

PUBLIC SCHOOL NURSE

MISS MURIEL UPSHALL - #301 1234 W. 14th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

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Term: 1936-37

- Appointed by the Metropolitan Health Committee about November, 1936 to Richmond as a Senior Nurse. Miss Eileen Williams was also appointed.

Schools

- The School Board provided the service of the Public Health Nurse through Metropolitan Health Committee
- Miss Upshall was assigned the following schools: General Currie, Bridgeport, Cambie High

Policies

- The School Nurse followed the policies of the Metropolitan Health Committee Board
- Nursing Supervisors had a monthly meeting with the Medical Health Officers (Doctors)
- The point of the Metropolitan was for the whole of greater Vancouver to have the same system

School Program

- Consisted of a medical examination given by the Medical Health Officers, Dr. Boyd
- Prior to examination, the nurse would weigh the children, check their vision, skin, etc.
- After medical examination, any defects found that Dr. Boyd felt should be looked after was referred to the family physician and followed up by the nurse --explains procedure
- At that time (1936), thyroid was also checked - explains results and treatment, also talks of lack of iodine in Richmond soil
- Nurses taught Elementary Health Hygiene and visited younger classes frequently - discusses this
- Tuberculosis Program - a provincial survey of T.B. was done in the spring of '36. The T.B. pupil suspect had a home visit from the nurse to advise precautions to be taken.

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Records

- Used same record card as Vancouver
- Physical examination recorded, also any immunization given and a short summary of home visits.
- Cards were confidential.

Medical Room & Officers

- All schools had some room for a Nurses Officer - examinations, and records kept in this office.
- Nurses also had a main Richmond office in the Municipal Hall - discusses same.

Requirements for P.H.N.

- An R.N. and post-graduate certificate in Public Health from a university, or a degree from a university.

Transportation

- Nurse owned her own car.
- Had a car allowance of \$30.00 month.
- Miss Upshall resigned in June 1937 - explains reason.

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