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Health secretariat needs to continuously respond to emerging state policy so that communities are aware of what is going to regulate hygiene press

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 state member commenting
 'HQ to health - e.g. meeting with WHO.
 id meetings with our members in the MRC to elicit their views, and to inform them of our decision.
 Head office to hold consultations with other organizations (e.g. PAC) in line with the spirit of the Patriotic Front.
 Recommendations on repatriation
 Suggestion that as a matter of priority we should start with negotiating with the SAMDC re registration of these new categories of health workers.
 Should also speak to proximate organizations to see if we can place these workers in health projects.
 See if we can upgrade these categories of workers - e.g. physiotherapist assistants to health physiotherapists. Need to get established to see what upgrading needs to be done. Also need to liaise with Dept. of Human Resources.
 Suggestion that we need to have an AHF representative on the repatriation health - ek:ro FMIE

THE WAY FORWARD

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Guidelines to establish health committees and facilitate development.

- encourage FEE; Formative (Via fax? to assist.
- Secretariat and committee are already in place to help get dept. of the ground.
- Form into 'im committees in regions where there are no committee

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 Identify tasks of the
 Decision structure options of national and co-ordinating committee; as well as election process.
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 Majority view for 3 full time and 2 extra people on the National Coordinating committee (previously called the NWC).
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 2 non full-time : the others : let -ai zz'ecitat ,9
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bring together all the region; to discuss

the areas. how the dept should function

relating to health.

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9 member :ecretariat elected in Lusaka. 5 have remained in Lusaka. Cde Ralph has been the only healthsecretariat working actively in the country. Since repatriation 3 other members have come back, but are not active within the dept.

Structure: Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Admin. Secretary, Publicity, Training.

Each ANC PEG region in Africa: health AND 2 health teams composed of ANC health workers, 33 well 33 people who worked in institutions e.g. Weep itais.

Also had committee in the U.K. Health Secretariat has retained their offices in Lusaka. The coordination until recently was done from the Lusaka office. It is now being done from the different Airica regions.

Health Secretariat needs to 100K at more permanent representation for the health EEPUICEE in Africa. Needs to be discussed under-structure.

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health Committee - UK

After 1986 elected regional health committee. Thereafter interest waned by non-committee members. How have 3 sub-committees committee. Health directorate relationship with health Secretary, but health directorate relationships with region. UP region how to function.

QctUIiiee: Treated people more on 3 speciality basis. No treatment done through HHS. Close working relationship with anti-3p3hthe health committee. Poor communication with health secretariat. Information given to health secretariat. but health feedback. Health committee organized 3 trust 43' health Pei3t33 projects \$0: 333133 (to be discussed later).

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TASKS AND ROLE OF DEPARTMENT

ROLE OF DEPT

1. Health Policy Del.) Mipment for the QNIC
2. Preparing to govern re health services in the future
3. Organising of health worker; into QHC
4. Providing services
5. Contributing to developmental policy
6. Raising national and international profile of QNC with regard to health
7. Human Resource development
8. Challenging state health policies
9. Increasing awareness of QNC members on health and placing health on the political agenda,
10. Promoting an intersectoral approach to health;
11. Liaison with other progressive health organisations.

TQSFS

1. Service aspect - Relating to services being provided in exiles. a-e well a-e looking at other services
2. DEM'Evidence of health policy
3. Ewenpaigne - e.g. QIDz.
4. Health development policy: e.g. in Pietermaritzburg should we have a clinic. This is being by the QNC in general (involves other sectors)
5. Preparing for negotiations re health
6. Repatriation with special reference to health workers, e.g. registration, rehabilitation of mentally handicapped.
7. Preparation for both the health policy coherence as well as the health policy coherence
8. Identify/ develop HHC in present EVetem with a UHM to train categories of health workers.
9. Be able to transform existing 5,5tem. Therefore need to create database. However, should not get bogged down if he do not have the information.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Border suggested the following structure for discussions on health policy:

1. Nature of primary care unit
2. Structure of a health service
3. How should it be financed (e.g. should patients pay)
4. How do you involve community
5. Role of private sector
6. Health worker training
7. Local authorities
8. Traditional healers

M. Cape presented its approach. It has formed seventeen

sub-commissions on different aspects of the health policy.

