

Minutes of Board meeting held in the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2000 at 6.00pm

---

**Present:**

Cllr. Tony Fox, Chairman  
Dr. John Fennell  
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell  
Ald. Senator Joe Doyle  
Cllr. Pat Doran  
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne  
Cllr. Olivia Mitchell T.D.  
Cllr. Maria Corrigan  
Cllr. Andrew Doyle  
Mr. John Dolan  
Cllr. Laurence Butler  
Mr. Gerry McGuire  
Ms. Noeleen Harvey  
Dr. Bernard Murphy

**Apologies:**

Dr. Ray Hawkins  
Dr. Mick Molloy  
Ms. Maria Hoban  
Ms. Joyce Andrews  
Mr. Paul Ledwidge

**Officers in attendance:**

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Martin Gallagher, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Cate Hartigan, A/Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance  
Mr. Alex Connelly, Communications Manager  
Mr. Pearse Costello, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary  
Ms. Suzanne Bushnell, Secretariat

## **Opening Prayer**

### **[1] Chairman's Business**

- The Chairman read the following report which was noted by the Board (*copy appended to the officers minute*)
- The Chairman referred to the Drug Treatment Services update report which is tabled under Agenda Item 5 and asked the members to support the Boards strategy in this regard.
- Referred to Schedule of Visits for November/December 2000 as circulated.
- Referred to meetings of Standing Committees for September. Reports on work of the Committees will be given under Agenda Item 6.
- Confirmed that Bray Urban District Council has made available its Council Chamber at Bray Town Hall for monthly meetings of our Board commencing January 2001.
- Referred to the Immunisation Programmes for Meningococcal C and Influenza
- Referred to visit by member of the Board to the Arklow and District Health Care and Facilities Improvement Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2000.
- Extended the Boards sympathies to Minister Michael Martin T.D. on the tragic death of Gobnait O'Connell, Special Advisor and commended the local Emergency Services on their quick response to the scene of the accident.

The following points made by members were noted and agreed.

- Provision of parking facilities at Town Hall, Bray for Board members.
- Need for a media campaign to highlight and project the positive work of the Board in relation to Drug Treatment Services.

### **[2] (a) Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2000 having been circulated were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell.

### **(b) Matters Arising**

No matters arising

### **[3] Questions to Chief Executive Officer.**

There were no questions tabled.

**[4] Chief Executive Officer Report**

The Chief Executive Officers report was circulated (*copy appended to the official minutes*).

*The Report dealt with the following items:-*

- Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum
- St. Columcille's Hospital
- Nursing Issues
- Dalkey Unit for Elderly
- Ambulance Dispute
- Child Care

A discussion took place on the Report to which Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne, Dr. John Fennell, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. Gerry McGuire, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Dr. Bernard Murphy, Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle, Cllr. Andrew Doyle contributed.

In response to points raised by members the Chief Executive Officer clarified the following points:-

- ***Nursing shortages***

The Directors of Human Resources for the three Area Boards in conjunction with the Director of Shared Services are formulating an Action Plan to maximise the number and grades of nursing and other grades of staff – Reports will be brought to the Acute Services and Primary Care Committee.

- ***Paediatric Services***

Discussions on this service are at an advanced stage. It is proposed that the service will be based at St. Columcille's Hospital and will provide outreach services.

- ***Project Team St. Columcille's Hospital***

Up to date report will be brought to the Acute Services and Primary Care Committee.

- ***Dalkey Unit***

The Unit will be opened in advance of the Winter and protocol for admissions Policy agreed. Members will be kept informed of developments.

- ***Orthodontic Services***

Up to date report will be brought to the Continuing Care Committee.

- **Central Mental Hospital**

Clearance has been approved for Project Team to report on service developments.

- **Waiting List Initiative**

Board is addressing this issue with other Hospitals in area and report will be brought to Acute Services and Primary Care Committee

The Board unanimously adopted the Report.

**[5] (a) Update on Drug Treatment Services**

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer's (Service Delivery) Report was circulated (copy appended to official minute). The report dealt with the following items.

- Treatment Services
- Education and Prevention Services
- Outreach Services
- Detoxification Services
- Counselling
- Rehabilitation Services

There followed a discussion on the Report to which Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne, Dr. John Fennell, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Ms. Noeleen Harvey, Mr. Gerry McGuire contributed.

In response to points raised by members the Assistant Chief Executive Officer clarified the following points:

- Problems associated with Moran Park in Dun Laoghaire will be followed up with Dun Laoghaire Parks Department.
- Need for better liaising with General Practitioner Services
- Proposals in relation to mobile unit and referral of patients who have dropped their treatment programme will be taken on board.
- Needle disposal system will be put in place with Pharmacy Union.
- Copy of study, carried out by the National Academy of Sciences Institute U.S.A. will be circulated to members.

The Chairman and members of the Board thanked the Assistant Chief Executive Officer for his comprehensive report and also complemented staff and everybody involved with the Drugs Strategy. On the proposal of Cllr. Tony Fox, chairman and seconded by Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell the report was unanimously adopted by the Board.

**(b) Update on Establishment of**

- (i) Physical and Sensory Committee
- (ii) Intellectual Disabilities Committee

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer, (Planning & Evaluation) Report was circulated (copy appended to official minute).

The members welcomed the establishment of Committees.

*The following points were noted:-*

- The need for proper representation on committees
- Need to appoint Director for Disabilities without delay.
- The provision of the new of Mental Health Bill needs to be addressed.

The Report was noted and adopted by the members.

**[6] Report of Standing Committees**

Reports on meetings of the Standing Committees were adopted (copies appended to official minute) on proposal of Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne.

**[7] Motion**

Proposed by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne – was unanimously adopted by the members.

**[8] Correspondence**

- (a) "Once off Grants" for Aids and Appliances - circulated
- (b) Letter from St. Michael's Hospital - circulated

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

-----  
M LYONS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

-----  
CLLR TONY FOX  
CATHAORLEACH

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date