

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND BRANCH OF NZHBA HELD 24th AUGUST 1982 at Barbara's.

Apologies: Carolynn Mitchell, Lynne Nicol, Anne Ireland, Sian & Sue.

Treasurer's Report: Books completed. Balance \$2,433

Poster: Matthew Terborg kindly presented the assoc. with ten posters which can be used for home birth week etc. Gratefully received. Dorothy to keep them.

Midwives: Rhonda will work til Feb/March when her own baby is due.

Lay Midwives: Discussed on request of Nat Exec. Felt that as long as we have domiciliary midwives we should give them our support and concentrate on getting Gov't etc to increase pay, improve conditions etc. Sympathise with women who turn to lay midwives or do it yourself.

Practice Nurses: Dr Railton suggested at last meeting of Midwives and Doctors that Drs should employ midwives as practice nurses. Dept of Health pays full cost. Would bring G.P.'s and midwives together. To prepare report for presented when the Mother and Baby at home Report is published. MOH approves the qualifications of the practice nurse. Flexible programme. Drs could share a midwife.

Statistics: Barbara to ask Dunedin for a complete set/printout.

Conference 1983: 7th and 8th May 1983. Sub committee to be estab. at next meeting. Lopdell House, Titirangi?

Next Meeting: at Jo Bruce Smiths. 28th September 7.30 pm.

Nutrition: Zelda Winn to do something on nutrition for support grps.

Situation: Alison spoke on sub committees meeting and analysis of the home birth situation. Only 2 to 3 full time midwives by the end of the year. Being starved out. People in power are winning. Chronic situation. Action plans.

1. Midwives to direct all women to support groups even if can't book them. Carolyn, Sian and Rhonda to be advised of this. Support grp to keep records of the number and addresses of women in this position. Then write to MOH, M.P. and Ombudsman. Mary read her two draft letters. Hospitals seem to be trying to reverse the ombudsmans decision re choice of doctor on transfer.

Mary Emslie to speak to the woman in Sth Ak who is going it alone.

2. Effort to involve previous parents. Collate names and write letter.

3. Legal action. Extend argument on legal rights to home birth.

4. Deryn to prepare a power hierachy diagram.

5. Sue Patterson to do some publicity.

6. Health Conf. in September.

7. List of people to contact about our actions e.g. Lab. Womens Health Caucus etc.

8. Questions in the House - Helen Clarke
9. Deryn to write to Dir. Gen Of Health on what is a full time case load.
10. Jo to collate a list of old members. Deryn to give list of all dr's to Jo.
11. Barbara to try and get in touch with midwives who are overseas or have expressed an interest.
12. Mary and Deryn to look at another PEP scheme.

Library/Newsletters: Matthew and Deborah Terborg of 49 Gribblehurst St Mt Albert Ph. 601529 will take this over.

Womens Health Conference: Workshop arranged. Alison to facilitate. \$5 agreed for Dorita to attend. Joan doing workshop.

Publicity Committee: Sally Henderson - art work. Mary to ring the Lampitts re brochure. Therese Williamson to facilitate. Item for next times agenda - publicity.

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Home Birth Week Progress: Stalls run by different support groups. 25-31 October. Publicity needed for Star, Herald, t.v. and local papers. Deryn and video and t.v. Deryn to ask Jenny Page re photos. Dorothy to find a place - Customs House? Joan to deliver a baby while standing on the water!

Meeting ended about 10.30.