

## EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of MontNy Meeting of the Eastern Health Board held  
in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman, on  
Thursday, 3rd February, 1977 at 6 p.m.*

*Present:*

Cllr. D. Browne  
Cllr. M. Carroll  
Cllr. J. Connolly  
Mr. J. Corcoran  
Mr. H. Corrigan  
Dr. J. Cullen  
Deputy H. P. Dockrell  
Cllr. J. Durning  
Ald. A. FitzGerald  
Cllr. Mrs. A. Glenn  
Mr. K. Harrington  
Cllr. P. Hickey  
Dr. P. C. Jennings

Cllr. D. Kinsella  
Miss K. Kinsella  
Miss M. Lacey  
Cllr. Mrs. E. Lemass  
Dr. J. R. Mahon  
Dr. A. Meade  
Deputy C. Murphy  
Dr. J. O'Connell. T.D.  
Mr. D. OFlynn  
Mr. M. Ruane  
Cllr. J. Sweeney  
Dr. J. Walker

*Apologies for Absence:* Cllr. T.

Leonard, Dr. J. McCormick, Dr. J. S. Doyle.

*In the Chair:* Cllr. M.

Carroll—Chairman

*Officers in Attendance:*

Mr. E. O Caoimh  
Mr. J. J. Nolan  
Mr. F. Donohue  
Mr. T. Keyes  
Mr. J. Reynolds  
Mr. F. Elliott  
Mr. P. J. Swords  
Mr. J. Sadlier  
Mr. R. N. Lamb  
Mr. F. McCullough  
Mr. J. Clarke  
Prof. B. O'Donnell  
Prof. I. Browne

Chief Executive Officer  
D/Chief Executive Officer  
Programme Manager  
Programme Manager  
Finance Officer Planning  
& Eval. Officer Admin.  
Assistant Technical  
Services Officer  
Personnel Officer Admin.  
Assistant Admin.  
Assistant Dublin Medical  
Officer Chief Psychiatrist

Mr. K. Quinn  
Mr. J. Doyle  
Mr. H. Dunne  
Mr. C. McEntee  
Mr. A. O'Brien  
Mr. M. Cummins  
Miss K. Dolan  
Mr. B. Garvey  
Mr. J. A. Dugan  
Mr. T. Barry

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### CONDOLENCES

The Chairman informed the members of the recent deatt of Mr. John Medlar, a former long serving officer of the Board, having worked previously with old Dublin Board of Assistance.



**19/77 PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEES**

Minutes of the following local health committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

- (a) Kildare Local Health Committee meeting held on 18/11/1976—noted.
- (b) Wicklow Local Health Committee meeting held on 19/11/1976—noted.

**20/77 REVENUE ALLOCATION 1977**

Report No. F. & G. P. 1/1977 with accompanying report from the Finance Officer having been considered at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon, was now considered by the Board. Deputy C. Murphy enquired as to when the geriatric unit at St. Colman's would be opened and Mr. Nolan informed him that he hoped to do this as soon as funds would permit. Dr. Jennings and Dr. Meade contributed to the debate following which the following resolution proposed by Mr. Corrigan and seconded by Cllr. Browne was unanimously adopted:—

"That this Board approves of the resolution passed unanimously by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its earlier meeting to-day—viz., adopt the services budget as outlined in the report of the 27th January, 1977 from the Finance Officer, incorporated in Report No. F. & G. P. 1/1977."

**21/77 NOTICES OF MOTION**

- (a) The following motion proposed by Dr. Cullen was seconded by the Chairman, Cllr. Carroll:—

"This Board requests the Minister for Health, as a matter of extreme urgency, to provide the monies for the development, staffing and running of an inpatient unit for seriously disturbed juvenile patients."

After a debate to which the proposer Dr. Cullen, Cllr. Mrs. Glenn, Miss Kinsella, Dr. Jennings, Cllr. Connolly and Dr. O'Connell contributed and to which Mr. Keyes and Professor Browne replied, the motion was adopted unanimously.

- (b) The following motion proposed by Mr. Harrington was seconded by Mr. D. O'Flynn:—

"That in any future development of general hospitals in this Country, adequate dental facilities, including appropriate equipment and space, should be provided."

so as to ensure that a full range of dental care is available for all patients and that a dental Consultant be attached to the hospital so that patients leaving hospital are fully fit. Also that a general survey be undertaken so as to ascertain the extent of the problem of dental disease vis-a-vis the general health of patients receiving inpatient treatment."

Cllr. Browne suggested that the motion be re-drafted as follows:—

'That a general survey be undertaken so as to ascertain the extent of the problem of dental disease vis-a-vis the general health of patients receiving in-patient treatment and that in any future development of general hospitals in this Country, adequate dental facilities, including appropriate equipment and space, should be provided so as to ensure that a full range of dental care is available for all patients and that a dental Consultant be attached to the hospital so that patients leaving hospital are fully fit."

Mr. Harrington accepted Cllr. Browne's suggestion and after a short debate to which the proposer, seconder and Mrs. Glenn contributed, the motion as re-drafted was unanimously adopted.

(c) The following motion proposed by Cllr. Sweeney and seconded by Deputy Murphy was discussed:—

'That the Eastern Health Board examine the conditions attached to the granting of £25 per month to handicapped children with a view to alleviating the position when the child reaches 16 years of age and does not qualify for a D.P.A."

The proposer explained his reasons for putting down the resolution and Mr. Doyle explained to the proposer the difficulty created by two different sets of regulations. He was currently examining the situation and would let the members know the outcome.

(d) The following motion proposed by Deputy Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Sweeney -was .discussed:—

"We request the E.H.B. to increase the number of Social Workers employed by the board in Co. Wicklow in order to implement the Community Care Programme for the area."

Deputy Murphy set out his reasons for putting down the motion and stressed that it was essential to have the number of social workers increased in the area. Mr. Doyle informed the members of the existing situation in the county and stated that the Programme Manager, Community Care was endeavouring as quickly as possible to fill a senior post which had been vacated by the holder after a short stay. The members accepted Mr. Doyle's explanation and hoped that the Community Care Programme Manager would be successful in filling the posts quickly. Mr. O'Flynn also contributed to the discussion.

At the conclusion of the meeting Alderman FitzGerald asked when a report would be furnished on the situation at the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum arising from the special visiting committee meeting held there on 7/1/1977. Mr. Keyes informed him of the many steps which had been taken by him and that the Department of Health had agreed to the replacement of all locks. He also stated that the Alderman would appreciate that the question of secure units inside prisons could not be decided so quickly, but that at least this question had been resurrected and would be followed-up. Alderman FitzGerald was pleased to learn about how much had been done in the interim and hoped for a full report at a later date.

Mr. O'Flynn also contributed to the discussion.

The meeting terminated at 7.30 p.m.

**CORRECT:**

**E. O. CAOIMH.**

*Chief Executive Officer.*

Signed..

*Chairman.*