

# DIVISION MEETING - SHAUGNESSY

November 26th, 1987

1. **Lay-off Notice**

Joe informed the group that they'll probably get lay-off notice on December 1st, 1987, and that the National is behind them in the struggle.

2. **Services Offered by The Medical Genetics Department**

A member asked that other union members be informed about ALL the services offered (in terms of support groups) by the Medical Genetics Department.

3. **Testimonials In Support of The Staff**

Joe is trying to get the users of the services to do testimonials in support of the staff. We will attempt to garner patient support through writing to them to get them to write testimonial letters. One member emphasized not to "stress loss of jobs, but rather the loss of the service".

4. **Ad Campaign**

Joe indicated that the 3 target groups are users, members, and the public. After a member suggested that the Sun and Province be asked to re-run the articles they printed during the strike, Joe said that it might be better to purchase space so we can pick the page its on, and assure that it is printed. Joe also indicated that a member will be gotten hold of to be part of the ad campaign. As part of the ad and as a mail-out to all users, a letter is will be written stating situation with action component (write or call PM or MP).

5. **Letters to the Deputy Minister**

The staff are giving out the Deputy Minister's name and address to people who call them wanting to write letters.

6. **Petition**

Rod gave the members of the meeting the petition and explained to them that they should try to get them filled in and then call C.U.E. office to have them picked up. There are spaces for 10 names on each sheet so that each person passing them out hasn't such an onerous looking task. One member stressed that as Major McGuinness total them, they are not to use the photocopier for any 'Save Medical Genetics' material.

7. **Support**

In addition to our support by the National, we have the support of C.U.P.E. and A.U.C.E. people at S.F.U. The Nurse's Association will be contacted to get their support. It was suggested that the Outreach Programme in Kelowna be contacted and kept informed. Everything can be couriered to them within 24 hours.

8. **People Leaving**

Many people are already making plans to leave. They are leaving from all sectors (i.e. A & P, Technicians, Doctors, Staff). It is a concern that the staff won't be here to start up the Medical Genetics unit when the funds arrive in April.

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**9. December 1st Membership Meeting**

Rod said Grace is on the agenda for the December 1st membership meeting, and some M.G. should grab a cab and come tell the rest of the membership what is happening and how Grace staff feel. Joe said the issue was potentially a privatization issue.

**10. H.E.U. Raiding**

After concern was expressed over the H.E.U. raiding, Joe said she would talk to H.E.U. and explained the I.R.C. process. (We hope to be there with H.E.U. supporting us vs. McGuinness.) Also it was asked if McGuinness wanted to spend the money. McGuinness cannot do a raid overnight.

**11. Patients**

East Indians, Orientals, Asian, Eastern European, Mediterranean and Thalcemia referred are through their own doctors. Members gave us a map of the world showing people from what area and should therefore be tested for which genetic syndromes and diseases.