

MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE 1.10.80.NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.PRESENT:

Jan Saussey	26 Carlton Road, Hillsborough
Joan Moore	13 Denbeigh Avenue, Mt. Roskill
Susan Comber	1 Torrance Street, Epsom
Anne Ireland	14 Grand View Road, Remuera
Mary Tietjens	1 Cotter Avenue, Remuera
Hemi Ransfield	69 John Davis Road, Mt. Roskill
Kate Harbutt	Quinns Road, Waiatarua

We discussed aims of association. We looked at Hospital Liason Group, Parents Support Group and Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital aims, and saw the need for broad, encompassing statements.

Jan's husband has offered to create a logo.

Vanya Shaw - 797-626 Ext. 749 - Star midweek, has offered publicity before next public meeting. Will require information Monday of the week before the meeting.

Kate to peruse aims and collate and distribute these for discussion.

Next meeting 7.45 National Women's Hospital 8.10.80.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. When health care is necessary within an institution or any health care programme, a close and continuous relationship between the woman and her family should be encouraged and maintained wherever possible.  
Provision should be made for a range of facilities and programmes to allow for this continuing relationship.
2. Every effort should be made to minimise the physical and emotional distress to women and their families whether inpatients, outpatients or in other community health care.

3. Those involved in the care of women should be chosen with consideration for their special personal attributes, such as perception, sensitivity and compassion, which will render them more suited to this role.
4. Professionals involved in the care of women should have special training in the unique psychological needs of women in sickness and in health.  
This should logically include a knowledge of family dynamics and child development.
5. Ongoing evaluations of policies and programmes of care are essential. ~~This should involve staff at all levels.~~ These should involve staff at all levels, of all disciplines, the recipients of the care and the community generally.

*Liaison  
to patient group*

RULES OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL PATIENTS WELFARE SOCIETY.(?)

NAME:

*PATIENTS RESEARCH & WELFARE  
FUND*

1. The name of the group is:  
hereinafter referred to as "the Society."

OBJECTS:

2. The objects of the society are to carry out within New Zealand the following:
  - (a) To promote generally the welfare of patients in National Women's Hospital.
  - (b) To bring to the notice of families, hospital staff and administrators, and the public in general, the special needs of women in hospital, and to encourage those practices <sup>and facilities</sup> which have beneficial effect on their total wellbeing.
  - (c) To encourage liaison and communication between patients, <sup>and their</sup> families, <sup>and</sup> professional and voluntary workers involved in the care of women and children <sup>babies</sup> in hospital.
  - (d) To make available to those interested, literature and information on all aspects of the above objects.

(e) To co-operate with other organisations having similar aims.

(f) To raise money by subscription, donation or otherwise, to be used in the furtherance of the above objects.

- (g) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.
3. Any person who subscribes the amount for the time being determined as the annual subscription to the society, and makes application for membership shall become a member of the society PROVIDED HOWEVER that the person is not a member of the hospital staff and that the executive shall in its absolute discretion have the right to refuse membership to any person.

WHAT WE WILL TRY TO DO NOW:

1 Make the public, medical and nursing professionals aware of the problem areas.

1 Make the hospital responsive to consumer feedback.

~~2~~ Press for government action to overcome specialised nursing staff shortage

2 Promote natural birth and breast feeding.

Support long stay patients.

Provide a professionally staffed creche for families and visitors.

4 Determine the special needs of <sup>varying ethnic groups</sup> Maori and Pacific Island women.

To OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS.

Press for alternative birth centre attached to the hospital.

~~2~~ <sup>Broaden</sup> Change the focus of antenatal education.

+ Act as a channel of communication between patients and the hospital.

Encourage the establishment of postnatal support groups.

Humanise the hospital and increase women's confidence.