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**AUCKLAND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT UNIT
DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES MEETING**

PRESENT:

Ms C Petersen	Principal Public Health Nurse, Auckland HDU Chairperson
Ms F Barnett	Domiciliary Midwife (Northland Area Health Board), Whangarei Base Hospital
Ms S Burgess	Domiciliary Midwife (Auckland)
Ms J Donley	Domiciliary Midwife (Auckland)
Mr D Donner	Executive Officer, Regional Benefits Payment Office, Hamilton
Ms M Hammonds	Domiciliary Midwife (Auckland)
Miss C Hanley	Supervising Public Health Nurse (South Auckland HDU)
Mrs S Hodgetts	Domiciliary Midwife (South Auckland)
Ms R Jackson	Domiciliary Midwife (Takapuna)
Ms F Moffat	Principal Public Health Nurse (Takapuna HDU)
Ms J Thomas	Domiciliary Midwife (Auckland)
Miss T Webby	Principal Public Health Nurse (Northland Area Health Board), Whangarei Base Hospital
Ms C Young	Domiciliary Midwife (Takapuna)
Mrs M S Boyd	Deputy Minutes Secretary

WELCOME:

Ms Petersen opened the meeting welcoming the members.

APOLOGIES:

Ms M Falconer, Miss Yule, Ms J Woodley, Miss A Nightingale,
Ms R Nicholson, Ms Y Watson.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

These were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Approvals for other districts

Ms Burgess had been requested to submit a list of patients from all districts when applying for approval for services provided to patients residing in the South Auckland HDU area. Miss Hanley advised that the lists are a requirement of the South Auckland HDM.

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Domiciliary Standards Review Committee

Ms Petersen announced that there would be a general discussion after meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

1 Returns

- a) Mrs Boyd advised that the forms "Notification of Transfer of Patient to Hospital" are no longer required as this information is included in the "Brief clinical details section" on the claim forms.
- b) Mrs Boyd asked that midwives ensure that the first two post natal visits are within the required 24 hours of delivery.
- c) Proposed Mileage Forms

This matter was discussed at great length with Don Donner and it was decided that Ms Burgess redesign the existing claim forms. Don Donner agreed to have the new forms printed when approved by Head Office.

d) Payment Queries

Mr Donner enquired whether midwives were having problems with late payments of claims and assured that he will endeavour to speed up payments in future.

The members discussed their various problems relating to claim forms, payments and advice notices individually with Mr Donner.

OTHER BUSINESS

Obstetric Records

Ms Hanley enquired about the lack of clinical details for ante natal visits recorded by midwives on patients' charts. She was advised that this was the responsibility of the general practitioner who also provides the information to the domiciliary midwives. The midwives also ensured that they are in continual contact with clients.

Ms Moffat enquired whether midwives accepted all mothers regardless. The midwives advised that prospective home births were not accepted unless they met certain criteria.

Birthing Centre Remuera

Ms Petersen requested comments concerning the licensing of the Remuera Birthing Centre as a private hospital. The midwives expressed concern that the centre would be receiving subsidies as a private hospital.

Ms Petersen agreed to check the purpose of licensing and whether subsidies would be paid.

Ms Petersen advised that the Birthing Centre was not licensed with the Health Department at present.

The matter is to be discussed again at the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 11.55 am.

Next Meeting:

Date: 14 September 1988

Venue: 3rd Floor Conference Room, Albert Plaza, 87-89 Albert Street, Auckland.

Prior to the meeting Dr L Calder discussed the Hepatitis B programme.