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MINUTES OF LUSAKA HEALTH TEAM HELD ON JULY 18th, 1981

Present: Comrade E. Mgabaza (Vice Chairperson)
Comrade M. Ngqobe (Secretary)
Comrade M. Tshabalala (Secretary for Health Department)
Comrade E. Mathe
Comrade Z. Nokwe
Comrade S. Mfenyana (Coordinating Secretary)

Apologies: Comrade S. Randeree (Chairman)
Comrade A. Moroka
Comrade W. Nkobi
Comrade T. Nkobi
Comrade P. Naicker
Comrade E. Miya.

Agenda: 1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Report from Brazzaville
3. Matters arising
4. General

- 1.0. Minutes of last meeting were read and matters arising were:
- 1.1. Meeting noted that the Team's annual report is not yet ready.
- 1.2. On Norway First Aid Training. Comrade Manto reported that there are four people who have been chosen for the course in Luanda. She would follow up the matter with Comrade Nomaca as the person appointed to be in charge of the programme.
- 1.3. Other regions are to be informed of developments concerning preparations of the conference.
- 1.4. Paper from the London Team dealing with Worker's Health has been received. Although the Working Papers have already been submitted, both the Dar and London papers will come in handy to the delegation at the conference.
- 1.5. No further clarification has been received from the S.G.'s office concerning the ticket to Geneva for the W.H.A.
- 1.6. On IYD programme Comrade Zana reported that she has not yet written anything because she had difficulties on the approach.

Comrade Zana was advised to find somebody to help her write out the programme.

2.0. REPORT FROM BRAZZAVILLE

The Regional and Assistant Regional Director were not in Brazzaville for the meeting. W.H.O. people present were not quite articulate nor fully briefed.

2.2. On Venue: The regional director had written to Zimbabwe and other centres (countries) but has not yet received any reply. Comrade Manto further reported that she has written to our Chief Rep in Zimbabwe to see the Zimbabwean authorities to urge them to reply.

2.3. As the task of this preparatory meeting was to look into the papers, the Regional director advised the meeting to produce Working Papers rather than Position papers as initially agreed upon.

2.4. All our papers had to be redone as follows:-

- Health Action Paper turned out to have been done only by us and accepted as the basis for the final version.
- Child Health: done by the O.A.U. was not satisfactory and we had to re do it, combining it with our own paper on Maternal Health.
- Workers Health: by SWAPO. Not enough was done on the paper by SWAPO. We had to extract from our position paper sections dealing with Worker's Health to do worker's health with SWAPO.
- Health and Liberation: Still to be done by one of the newly independent African States.

2.5. The last preparatory meeting for the conference is to be held in Accra in September at the Regional Committee Meeting.

2.6. On Invitations: The issue of specialists to be invited will be discussed at the Regional Meeting.

2.7. Comrade Manto reported that we still have to give in additional names of people to be invited. We had prepared a list of support groups, not of individuals. Comrade Peter Mfelang has sent a name of a doctor who is interested in the meeting. And there are further requests from 2 American women to be invited.

- 2.8. The meeting agreed that Comrade Manto should write to the Chief Rep in London, Canada, U.S.A. and Scandinavian countries for them to send list of all South African Health personnel that can be invited to the conference. We do not promise tickets, it would be best if they support themselves.
- 2.9. In reply to a question on how many delegates are expected from us, Comrade Manto replied that the decision depends on the Regional Director. We had requested one person for each commission. There are likely to be five papers meaning we would have five tickets which would be distributed in the Southern Africa region.
- 3.0. A.N.C. PARTICIPATION
- 3.1. As we hope to hold our next Health Council Meeting at the Conference we need to have the maximum number of people attending, Comrade Manto is therefore to try and find extra funds from support groups.
- 3.2. The Question of publications to be distributed at the conference, Comrade Manto reported that she had already consulted with the DIP.
- 3.3. On Material from home, the R.C. is to be given themes of the conference so that they can decide on what will be relevant at the conference.
- 3.4. Comrade Amo is to look into the question of Amandla cloth material being ready for the conference. If not available it should be requisitioned.
- 3.5. Comrade Manto will keep the Lusaka Health Team, presently acting as the conference preparatory Committee from Brazzaville.
- 4.0. OTHER MATTERS
- 4.1. Comrade Sindiso reported that we had received an invitation for the Regional Committee meeting in September. After consultation with the Lusaka Team's Chairman the name of Comrade Mayford was suggested and duly sent as our delegate. However it transpired that Comrade Mayford has to leave for further studies. And since preparations for the Conference are to be made at the meeting, comrade Manto was delegated to attend the meeting.
- 4.2. In preparation of Comrade Mayford leaving, somebody has to be found to man the clinic. Comrade Manto was mandated to try and find somebody in East Africa to man the clinic.

4.3. HEALTH WORKSHOP

Comrade Manto reported that help has been sought from the W.H.O. in developing our Health Policy. We have to do an analysis of the whole Health Delivery System in a course called country Health Programme. Comrade Manto has written to the regional director to assist the A.N.C. Health Department to organise a country Health Programme workshop. Since the person responsible for the programme will only be free in December, the suggested date is December, 1981.

4.4. Comrade Manto reported that the Women's Section has asked her to prepare a paper on Women and Health for their forthcoming conference on August 23rd. The paper focuses on questions like maternity in exile, immunisation and nutrition.

The meeting closed with the next meeting to be held on August 14th at 16.30hrs.