

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22nd JUNE 1982 at Joans - Auckland N.Z.H.B.A.

Apologies: Mary Nacey, Barbara, Ann Ireland, Carolyn Young, Cathy Sadler.

** Sec.'s Report: Decision to subscribe to two magazines (Mothering and Birth). Volunteer needed to run a stall at the Health Conf. Meeting felt that Clause 11 of the Regs in the Constitut. should be amended to allow more than one year term of office.

** Nurses Association: Not concerned with the welfare of women and opposed to domiciliary midwives. The domiciliary midwives will prepare a counter to the remits put up by the Nurses Assoc. A refresher course should only be available on request for a particular midwife and not a requirement. Hospital midwives should accompany domiciliary midwives, if the latter are supposed to accompany the former. M.P.'s, the press etc should be given our statement. Joan will prepare.

** Publicity Sub committee: Discussion of the Thames situation. Midwife has been put off Thames. Barbara to write to midwife to seek her approval to publicise the threats Harrison has made and her attitude.

Confidential Report: Rhonda and Joan visited Dr Stephenson MOW. Genuinely interested. Relationship with Public Health Nurse good. Bonham concerned with stillbirths? Report held on file. Deryn suggested positive comments about home birth be sent to him from North Shore parents, stating very pleased that the option is available etc.

** Research: Letter received from physio. Jamieson wanting a sample of women to test supine and upright position labour. Deryn to deal with this and advise that this has all been done before and that a random selection is not scientifically valid.

** Ak. Hosp. Bd. : Barbara to write and get a copy of standards of Obstet. Nursing Practice for our files. Issued May 1982.

Medical School: Lynne, Daphne and Barbara met Tord Kjellstrom in May and discussed home birth with a group of medical students. Lynn arranged for Joan and Mr Connyngham to speak to the group.

Director Gen of Health: Bob Tizard saw him to discuss Cowan. Wants to rationalise distances and resources. Joan prepared to be a test case. Legal contract and could then get the ombudsman into it. Left up to Sian, Mary and Bob.

** Statistical Info: Roger Pemberton of the Maths Dept will collate the statistics. Method of analysing the information discussed and for \$125.00 25 factors will be looked at. 10 people offered to do 100 sheets each. Will then be published in the medical journal. Deryn handling this with Jill.

** Lyn Whiteside: Concerned that her pres. address appeared in the Newsletter and Broadsheet. It was confidential. Barbara to write and apologise.

Perinatal Mortality Meetings: Sian needed support at St Helens. Query whether one of our lawyers should not accompany midwife to such meetings? Thompson took complete responsibility. Gunn and Wilson attacked Sian. Suggested Sian more concerned with mother than baby. Joan suggested Barroughclough was the opposite. Next newsletter and for Broadsheet an article on This is where Technology takes you. Article on the three deaths and the earlier one. Barbara to send Wilson copies of Mary's letter and Ombudsman. Deryn to see Beth Butler. Offer support etc. Bonham threatened manslaughter charge.

** Telephone Tree: Deryn would like to compile a ~~tree~~ telephone tree of past members.

Canberra Declaration: Joan read this and we should amend it to suit.

Treasury: Carolynn read the balance sheet and all payments passed. Still unable to get hold of the unaudited books. However Carolynn now has a cheque book.

Newsletters: Jo has extra copies.

Mary Emslie enquired about out work.

Dave Lampitt enquired about support groups. Emphasis on regular attendance etc.

NEXT MEETING: 32 Amy St, Ellerslie 7.30 27th July 1982.

Agenda next meeting to include:

1. Purchase of Napsac Books.

Suggestions re meetings.

1. That treasury, secretarial and business arising from the last minutes/meeting be dealt with firstly.
2. That committee members address the chairperson and not hold subsidiary conversations.
3. That restless or crying infants be taken into another room.