

Kitsilano Citizen's Committee for Mental Health.

A meeting of the Kitsilano Citizen's Committee for Mental Health was held at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday June 5th 1973 at Kitsilano House.

Meeting opened and chaired by Jeff Marvin.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Letter from Ray Goodacre, former Executive Director of the Greater Vancouver Mental Health Project, was read. He reported that the budget for the Kitsilano Mental Health Team had been withdrawn so that the Citizen's Committee would have the opportunity to submit their own budget recommendations.

Chairman referred the meeting to the policy guidelines prepared by the Steering Committee. Correction to Appendix C was made by Barry Coull.

Discussion: it was suggested that a grievance committee composed of three recipients of service and three citizens might be formed.

Moved by Anastasia Mirras that the policy guidelines be adopted in principle pending further discussion and study. Seconded and passed.

New individuals and groups represented identified themselves. Groups included:

The Family Place

Parks Board Boarding House Program

Crossreach

Senior Citizens Group (Kitsilano Community Centre)

Health Sciences Centre Hospital

School of Social Work, U.B.C.

Hugh Parfitt presented the steering committee's recommendation that a representative of the Citizen's Committee be chosen to sit on the Coordinating Committee. The need for a personnel committee and for a budget committee was also mentioned. It appeared that there was only supposed to be one citizen representative from the Burrard area (including the West End, Fairview and Mount Pleasant as well as Kitsilano). The meeting decided to press for a Kitsilano representative on the Coordinating Committee, at least in the early stages when very few teams were being formed. Barry Coull was elected by acclamation.

John Kyle, newly appointed Executive Director of the Greater Vancouver Mental Health Project, was present at the meeting. He stated that his personnel committee was only doing short listing and screening interviews and that the Citizen's Committee and members of the team would have to approve all personnel selected. Lanny Beckman moved that a three person personnel committee be selected to act in concert with the Project personnel committee in the screening and selection of team members. All persons selected for the team should be acceptable to both committees. Motion seconded and passed.

Election of personnel committee: Lanny Beckman, Butch Leslie and Nick Zepantis were chosen from several candidates by a show of hands.

It was suggested that a member of the personnel committee should sit on the steering committee. It was further suggested that the personnel committee and steering committee get together in order to prepare a team model and budget proposals.

Moved by Lanny Beckman that 1. Alternate budget proposals and team models be prepared by the steering and personnel committees and forwarded to Citizen's Committee members before the next meeting. 2. Citizen's Committee to meet in two weeks to discuss these proposals. 3. A broadly publicized community meeting be held in a further two weeks. Seconded and passed.

Moved by Stan Persky that the steering committee consult legal counsel re formal constitution of Citizen's Committee. Seconded and passed.

Moved by Lanny Beckman that meeting be adjourned. Seconded and passed.

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A meeting of the Kitsilano Citizen's Committee for Mental Health was held at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday May 22nd 1973 in Kitsilano House.

Meeting opened and chaired by Nathan Karmel.

Report of May 16th Public Meeting given and approved.

Moved by Bill Wine that those present at this meeting constitute the Citizen's Committee. Seconded and passed.

Moved that broader representation be sought from the community on the Citizen's Committee. Seconded and passed without dissent.

The following organisations were represented at the meeting:

Kitsilano House  
Kitsilano Area Resources Association  
Crisis Centre  
Coast Foundation  
Mental Patients Association  
School Board  
City Health Department  
Home Treatment Service  
SPEC  
Total Education  
Burrard NDP

The following organisations or groups were mentioned as being possible participants:

X-Kalay	Senior Citizens
Greek community	UCWIC
Churches	Broadway Merchants
Children's Aid	Community Centre
Cool Aid	Kitsilano Ratepayers
CMHA	Indian Centre
KIND	

Moved that a steering committee be formed. Seconded and passed.

Carolyn Reynolds, Eva Pastrano, Jeff Marvin, Hugh Parfitt and Barry Coull were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve on the steering committee.

It was suggested that the Citizen's Committee seek equal representation on the 'hiring and firing' committees.

Peter Tomlinson reported on the results of the questionnaire handed out on May 15th. There were 23 responses: 22 thought the community should be involved and 13 sought some personal involvement. Group therapy, hostels and home visits seemed important to people.

The steering committee was given the following tasks to perform before the next meeting:

1. Contact the groups or organisations mentioned.
2. Obtain copies of John Cumming's 'Plan for Vancouver'.
3. Report on Bill 114.
4. Prepare a budget request for planning and publicity (for the Citizen's Committee).
5. Make recommendations about personnel.
6. Study the matter of control - what should be the role of the Citizen's Committee?

The next meeting was set for Tuesday June 5th, 1973.

Moved that meeting be adjourned. Seconded and passed.