

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting of the South Western Area Health Board held in the Board Room, Oak House, South Western Area Health Board H.Q., Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, on Friday, 5th July, 2002, at 2.50 p.m.

Present

Mr. P. Aspell
Cllr. C. Byrne
Cllr. T. Cullen
Ms. A. Harris
Cllr. M. Miley
Cllr. C. O'Connor, T.D.
Cllr. J. Reilly
Cllr. D. Tipping

Dr. S. Barry
Cllr. E. Byrne
Mr. J. Fallon
Cllr. C. McGrath
Dr. B. Murphy
Cllr. S. Ó Fearghail, T.D.
Sen. T. Ridge
Cllr. J. Wall, T.D.

Non-Voting Members

Mr. G. McGuire

Apologies

Dr. K. Harkin
Ms. M. Hoban

Ms. N. Harvey
Ald. M. Mooney

In the Chair

Sen. T. Ridge

Officers in Attendance

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. P. Bennett, Assistant Chief Executive
Ms. B. Clarke, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. S. O'Brien, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. D. Lyons, Director of Finance
Mr. T. McMahon, Director of Human Resources
Mr. R. Mitchell, Director of Communications
Ms. R. Buckley, Director – Disability Services
Mr. M. Rogan, Director – Mental Health and Addiction Services
Mr. J. Leech, Management Accountant
Mr. R. Healy, Board Secretary
Ms. C. Bergin, Senior Manager, Operations
Ms. C. Cuffe, Senior Manager, Operations
Ms. A. Barry, Office Manager, Operations
Ms. P. Dempsey, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office
Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Cllr. E. Byrne raised a number of points in relation to the need for ongoing review and assessment of the Board's developments. Cllr. Byrne's comments were acknowledged and noted.

At the outset, the C.E.O. referred to the Minister for Health & Children's statement concerning the recall of one batch of B.C.G. vaccine. A copy of the statement was circulated for noting by members [copy filed with official minute].

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BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The C.E.O. gave an overview of the report on the Board's Service and Capital Development Plans which was circulated to members [copy filed with official minute].

Members were advised that the report contained a summary of the Board's major developments, both ongoing and planned, but that there were many other initiatives at the preliminary stages which were not included.

The C.E.O. then updated members on some of the key developments listed under the major headings.

Members thanked the C.E.O. for his report and discussion followed to which Cllr. T. Cullen, Dr. S. Barry, Cllr. E. Byrne, Cllr. C. Byrne, Cllr. J. Wall, Dr. B. Murphy, Mr. G. McGuire, Cllr. M. Miley, Cllr. D. Tipping, Sen. T. Ridge, Mr. J. Fallon and Mr. P. Aspell contributed.

The C.E.O. and Assistant Chief Executives clarified issues raised by members, including the following:-

- In response to a contribution from a Board Member, members were advised that developments in the Naas, Athy and Baltinglass areas impact on/benefit the West Wicklow area also. Members were informed that investment by our board is based on prioritisation of needs, population trends, and is contingent on the availability of funding.
- The Assistant Chief Executive, Special Projects, responded to members regarding various aspects of some of the capital developments listed in the report.
- Members were advised that a policy document regarding care of older persons at home is being prepared.
- Recent developments in health promotion were outlined.
- Proposals for inclusion in next year's Provider Plan will be discussed at forthcoming Standing Committee meetings.

Members noted the report.

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

CHAIRMAN