

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN KITSILANO

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)

*Citizens Advisory Board
open committee has struck to meet a week tonight
to begin setting guideline and proposing policies for
the Com^m MHT in Kitsilano*

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR A COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN KITSILANO

OBJECTIVES

1. Liason Body Between the Citizens of Kitsilano and the Community Mental Health Team

To act as a formal link between the citizens of Kitsilano and the Community Mental Health Team by:

- (a) reviewing, on a regular basis, the work of the team
- (b) providing channels for citizen feedback and evaluation of the team
- (c) providing channels for feedback and evaluation of the team from its clients
- (d) supporting staff efforts that facilitate greater citizen and client feedback and evaluation
- (e) actively publicizing the work of the team, and of other groups that offer mental health services in Kitsilano so that:
 - (i) people who need the services can find out where and to whom they might go in trying to resolve their problems.
 - (ii) the community can begin to have the information that is necessary for determining the mental health needs of Kitsilano, and the range of services that are needed.

2. Advisory and Liason Body on Mental Health Services

To act as a liason and advisory body to other groups and individuals offering mental health services in Kitsilano.

3. Citizen Planning and Representation

To strengthen citizen participation in the designing, operation, and evaluation of the mental health services in Kitsilano by:

- (a) seeking representation on the Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Co-ordinating Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Health. The representative on each committee would be a member of the Community Advisory Board, would report directly to the Advisory Board, and would have full voting privileges on the Metropolitan Board of Health committee.
- (b) creating a structure (eg. an incorporated society) to continue the functions of the Community Advisory Board.
- (c) encouraging imaginative research and demonstration projects that might illuminate problems and questions in the mental health area.

4. Variety of Services

To find ways of ensuring that a wide choice of mental health services is available to the citizens of Kitsilano.

5. Preventative Mental Health Services and Programs

To cooperate actively with others in Kitsilano whose goals and activities are related to preventative mental health.

6. Mental Health Services in Vancouver

To cooperate 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

1. The leader of the Community Mental Health Team should be a member of the Community Advisory Board.
2. Meetings should be open to the public, to other staff of the Community Mental Health Team, and to other mental health workers in Kitsilano.
3. Membership of the Board should be broadly representative of the range of interests