

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MID-WESTERN  
HEALTH BOARD HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, 31/33 CATHERINE  
STREET, LIMERICK ON THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, 2001 AT 11.30A.M.**

**Presiding/** Cllr. J. Casey, Chairman

**Present/**

Cllr. P. Bugler	Cllr. R. Butler
Cllr. J. Casey	Cllr. B. Chambers
Cllr. J. Clifford	Cllr. N. Coonan
Cllr. P. Daly	Dr. M. Donovan
Cllr. S. Hillery	Cllr. M. Hourigan
Ms. A. Kenny-Ryan	Dr. J. Lemasney
Cllr. S. Marsh	Mr. L. McNamara
Mr. D. McAvinchey	Cllr. T. O'Malley
Cllr. K. Sheahan	

**Apologies/**

Cllr. J. Burke	Dr. T. Casey
Sen. J. Cregan	Cllr./Dr. J. Hennessy
Dep. J. O'Sullivan	

**In Attendance/**

Mr. S. deBurca, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. J. O'Brien, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. G. Crowley, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. T. Hourigan, A/Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. J. Conway, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Dr. K. Kelleher, Director of Public Health  
Ms. M. Halpin, Communications Manager  
Ms. B. Kelly, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. N. O'Grady, A/Staff Officer  
Ms. A. Leahy, Secretariat

**1(a) Silent Prayer**

**1(b) Vote of Sympathy** A vote of sympathy was extended to staff who had suffered recent bereavements.

The Board also extended a vote of sympathy to Ex Board Member, Patricia McCarthy on the death of her husband.

**1(c) Minutes** The Minutes of Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2001, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. B. Chambers, seconded by Cllr. S. Hillery.

**2. Correspondence** The Department of Health & Children acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding the resolution calling for a top-up facility where there is exceptional need for patients who are presently availing of nursing home subvention and that this matter is receiving attention.

### 3. **CEO's Report**

The Chief Executive Officer briefed the Members on the following matters:

#### **Inquiry Report – Blood Samples**

The Chairman, Cllr. J. Casey informed the meeting that the family involved in the above were requesting a public enquiry into all the circumstances of the case. In view of the legal implications of this he was unable to allow further discussion on the matter.

Cllr. K. Sheahan requested in future that reports of enquiry by the Board would be sent by registered post to the Board Members in advance and also stated that he was very conscious of the position of the family but in view of legal implications accepted the Chairman's ruling.

#### **NDP**

A report to be prepared for the May Board Meeting.

#### **Mammography Unit, Ennis General Hospital**

Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant CEO, informed the members the tenders had been received and that there was a lead time of 16-20 weeks before the unit would be fully commissioned.

#### **Elderly Care and Acute Services**

Arising from a number of queries from Board Members regarding Subvention for elderly people in Nursing Home and the Acute Care Strategy, it was agreed to hold a full Board Meeting In Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2.00 p.m.

#### **Equity Funding**

In response to a query from Cllr. T. O'Malley regarding the report by Prof. James Raftery. It was agreed to bring the report forward to the May Board Meeting.

### 4. **Report of the CEO's Overview of Financial Results Report No. 16/01**

Report No. 16/01 was noted.

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| <p><b>5. Report on Prosthetic, Orthotic and Amputee Rehabilitation Services (deferred from meeting of the 23/3/01) Report No. 12/01 herewith)</b></p>                      | <p>Report No. 12/01 was deferred.</p>  |
| <p><b>6. Report on Child Care and Family Support Services Alternative Care Development Programme (deferred from meeting of the 23/3/01) Report No. 13/01 herewith)</b></p> | <p>Report No. 13/01 was noted.</p>   |
| <p><b>7. Report on the Quality of Drinking Water – Mid Western Health Board (deferred from meeting of the 23/3/01) Report No. 14/01 herewith)</b></p>                      | <p>Report No. 14/01 was noted.</p>   |
| <p><b>8. Report on NDP 2001 and Borrowing for Joint Accommodation Project (deferred from meeting of the 23/3/01) Report No. 15/01 herewith)</b></p>                        | <p>Report No. 15/01 was noted.</p> <p>The CEO informed the Members that additional funding of £1m was required for the Joint Accommodation Project was required.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. R. Butler, seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers:</p> <p>“That the Mid Western Health Board make a submission to the Department of Health &amp; Children to borrow £1m for the current year.”</p> |
| <p><b>9. Service Plans Review Report No. 17/01 previously circulated)</b></p>  | <p>Report No. 17/01 was noted.</p>   |

10. **Application for Assistant with a view to Partnership in General Practice Report No. 18/01** Report No. 18/01 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. B. Chambers, seconded by Cllr. B. Coonan.
11. **Report on Proposed Purchase of Cappahard Private Nursing Home, Ennis, Co. Clare (Report No. 19/01 herewith – previously circulated)** Report No. 19/01 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. S. Hillery, seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers.
12. **Report on National Health Strategy (Report No. 20/01 to follow)** Report No. 20/01 was noted.
13. **Draft Report on Acute Hospitals Strategy (Report No. 21/01 attached)** Report No. 21/01 was noted.  
Following the presentation by Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant CEO, on the Draft Acute Hospital Strategy, it was agreed to discuss this item at the full Board Meeting In Committee to be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2001 at 2.00 p.m.

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**Cllr. J. Casey, Chairman**

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**S. deBurca, Chief Executive Officer**

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