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N.Z. Home Birth Association

Copies of a letter from the Home Birth Assn with comments on the report
"Mother & Baby at Home: the early days" were available to National Executive.
After some discussion it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the
N.Z. H-B-A. and that no further action should be taken at present.

- a special meeting of NZNA Midwives Section (Ak. Branch)
has been called for 27 June - 5.30pm to discuss Mrs M.
Bagley, Director of Nursing, Dept of Health, the recommendations
in 'Mother & Baby at Home: The Early Days'.

I have prepared a paper for this (encl)

HBA should prepare a submission to Dept Health - FAST.

- 'Whether Obstetrics' by the Emperor 11/82 - alternative title
1984. Points out the "lack of the experience of the family
doctor in handling abnormality" who ~~should~~ "must" concentrate
on relatively normal pts as defined by the Specialists
(O.S.R.C) Sets out basis for high & low risk factors -
all primiparous, women over 30, there is medical
complication, a history of obstetric complication or of
stillbirth or neonatal death, any complication in current
pregnancy. Also the single mother.

It advocates early rupture of membranes, free use of W
fluids, episiotomy, low forceps!!! Also "failure to use an
oxytocic agent as a routine must be regarded as negligent."
Re antenatal care - "patients will be conditioned to attend
early... Maternal appointments will be followed up."

- a letter from Carolyn outlining procedure for women who
have to go to hosp & back in before labour commences
eg. written list of demands in duplicate & obstetric rep signed
asked to sign them & there. DY to keep one copy, the other to go on
her hospital record. Also reservation to be noted on hosp
consent form eg "only after consultation & agreement."