MINUTES OF MEETING - FRIENDS OF BELMONT BIRTHING

DATE: April 6, 2014

PRESENT: Tess Lieberman
Jenny Viera
Kim Watkins
Artemis Horton

APOLOGIES: Renee Davies
Brooke Jackson

REFERENCE: Friends of Belmont Birthing
February Quarterly Meeting

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AGENDA

- Report on Meeting with Belmont Midwives, February 2014
- Report on HNEH Meeting, March 2014
- Belmont Open Day – International Midwives Day
- Market Stalls
- Birth Stories Project

1 REPORT ON MEETING WITH BELMONT MIDWIVES

FOBB met with Belmont midwives on February 27 to discuss the following items:

- Representation of Belmont Midwifery Group Practice (BMGP) by Dr Henry Murray at March 2014 HNEH shared obstetrics care weekend.
- Forming of a GP committee of BMGP supporters to meet at Belmont.
- Project proposals for 2014, including:
  - Hosting an Open Day at Belmont for International Midwives Day

Action By:

Tess
Artemis


**Report on Meeting with Belmont Midwives, cont’d**

- Continuation of “Meet the Midwife” quarterly market stalls
- “Welcome Foyer” project
- Selling t-shirts at Belmont
- Microbirth collaborative screening, second half of 2014
- Access by new arrival refugees to the service
- Enhancing web content – recommended reading, etc.

Meeting was productive and all project proposals were met with approval and enthusiasm.

**2 REPORT ON HNEH MEETING**

A meeting was held on March 5 between FOBB and HNEH representatives to discuss initiatives to promote BMGP amongst GPs as well as to consumers. The following resolutions were put in place:

- Confirmation by HNEH of promotion of BMGP to GPs at shared obstetrics care weekend.

- Agreed by HNEH that an Open Day at Belmont would be useful and HNEH to write letter of invitation to GPs for the event.

- Working with hospital as part of National Standards of Accreditation "10 New National Safety and Quality Service Standards", Standard 2: Partnering with Consumers, including creating consumer-centred care and be able to access information about options and agreed treatment plans:
  - HNEH has agreed to make BMGP statistics available on MyBirth website.
  - Attention to/revision of Maternity Services Handbook desperately needed. Does not do justice to promoting BMGP as an option. Changes had already been submitted by FOBB, as per HNEH request from previous meeting. Have they been acknowledged?? FOBB has offered to continue helping.
  - Are women given the option to select Belmont at booking-in visit? Too late to book in once they get handbook. What can HNEH do about this? Jane Crosbie (BMGP manager) has said she has asked birth centre team to let women know about Belmont as an option where they think it is appropriate.

**3 BELMONT OPEN DAY – INTERNATIONAL MIDWIVES DAY**

- Is it necessary to submit Event Request Form to MC? Is approval required? What about fundraising proceeds? Contact needs to be made with MC to confirm what needs to be done.

Artemis
Belmont Open Day – International Midwives Day Cont’d

- Letter of invitation to GPs and media release to be formulated. HNEH agreed to assist with this. Lauren, from HNEH communications department, will not do media release until day before. Follow up.
  Action By: Tess

- Facebook invite will bring people and food! Invitation through email with poster attached to be sent.
  Action By: Tess, Artemis

- Invitation to be extended to Carol Azzopardi (HNEH) to speak at noon.
  Action By: Tess

- Fundraiser: Raffle or donation? Eliza said she would be organizing a raffle (contact needs to be made with her to confirm). If not in place yet, donation would be better arrangement – gold coin donation at event. Charity to be decided by BMGP midwives and reported back to FOBB. Possible link for Paypal donations on FOBB website to be investigated.
  Action By: Tess, Jenny, Kim W, Renee

- T-shirt sales to be organized for event. Contact to be made with Emily.
  Action By: Tess

- In light of International Midwives Day, would be good to have something to treat Belmont midwives – massages? Gift? Donation possibilities to be investigated.
  Action By: Tess, Artemis, Tess

- Advertising: Posters A3/A4 to be distributed to Newcastle libraries and Lake Macquarie libraries. Event postings on council websites. Contact local websites, Newcastle’s Child magazine, etc. Invite networks through Request to Jane to distribute posters to hospitals and health centres.
  Action By: Jenny, Artemis, Tess

4 MARKET STALLS

- Agreed to attend markets quarterly, alternating between Newcastle and Spears Point.

- Request for last weekend in April has been submitted with Newcastle Farmer’s Markets. If stall granted, mini posters for Belmont Open Day should be printed and distributed.

5 BIRTH STORIES PROJECT

All contributors have been contacted and notified that a print version will no longer be made and project will be web-based instead. Stories are still being accepted with preference now towards birth stories written by dads. Looking at possible May finish for project.

Action By: Nicola