Branches have been identified: 3 branches members are encouraged to

be in these sub-committees to develop policies. These officers?

policy areas will be drawn together in a regional policy

conference. In addition health committee members will address

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branch meetings. The idea is to develop more detailed policy, while at the same time to encourage local participation and organise new members.

Different approaches used by different regions. Approaches are not mutually exclusive.

4; 1) Separate human rights issues - have declaration of intent

2) Put together a working policy document

3) Did not like rhetoric

4) Distinguish between medical services and health

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Need to have health clause in the ch

constitution. '

SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS _ o

1. Recommendation that :e a basic minimum we have : draft T policy document that all regions..should adopt. Second draft 04 the first one. -

2. Involvement of communities in the process of policy development.

3. Encourage regions to develop more detailed policy in specific areas.

4. Translate Document into Vernacular.

aim to have feedback from all branches on the original document by the next conference. Branches need to discuss whether we need to build in a health section into the constitution. If they feel that it is necessary, then they should come up with drafts.

SPECIFIC AREAS

Other areas that need to be included in the M. Cape sub-committee are tradition and heritage. Border areas that the previous areas that they have mentioned need special emphasis and need to be looked at separately.

Regions can look at both the proposals. They are at mutually exclusive. These areas are open. Regions can add on and not necessarily have to work. In all the specific areas. Regions to inform head office which areas they will be developing. To liaise with one another by exchange of papers etc.

Head Office should distribute to regions the list of sub-committees and names of convenors of sub-committees in the different regions. Convenors of similar committees should then liaise with each other. Draft decisions should be circulated to regions (via head office, before the national health conference).

Proposed date for National Health Conference: 24, 25, Both

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January, 1992 in Johannesburg FNU to meet and prepare for the The other area : - I.e. take of dept can be discussed by regions I-E- OFG:nation, came from. Participation will be discussed: tz-ze-za. E-e-ice aa;e:ta - Nizi :e discussed: under structure.

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2 Head to recommend to REC to co-th a person to deal with health and welfare, if there is no person dealing with this. Amendment proposed by W. Cape - re any QNC members who is interested in working in the dept can be part of the health dept, accepted.

4. Should a region want to organise a different health committee, then structure should be flexible. 3

Reports to go to regional executive, national Executive.

MEETING HELD ON 15/9/91, SUNDAY IN JOHANNESBURG
INTERNATIONAL

Input given by Cde Ralph. Over the years the QNC, and the health dept has been supported by international donors especially the :bciaizt: countries, Scandinavian countries and Australia.. This has been mainly material support. Other :supbrt twee been given by UN agencies e.g. NHU, UNICEF, UNDP. This has been support in terms of training, technical support as well as material.

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Most of these bodies have increasingly been expressing a need to concentrate on developmental projects. They are especially keen to get involved in health projects.

We need to discuss what are the processes with restructuring. What do we see as future health problems in S. Africa and what are the needs. How can donor agencies assist in funding these needs. What are our priorities.

Basically, donor agencies do not like to fund health care, administration and staff. However, if these are linked to development projects, then donor agencies should be willing to fund these projects. ' '

What about GPHC agencies wanting to fund more broad

general health services

More rather than ANC projects per se.

based projects

Meeting decided to discuss the development committee now.

1. Should PHO/J Me ts in the other- organization (i.e. be as broad based as possible). How should development aid be channelled.

2. Should the AMI: co- ordinate or should there be a broader beed coordinating structure, e.g. should QHC build their own clinics.

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(a) HNC Internal (Dept, health; ncheei. FHL must have regional development forum)

(b) Patriotic forum

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ENGAGING THE STATE

Government Food Aid Programme

Had 3 members of the ANC who attended the meeting.

