

Sommad \$800
\$141 / antenatal
per q. 1 labour delivery
14 post natal visit
at \$7.25 a visit
Co Ordinator report. 30th April 1981.

On behalf of birth and beyond's A.C.G. I have pleasure in presenting this report on the events relating to the society since the inaugural meeting.

Grant from Mental Health Foundation

After a mammoth effort from Mona Clarke the application for funds from the Mental Health Foundation was lodged and successful. We received a grant of \$6000 for the first year and \$6000 the second year on receiving a favourable report. This grant will be used to pay a part-time co-ordinator at the centre.

\$8 Owen St. Following lengthy negotiations with the W.H.B., the decision was made by the board to make 36 Owen St available to us when it was vacant and available. Although it is vacant at present it has been leased for a period between May and September. We are assuming, and have been told it will be available for us then. Negotiations regarding the terms of lease will begin on the 12th May. The building will require alteration and funds for alterations will have to be raised by us.

Town planning approval is being sort.

Health Department. Negotiations with the Health Department have been initiated. There are three possibilities;

1. Midwives register as domiciliary midwives and attend clients at the centre. Control is by regulations covering domiciliary midwives. This will mean that we can only attend one patient at a time. However the law on this is unclear and untried. This has the advantage of getting a wage (minimal) for our midwives.

2. We attempt to register as a private hospital. This has no financial advantage but is probably what is expected of us.

3. Put forward to the Minister of Health and Health Department a policy for the running of the birth centre, cost it carefully and propose a pilot scheme for approval.

Antenatal We have started working on an antenatal education programme. Discussion have commenced with Wellington Parents centre to see how we can coordinate our education programmes thus preventing duplication of services.

Fund raising We have, I believe achieved much over a short period however I think we would be naive to think we were anywhere but at the start of a long difficult struggle.

Raising adequate funds represents the biggest hurdle. Moves taken in this direction include approaching Lions, Rotary for equipment and applying for further grants. Commitment by a member, Ross Cooper has been made to acquire furniture. We will also apply to the lottery board.

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Membership This is growing slowly. A large membership means that we have more resources to draw on and membership fees mean more funds to cope with the cost of running the society. All areas can do with more input.
Publicity Our 200 pamphlets went quickly and we are having more printed. Joan Skinner did a tremendous job recently on publicity of the Wellington Hospital Board's decision.

A. C. G. The A.C.G. have met 4-6 weekly. I have enjoyed working with the outgoing A.C.G. members and have seen many of them acquire new skills. I would like to thank all the members for their work over the last few months. I would like to remind all members that A.C.G. meetings are open to all members of the society and urge them to come and contribute to the important decisions which will have to be made in the future.

Finally I believe we will be successful in achieving our objectives with perseverance.

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