

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the South Western Area Health Board held in
the Board Room, Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare,
on Tuesday, 6th April, 2004, at 2.00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell
Mr. G. Brady
Cllr. T. Cullen
Dr. M. Gueret
Cllr. C. McGrath
Dr. B. Murphy
Cllr. J. Reilly
Cllr. D. Tipping

Dr. S. Barry
Cllr. E. Byrne
Cllr. J. Daly
Dr. K. Harkin
Ald. M. Mooney
Cllr. F. O'Loughlin
Cllr. T. Ridge

Apologies

Ms. A. Harris
Cllr. M. Miley
Cllr. G. McGuire

Ms. N. Harvey
Mr. C. Lynch

In the Chair

Ald. M. Mooney

Officers in Attendance

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. R. Buckley, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. R. Mitchell, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. M. Rogan, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. D. Lyons, Director of Finance
Mr. D. Delaney, Director of Communications
Ms. M. Gorry, A/Director of Human Resources
Ms. C. Bergin, Senior Manager
Mr. R. Healy, Board Secretary
Ms. E. Smith, Office Manager, Operations
Ms. P. Dempsey, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office
Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Members were invited to join with the Chairman in standing for a minute's silence to express sincere sympathy to those whose names were included on the list of condolences.

The Chairman then advised members of the following:-

1. *Promoting Heart Health Seminar*

I would like to notify members of the Promoting Heart Health Seminar to be held in Dublin Castle on 19th April, 2004, commencing at 10.00 a.m. This event is being organised by the S.W.A.H.B. Health Promotion Department to coincide with the EU Presidency.

Members should have already received invitations to the event and I would ask them to reply in the next few days as various security measures in relation to attendance are in place for this event.

2. *Launch of 'Slí na Sláinte' Walk*

I would like to inform members of the launch of the new '*Slí na Sláinte*' Walk in Quarryvale, Clondalkin which will take place at 12.00 noon on 20th April, 2004. This new walk is being launched in association with South Dublin County Council and the Irish Heart Foundation.

Full details of this launch will be notified to members in the next few days.

3. *Standing Committee Meeting*

I would like to inform members that the Primary, Acute and Community Services Standing Committee meeting scheduled for next Thursday, 8th April in Baltinglass District Hospital has been cancelled. An alternative date for this meeting will be notified to members in the near future.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH, 2004, & SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH, 2004.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Board Meeting held on 2nd March, 2004, and Special Board Meeting held on 9th March, 2004, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Dr. B. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. J. Reilly.

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RE: UPDATE ON REGIONAL CHILDCARE FRAMEWORK

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the Chairman's request, and with the agreement of members present, in order to allow adequate time for debate on the motions tabled on the agenda.

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C.E.O.'S REPORT

(This item was taken later in the meeting after the motions were debated).

Prior to this item a query regarding the newly-introduced legislation regarding smoking in the workplace was raised by Cllr. C. McGrath to which Mr. M. Rogan, Assistant Chief Executive, responded.

The C.E.O. then proceeded to read Report No. 4/2004 to members [copy filed with official minute].

Areas covered in the report are set out below:-

- Implementation of Smoking Ban
- Additional Funding re: Services for Intellectual Disabilities
- Funding re: Services for Physical and Sensory Disabilities
- Allocation for Palliative Care Services
- Update on Motion re: Occupational Therapy Services
- Mental Health Services Update
- Addiction Services Update
- National Taskforce on Obesity
- Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) Food Safety Conference 2004
- Mental Health Commission Strategic Plan (2004-2005)
- Adoption Agreement between Ireland and Vietnam
- Consultant Appointments
- Health Services Reform Update

Discussion followed to which Cllr. J. Reilly, Dr. B. Murphy and Cllr. E. Byrne contributed and to which the C.E.O. and Ms. R. Buckley responded as follows:-

- It was agreed to follow up a query raised by Cllr. E. Byrne concerning the implementation of the legislation regarding the ban on smoking in the workplace in a particular nursing home.
- It was agreed to follow up a query from Cllr. J. Reilly regarding the publication/availability of details regarding food premises found to be in breach of hygiene regulations.

The C.E.O.'s Report was noted.

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MATTERS FOR MENTION/MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr. J. Reilly thanked the Executive for making the necessary arrangements for the recent visit by Board Members to Raheen Community Hospital in East Clare (Mid-Western Health Board) and complimented the staff and all involved with the initiative regarding older people which is run from the hospital.

33/2004**PROGRESS REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

On a proposal by Dr. B. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Tipping, the Progress Reports from the Primary, Acute and Community Services Standing Committee meetings held on 25th February, 2004, and 24th March, 2004, were adopted.

On a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. T. Ridge, the Progress Report from the Mental Health and Special Care Standing Committee meeting held on 18th March, 2004, was adopted.

34/2004**PROGRESS REPORT FROM FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Dr. B. Murphy, the Progress Report from the Finance & Property Committee meeting held on 19th March, 2004, was adopted.

Discussion followed regarding some aspects of the procedure for property disposals to which Cllr. C. McGrath, Cllr. E. Byrne, Cllr. J. Daly, Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. D. Tipping and Mr. G. Brady contributed and to which the C.E.O. responded. It was agreed to follow up regarding issues raised.

35/2004**NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

The following motion was proposed by Dr. K. Harkin and seconded by Cllr. C. McGrath:-

“That this board authorises and requests the executive to utilise the services of speech therapists and occupational therapists from the private sector where a waiting list for such services exceeds six months.”

Discussion followed to which Cllr. C. McGrath, Dr. S. Barry, Cllr. J. Reilly, Dr. M. Gueret and Cllr. T. Ridge contributed and to which the C.E.O. responded.

The motion was agreed pending costings being carried out to estimate the financial implications involved if implemented, or if funding is to be sought through the Treatment Purchase Fund in this regard, as was suggested by a member.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. C. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. J. Daly:-

“That this Board acknowledges with interest the five year strategy (2003-2008) for Peamount Hospital, as published by the hospital Board, with the emphasis on the provision of Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Services for Older People and Adults with neurological, pulmonary and intellectual disabilities, however, expresses its concern at the proposed transition plan for the Chest Hospital to other hospitals in the region. This departure away from the provision of Acute Services could jeopardise the potential future of Peamount as a general hospital serving the ever expanding populations in Lucan (Adamstown), Clondalkin, Newcastle and surrounding areas and

could have serious implications for the receiving hospitals with the risk of cross infection and a reversal of the decline in the incidence of TB.”

Extensive discussion followed to which all members present contributed and to which the C.E.O. responded.

The motion was agreed and, in conclusion, members indicated that they would raise this matter at the E.R.H.A. Board Meeting which was to be held the following evening.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The items of correspondence, as referred to in the C.E.O.’s report, were noted by members.

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SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (APRIL 2004)

The schedule of visits for Board Members and Committee Meetings for April 2004, which had been circulated with the agenda papers, was noted by members.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Following a suggestion from Cllr. D. Tipping, and with the agreement of the members present, it was confirmed that the May meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, 4th May, 2004, in the Board Room, Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare at 2.00 p.m. (details re time and venue amended from those listed on the agenda).

**CORRECT: P. DONNELLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CHAIRMAN