

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society
February 10, 1974

1. RAPE RELIEF--Johanna DenHertog outlined to the group the services which rape relief will be offering to the community, all of which are in their funding proposal which is available at the house. The discussion revolved around the proposed alignment of the Rape Relief Action Group with the Health Collective and how this would effect funding possibilities for both groups. It was decided that Rape Relief would operate out of the house on John Street and that they would pay rent and utilities for their rooms.
2. PHONE LINE--Catherine Russell suggested that the phone line be split into two separate lines, one dealing with general health and one solely with abortion and referrals. The general feeling was that it would be better for training purposes and morale of people working on the phone line if this was not done because it would be too much of an emotional drain for those who were working just on the abortion line. The phone lines will remain integrated for the time being, at any rate until there are more people involved in this part of the Collective.
3. FREE CLINIC EVICTION--The clinic received its notice effective March 15 which means we'll have to start searching for new premises. Some suggestions offered were Pine Street Clinic, Downtown Health Centre, and Seymour Medical Clinic...all of which are still under consideration. The Clinic will operate, for the time being, out of Pine Street on Tuesday evenings March 12, 19, and 26 until we determine our permanent location(s).
4. IMAGING--It was suggested that we contact Maureen Elston and try this decision making method at one of our general meetings to clarify our goals as a collective. We decided that the women who were interested in participating in such a group contact Mary Preen and arrange it at a separate time.
5. MOVING--The now famous move from 146 East 18th to 4197 John Street was discussed in great detail with much enthusiasm and occasional rude comments about the wall paper at the new house. Hurrah for us.
6. NEWSLETTER--Mary announced that subscriptions are now available for the fast becoming famous Vancouver Women's Health Collective newsletter. Get in on the ground floor of this informative organ (Heh, heh). Get your subscriptions while they last, only \$2.00 per year (such a deal)
7. OUR BODIES OUR SELVES--It was decided that we would not indiscriminately hand out copies of OBOS but would encourage individual groups to order their own.

Note: CHANGES OF ADDRESS Ms. Darlene Steele 3424 W5th 733-1076 (a very warm house)
 Ms. Melissa Miller 2494 W3rd 738-2362

General meeting at 10 am March 10 at John St.