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- Money too little
- Money should also be used for food victims, victims of violence
- Funds should not be available only to beneficiaries that are largely attended by government people
- Charities were more interested in how much money could be obtained

Director: General in Natal set up a meeting of mainly the etzte; (including Kwezulu), the University of Natal, and the QNC to discuss the food aid programme.

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MR8 and Kazer Fikundat ibn have made overtures to fund development 0% ANC Health Policy Izw.

Need to set criteria. How we will engage the state. Johnnr raised the issue that came in the U: has been agreed to evaluate the current AIDE programmes.

STATE STRATEGY

1. Co-opt progressive forces.
2. Gain credibility.
3. Regime wants to take its own initiative and make itself to be seen as agent of change.
4. New members bolstering the state position.
5. Propping up discredited structures in contravention of peace accord.

Solution;

1. Influencing the ideas: the state, in order to prevent inheriting a system that is in total decline.
2. Should we or should we not get involved in state initiatives.
3. Have a high-level strategy to guide our involvement.
4. Health secretariat need: to continuously respond to emerging state policy, so that communities are aware of what is going on.
5. Dept. needs to regulate HIV/AIDS issue prior to commenting on issues relating to health - e.g. meetings with WHO.
6. Formalize meetings with etzte - agenda, objectives. No informal chats etc.
7. Challenge etzte and expose deficiencies and joint planning.
9. Influence state strategy as a ' ; -- 'astt;:1_fe'
 - (a) peace accord process
 - (b) government decision making power in the community
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9. Mobilize sectoral bodies: e.g. Hemoa, 3% HNCU - and not leave it to NASA and other state structures.

(a) MRC

Our health workers working in these structures. MRC - a state created institution. Make use of the skills and facilities for our purposes. We need to convene our own members and ask their views on the issue.

Members in MRC should make a report to the health dept."

Regions to call meeting with members working in the MRC, raise concerns and get comments. Such members to submit suggestions to Head quarters.

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Suggestion that similar organizations e.g. NQMDA and NASA, should open up communications. Need to engage to see how far we can transform these organisations policy.

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I would like to discuss with other

e.g. PHED in line with the spirit of the Patriotic

HIV and AIDS

Recommend that we do not get a person from UK to come here to do

'an evaluation. Suggest that this comrade empower our local

structure (like PPHC), rather than coming out as an individual.

AND initiatives on AIDS should link up with PPHC initiative.

REPATRIATION

1. Keep the aspects of dept in the short term

(3) Confidence building

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2. For rehabilitation of persons from the camps need to look

at occupational therapy in order to develop skills. Need to

follow this up.

Registration of health workers.

This has been done with regard to doctors, but now need to look

at other categories of health workers. This amounts to between 5a,

and 38 (other categories). Problem is the SAMDC does not

recognise such posts.

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Suggestion that as a matter of priority we should start with the

negotiating with the SAMDE for registration of these new

categories of health workers.

2 Should also speak to progressive organisation; to see if we

can place these workers in health projects.

3. See if we can upgrade these categories: 4 nurses - e.g.

physiotherapist assistants to become physiotherapists. Need

to get evidence to see what upgrading needs to be done.

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Support / ? Structuring of health secretariat.

Administrative staff - the need is urgent. So far PwU has been assisting. Cheryl takes the request to NNC (Fax:

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Deadlines:

- regional conferencea.to be held at the latest by end 0% November.

- Consultative conference 2S and 26 January 1??2.

- Minutes to sent out very soon (within the week).

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Natal Midlands
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land work with other progressive health organisations.
Link up with ANC campaign structures.
Strong Health unity forum.
FNC Health not directly involved. Health commission members mostly wear 2 hats, sometimes confusing.
Committee formed in June. I body. Involved in repatriation and branches asked to
8 member committee. Branches! tion and NCCR.
encouraged to get liaison persons.
delegates to meeting. Also sent to other organisations.
Also involved with Midlands emergency clinic - treatment re violence
Discussion - not very good.
NO serious activities.
IREC - has had some health activities e.g. protest march to hospital.
Participated in forming AIDS Policy document was circulated