

KITSILANO CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

October 22/73 - Kitsilano House

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MINUTES
3. PERSONNEL REPORT
4. STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
5. EDUCATION
6. HOUSING
7. OTHER BUSINESS

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Minutes: General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Oct. 22/73
Kitsilano House

1. Call to order by Chairperson Chris Krawczyk.
2. Minutes of Oct. 9th General Meeting moved accepted and adopted.
3. Personnel report by Butch Leslie
 - 10 to 12 Mental Health Workers have been individually interviewed. 1 woman acceptable to Citizen's Personnel Committee was rejected by Projects' Committee.
 - Citizen's Committee seeks support of general meeting to interview and obtain a team of 4 to 5 workers with 1 member of Committee continuing to search for a Coordinator. Support given via straw vote.
 - 3 vacant Personnel positions need filling: Peter Tomlinson resigned, Jackie Hooper has been away ill; Marilyn Kalman hasn't appeared at last 2 meetings
 - Kits budget hasn't been accepted. Hopefully applicants will wait for jobs until it's approved.
 - Hiring criteria: follows original personnel policy guidelines. Especially looking for workers with crisis experience, knowledge of community resources, of systems and institutions and how they affect the individual.
 - Some members questioned the non-hiring of apparently well qualified people. Response that most applicants either not strong enough or too strong and abrasive.
 - Question if re-interviewing Coordinator applicants on individual rather than group basis had been considered. Response: No.
 - Only 1 new applicant for Coordinator position.
4. Steering Committee Report by Barry Coull
 - Involvement, responsibility and commitment needed to be on Committee
 - Essential that at least one representative from each committee appear at the general meeting. Suggest if members of committees are busy the committee should select one member to attend general meeting.
 - Steering committee feels it needs to stimulate more discussion and should promote education within the area of mental health. We hadn't informed people sufficiently about the politics of the mental health issue.
 - Meeting with Kyle and Chairpersons of other Citizens Committees. Kits had 3 people there. They felt that we were over represented.
 - Subject of group interviewing came up as well as our desire to hire the rest of the team without a coordinator. If we hire team ~~just~~ Kyle said an interim administrator would have to be appointed from his office.
 - Maria Canive reported that she has been appointed as Kits. interim coordinator when we have a team.
 - Chris reported that budget has been rejected and returned to M.B.H. Various speculation on reason for rejection. Protest suggested but no specific proposals made. Suggested that Steering Committee attempt to determine reasons for rejection.

5. Education Committee

Carolyn Reynolds, Patty Dawes, Marcia Enomoto, Jane Wintermute

Phil reported on steering committee feelings that education has been neglected; that discussion meetings are important.
Discussion re effect of education on team operation.

6. Housing Report

Alice reported that flyer/questionnaire will be distributed to approximately 50 suitably zoned houses.
Comm. mandate to search for house terminates October 31.
Ed Bigs, Bev Bond, Marg Sharpe, Lois, Chris, Mary Hopkins volunteer to deliver leaflets with Alice & Susanne Huzel.
Moved by Patty H, seconded by Lois that Kits Community approve letter of protest re UBC. West Service Area proposal and submit it to Inter-area group. CARRIED

7. Sub-Committee Report on Citizen's Committees

Moved we end discussion of Sub- Committee report on Citizen's Committees and that Barry Coull be instructed to state that we feel the report doesn't provide for effective citizens control. We should reaffirm Kits brief, state we're studying sub-committee report and anticipate serious objections. CARRIED

8. ADJOURN

Moved that the meeting be terminated.

CARRIED