

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 AUGUST 1991

PRESENT: Gillian Sawers, Marjet Pot, Joan Donley, Bridget Morison, Linda McKay,
Sally Morison, Brenda Hinton

APOLOGIES: Kate Jaunay

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Several cttee ~~meetings~~ ^{members} went down to Middlemore on Friday 16 August to meet with Maori women and discuss the organisation of the bicultural aspect of the conference. Unfortunately no Maori women arrived - Lesley H. will contact us when Betty Hunapo returns to let us know what happened and where to from here. Meanwhile it was decided that we need to get some fundraising activities organised, ASB have told us we are not eligible for a grant this year as we received one last year and it seems unlikely that we will get any money from COGS. Lotteries does not notify successful applicants till November. Suggestions for fundraising activities were - hiring a cinema & showing a film - The manager of the Hollywood cinema is evidently very amenable to this & helpful - a games evening eg Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary. We will contact people who have offered to help on the form and suggest they organise fundraising events. We will also contact someone to sponsor conference folders, pens etc - suggestions included ASB, Harcourts, Whitcoulls. Health Minister, Simon Upton will be asked to give the opening speech so that delegates will have a first hand opportunity to hear about the plans for Maternity Services and ask questions.
- a A letter will be sent to other HBAs letting them know that we have set the date and venue and suggesting that they start fundraising to send delegates. We will approach the airlines to see if we can arrange cheap fares for delegates.

Correspondence

Inwards correspondence was discussed and the following was agreed to:-

1. Ak Rape Crisis Centre - We will publish their request for women to take part in a study in the newsletter.
2. Nth Shore Parents Centre Info booklet re Postnatal Depression - We will purchase 20 copies and distribute amongst the support groups. Moved Linda, 2nd - Marjet
3. NZ Women's Refuge Appeal - The AHBA will send a donation of \$50 - Moved Brenda, Seconded - Joan

Outwards

1. No reply yet from WHBA re payment for "Blue Books" or video.
2. Linda & Marjet will attend the meeting at Nth Shore Hosp to "discuss" the final draft of the Access Agreement.
3. We have not yet received a reply from Gary Taylor or anyone else from the Area Health Board office re our latest letter of inquiry about the transfer policy.

Treasurers Report

See attached - Moved Linda, Seconded Brenda.

There was some discussion as to whether the cheque book should be held at the AHBA office for convenience. L

Linda to talk to Steve about this

Minutes 19 August Cont.

General Business

1. Doctors and Midwives meetings.- There was some discussion at the last DMSRC meeting re venue for these. It was agreed that in general meetings should be held at the Parnell Health Collective as in the past. The date set for the next meeting to which mws from Delivery Suite have been invited clashes with our monthly cttee meeting. Marjet will contact Glenda Stimpson to see if any hospital mws are intending to come and change the date to the following week. She will also book the meeting room at the YWCA FOR THIS MEETING.
2. Should the DMSRC review all HB practitioners? The meeting decided that whilst it would be desirable for both drs and mws to be reviewed it was unlikely thqt most GPs would be able to be persuaded of this - especially when one considers the difficulty we have in getting one GP to attend DMSRC meetings. As mws are increasingly becoming the primary caregiver in the HB situation it was decided that for the time being we would cointinue to review only mws.
3. There had been a suggestion that the HBA could sell goods - Floradix, homoeopathics etc- as a means of getting income to help cover the costs of running the office. It was decided to put this idea on hold till we could work out more secure storage arrangements. With so many people coming in and out of the office and the fact that there are times when there is no HBA Cttee member in the office it was felt that small items such as those sugested could easily go missing.
4. The service agreement on our photocopier is costing more than it needs to because of the age of the copier. It was agreed that Lida will investigate the possibility of upgrading to a more recent model and one that does automatic double siding.
5. It was proposed that we buy new books for the support group libraries. Moved Brenda, seconded Linda. Debbie Payne has sent a list Central would like. We will ask Kate to action this on her return from the States.
6. First year students at the College of Education were addressed by a researcher from the university as part of their child development component. This lecturer presented the analysis of Australian HB statistics to the group to show how unsafe HB is. Brenda to get a video of this lecture so that the cttee can follow up with ,letters of protest etc.
7. THames Valley HBA is arranging a Regional Conference for the first weekend in November. Representatives will attend but we would prefer that it was just a one day meeting.
8. We will write to AMAT asking if we can use the money they granted for the purchase of a FAX machine to put towards the cost of the Laser printer since the amount we were orignally quoted for the printer was far short of its actual cost.

Next meeting Monday 16 September at the office - 40A Sussex Street, Grey Lynn

AUCKLAND HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31 JULY 1991

RECEIPTS

Registrations 4028.00
 Subscriptions 1971.00
 Donations 25.00
 National Newsletter 293.00
 Sales/ advertising 2616.00
 Fund raising income 628.00
 Books and Video income 38.20
 Photocopying income 11365.00
 Grants received 1525.80
 Booklets 100.41
 Interest 4.00
 Sundry income

PAYMENTS

Newsletter (print and postage) 2170.95
 Postage/tolls/stationery 959.56
 Photocopying 654.80
 Support and antenatal exp. 419.44
 Fund raising expenses 3039.91
 Grant distribution 2880.95
 Meetings and conferences 1563.00
 Advertising and publicity 89.32
 Subscriptions paid 100.00
 Video production 564.30
 Office equipment 1200.00
 Rent paid 33.10
 Power/ insurance 19.98
 Booklets - cost 5.00
 With-holding tax paid 8894.10
 Sundry payments 22594.41
 Excess income over expenditure

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 1991

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance at 1 April 1991 9853.80
 Less Exp. over Inc. 8894.10
 Plus Inc. over Exp. 18747.90

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Balance 15055.41
 Term Deposits

SPECIAL FUNDS

Midwives Negotiating Fund 28.76
 Conference 1992 Fund 500.00
 528.76

FIXED ASSETS

Computer, Printer, Table 4221.25

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