forms should be destroyed.

Milage Claims to Public Hospitals and Laboratories

The Division of Clinical Services have advised that motor vehicle allowance may be claimed when the trip is necessary but midwives should explore the possibility of e.g. a family member delivering blood samples, or handing the blood sample to the attending general practitioner if he/she uses the laboratory courier service.

Increases in Fees Payable to Domiciliary Midwives

A memo was sent to Head Office and a reply received advising that as health benefits are not linked to hospital salaries, midwives will not therefore receive the same increases as hospital nurses. The Minister of Health has announced that he will be seeking increases in the coming Budget.

The meeting discussed the fees payable to domiciliary midwives and Ms Burgess reported that an accountant has prepared a breakdown on the services provided and this document will be sent to the Division of Clinical Services. The Wellington Home Birth Association have forwarded a letter to all Members of Parliament regarding fee increases payable to domiciliary midwives. Dr Bassett has replied that he is prepared to seek further fee increases this financial year.

AGENDA ITEMS

Birth Notifications

... A letter was received from the Registrar, Births, Deaths and Marriages requesting that domiciliary midwives notify the birth to the nearest registry to the premises where the child is born. A list of the registry offices is enclosed.

Equipment Supplied by Head Office

There was discussion by the midwives on the difficulty experienced in obtaining equipment which had previously been available from Kempthorne Prosser. This firm has been taken over by Stirling Pharmaceuticals who only supply material to account holders. The midwives are not eligible for accounts and the new firm has no provision for the purchasing of single items of equipment.

Ms Young asked that a memo be sent to the Division of Clinical Services advising that the midwives no longer have a private source of supply. Other suppliers have very little equipment and could the department consider supplying equipment as requested previously.

The matter of I.V. supplies and the expiry date was also discussed. Ms Burgess asked if Ms Petersen could approach Dr Collison at National Women's Hospital regarding the supplying of I.V. fluids and giving sets, together with other equipment such as syringes and needles, plus the replacement of I.V. fluids prior to expiry date.

Domiciliary Nursing Services Conducted in Other Health Districts

Ms Petersen reminded the midwives that when services are undertaken in another health district, prior approval (on the appropriate form) must be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health in that district. If another midwife is called in an emergency to share care in another health district and prior approval cannot be sought a phone call to the Principal Public Health Nurse of that health district is acceptable.

The situation where a midwife accepts a case and does not make a claim on the department was also discussed.

Other Business

Domiciliary Midwives - Study Proposal - Health Services Research and Development Unit.

Ms Petersen reported that the above unit were looking at domiciliary midwives and midwifery services. Ms Donley had responded to the survey to be undertaken

oy the above unit and had prepared a paper with comments on the study proposal.

Meeting of Midwives

Ms Donley advised the meeting that Dr K Poutasi, Medical Superintendent, Middlemore Hospital was to speak to a meeting of the midwives section on 20 March 1986 at Green Lane Hospital. The midwives proposed asking her about management of maternity services at Middlemore Hospital.

Courses at Technical Institutes: Continuing Education

Ms Waugh stated that she was interested in attending a three week, full time course in Maori Language at A.T.I. and would the department consider sponsoring her. It was decided that the matter of midwives attending courses on further education at Technical Institutes be referred to the Nursing Division for consideration.

Records Received by the P.P.H.N. from Midwives

Ms Petersen expressed concern about the forwarding of H555 claim forms inside the patients obstetric records as she felt these could be missed. Midwives were requested to attach the claim forms to the front of the obstetric records.

Infant Death Syndrome

Ms Donley reported that while undertaking research in the library she came upon an article in the 1985 Journal of Medicine in which studies on the induction of labour indicated that oxytocin infusion could be responsible for lowered infant mortality. In 31 of 40 cases studied children died. To be referred to Dr Tonkin.

Home Birth Letters

Ms Petersen thanked Ms Donley for the newsletters from the home birth group.

Guest Speakers at Meetings

Ms Petersen asked the meeting if they wished to have guest speakers. After discussion it was decided that the Principal Nurses or her deputy at National Women's, Waitakere, North Shore and Middlemore Hospitals be invited to the meetings, with occasional guest speakers.

Ms Donley also asked if Leonie Taylor, a practice nurse at Christian Care Centre, Mt Eden be invited to the meetings as she undertakes domiciliary midwifery duties within the practice.

Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, 11 June 1986 at 10.30 a.m. in Room 310, Auckland District Office, Department of Health.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 12 noon.