

MINUTES \* PUBLIC MEETING ON KITSILANO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT \* WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, Kits United Church.

- A/ Information Session, questions and answers re mental health facilities in Vancouver and the Kitsilano Community Mental Health Project.  
B/ Meeting - discussion re setting up a citizens committee to direct this project.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that:

- 1) We strike a voluntary citizens committee
- 2) This committee be open to anyone who has a specific interest in Kitsilano; that is, to anyone who lives, works, drinks beer, etc. in Kitsilano.
- 3) We write to Mr. Ray Goodacre requesting that the machinery relating to the Kits. project be halted (hiring, the search for a facility, etc.) until such time as a citizens' advisory committee is formed and functioning.
- 4) The committee be authorized to seek funds appropriate to its functioning (eg stamps) and that these funds be sought from the appropriate body within the administrative structure of the Community Mental Health Project.
- 5) The chairman be authorized to write to Mr. Goodacre re Motion 3, and to set up an agenda for the next meeting. (Tuesday, May 22, 7:30, Kits House)
- 6) That we meet again to work on setting up a citizens' committee on Tuesday, May 22, at Kits House.

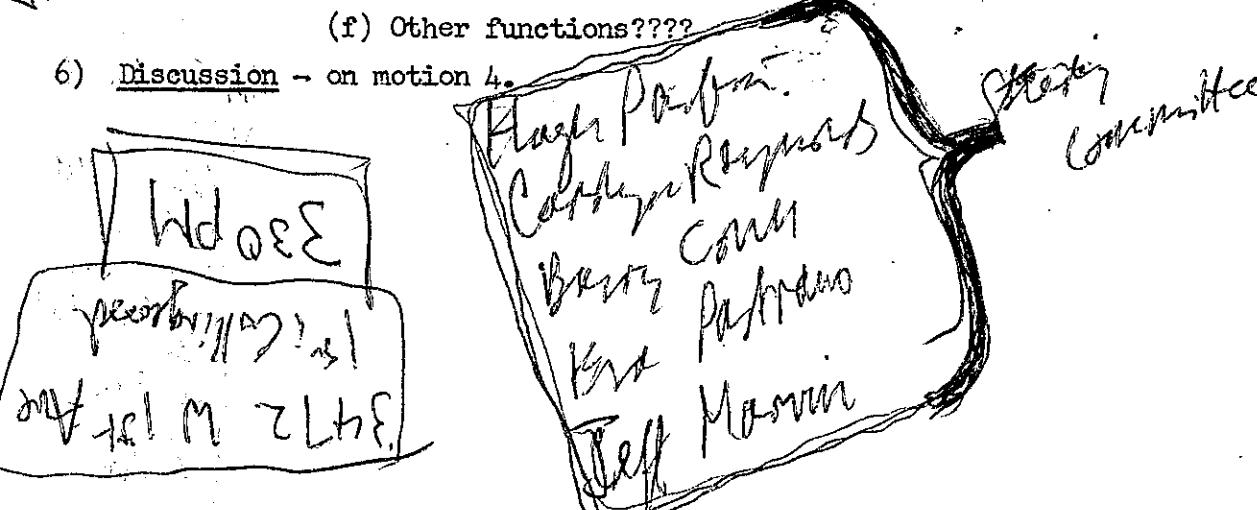
Some suggestions arising from the meeting with which we have not dealt.

- 1) What is the task of the May 22 meeting re calling another public meeting.
- 2) That hiring and firing powers be given to the citizens' committee.
- 3) That the term advisory board be defined.
- 4) That the citizens committee be composed of all those who signed the list that was passed around at the public meeting.
- 5) That the advisory board (citizens' committee) be:  
well balanced  
composed of more than one lay person.
- 6) That other groups which have an interest in Mental Health (eg. Trade Unions) be contacted before the citizens' committee is set up.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TUESDAY MAY 22 - 7:30 pm. KITS HOUSE

- 1) Report - minutes of the May 16 meeting.
- 2) Report - letter to Mr. Goodacre.
- 3) Clarification of the present situation: what is the relation between this group and the Citizens' Advisory Board?
- 4) Discussion - structure of the Citizens' Advisory Board
  - (a) Composition of the Board - limits? - who?
  - (b) Responsibility to the community - mechanism for ensuring community direction on an on-going basis.
  - (c) Mechanism for co-ordinating the activities of the Citizens' Board.
  - (d) Structural details - elections, frequency of meetings, duties of officers, quorums, etc.
- 5) Discussion - Functions of the Citizens' Board
  - (a) To act as liaison? to whom/what bodies?
  - (b) To evaluate? whom/what?
  - (c) To hire and fire? Yes? No? Partial/joint responsibility?
  - (d) To set and administer budget?
  - (e) To gain representation on governing bodies?
  - (f) Other functions????
- 6) Discussion - on motion 4.

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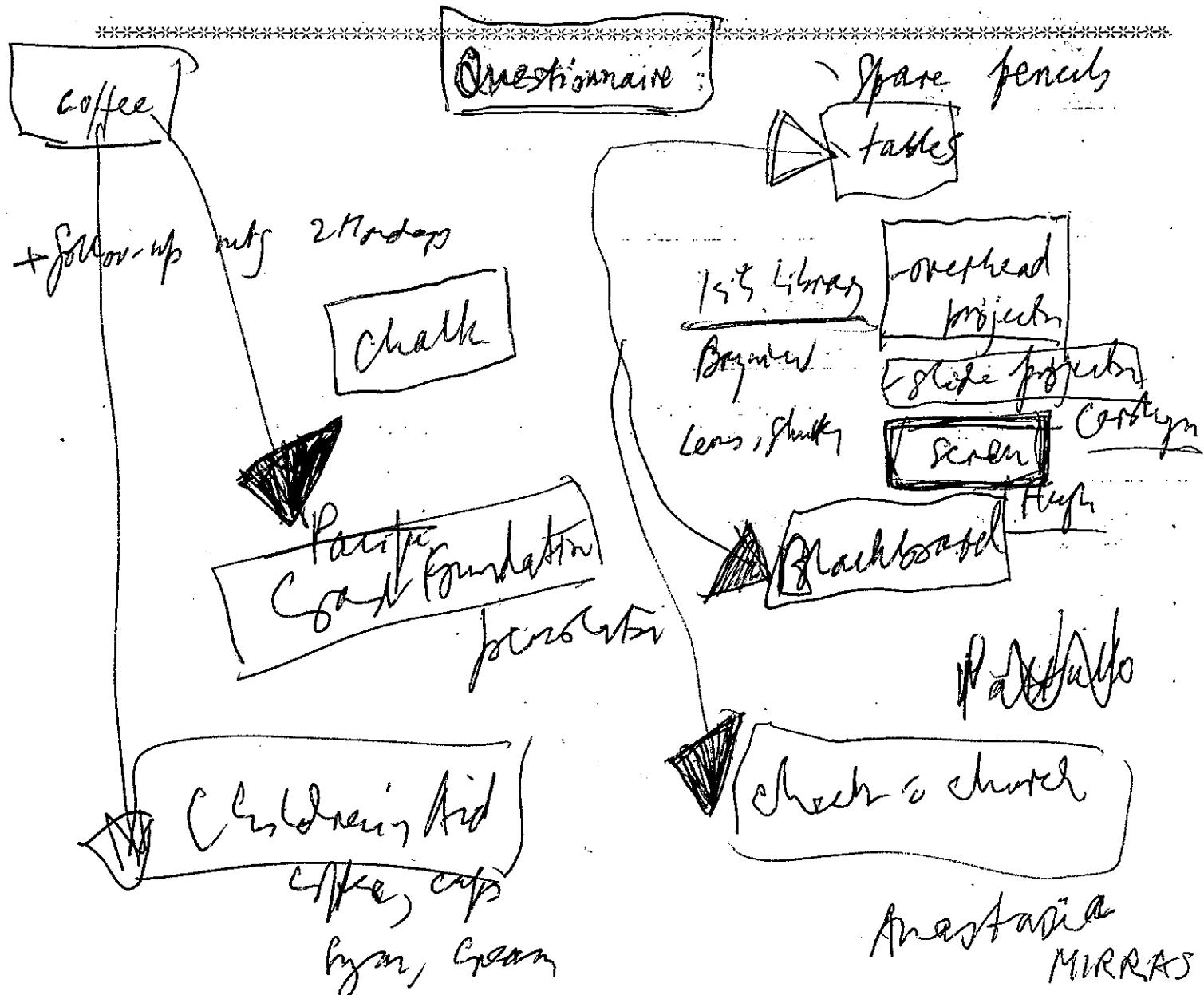
AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING - Wednesday, May 16 - Kitsilano United Church

Chairman: Nathan Karmel, Community Development worker for Kitsilano

1. Slide show on existing mental health facilities
2. Aims of the Community Mental Health Project
  - Dr. Hugh Parfitt, B.C. Home Treatment Services
3. Mental Health Programs in Vancouver
  - Barry Coull, Mental Patients' Association
4. Proposals for Citizen Involvement
  - Joyce Marvin, Kits House
5. Discussion and proposals from the floor.

### PROPOSALS FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

- I. That an Advisory Board be established within the Kitsilano community to act as a liaison body between the community and the Community Mental Health Team.  
(see general guidelines on the back of this sheet)
- II. That the Advisory Board elect representative(s) to sit on the relevant committee(s) of the Metropolitan Board of Health with full voting privileges.  
(The relevant committees at the present time are the Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Co-ordinating Committee)



## OBJECTIVES

- Liaison Body Between the Citizens of Kitchilano and the Community Mental Health Team  
To act as a formal link between the citizens of Kitchilano and the Community Mental Health Team by:
  - reviewing, on a regular basis, the work of the team
  - providing channels for citizen feedback and evaluation of the team
  - supporting staff efforts that facilitate greater citizen and client feedback
  - actively publicizing the work of the team, and of other groups that offer mental health services to individuals offering mental health services in Kitchilano so that:
    - people who need the services can find out where and to whom they might go in trying to resolve their problems.
    - the community can begin to have the information that is necessary for determining the mental health services in Kitchilano.
- Advisory and Liaison Body on Mental Health Services  
To act as a liaison and advisory body to other groups and individuals offering mental health services in Kitchilano to:
  - strengthen citizen participation in the designing, operation, and evaluation of the mental health services in Kitchilano by:
    - seeking representation on the Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Co-ordinating Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Health. The
      - encouraging imaginative research and demonstration projects that might illuminate problems and questions in the mental health area.
      - creating a structure (e.g. an incorporated society) to continue the functions of the Community Advisory Board.
        - cooperating actively with others in Kitchilano whose goals and activities are related to prevent mental health services in Vancouver to provide preventive mental health services in Kitchilano.
  - Citizen Planning and Representation  
To find ways of ensuring that a wide choice of mental health services is available to the citizens of Kitchilano.
    - developing representative organizations in each metropolitan area to provide services to the citizens of Kitchilano.
      - cooperating with other groups in Vancouver in their attempts to improve the mental health services of this city, and to further citizen participation in these services.

## STRUCTURE

- Advisory Board.  
The Leader of the Community Mental Health Team should be a member of the Community Mental Health Team, and to other mental health workers in Kitchilano.
  - Meetings should be open to the public, to other staff of the Community Mental Health Team, and to other mental health workers in Kitchilano.
  - Membership of the Board should be broadly representative of the range of interests and concerns in the community.

~~Community Mental Health Team~~  
~~at the Community Mental Health Team~~