

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Eastern Health Board held
in the Boardroom. St. Brendan's Hospital. Grangegorman, on
Thursday 2nd February. 1978 at 6 p.m.*

Present:

Councillor Mrs. J. Barlow
Dr. J. D. Behan
Councillor O. Browne
Councillor M. Carroll
Councillor J. Connolly
Mr. H. Corrigan
Councillor O. Cooney
Councillor H. P. Dockrell
Councillor J. Durning
Alderman A. FitzGerald
Councillor Mrs. A. Glenn
Councillor A. Groome
Mr. K. Harrington
Councillor P. Hickey

Dr. D. G. Kelly
Councillor D. Kinsella
Deputy Mrs. E. Lemass
Deputy T. Leonard
Professor J. McCormick
Dr. P. McCarthy
Sr. Columba McNamara
Dr. A. Meade
Deputy C. Murphy
Dr. B. Sheehan
Councillor J. Sweeney
Dr. J. Walker.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor

M. Brady and Councillor Hand.

In the Chair: Councillor

P. Hickey, presided.

Officers in Attendance:

Mr. J. J. Nolan
Mr. F. Donohue
Mr. R. N. Lamb
Mr. J. Sadlier
Mr. F. Elliott
Mr. M. Hayden
Prof. B. O'Donnell

*Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Programme Manager Personnel
Officer Technical Services
Officer Planning & Eval. Officer
Management Accountant Dublin
Medical Officer*

Prof. Ivor Browne
Mr. F. McCullough
Mr. P. J. Swords
Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. H. Dunne
Mr. A. O'Brien
Mr. E. Dunphy
Mr. M. Cummins
Mr. J. A. Duggan
Miss K. Dolan
Miss E. Larkin

12/78 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Chairman informed the members of the death of Mr. Patrick Keyes, father of Mr. T. Keyes, Programme Manager, and Mr. William Walsh, brother-in-law of Mr. E. Butler, Senior Executive Officer. The members stood in silent prayer as a mark of respect to the deceased.

13/78 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12th January, 1978 having been circulated were confirmed on a proposal by Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor Carroll.

14/78 PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

Reports of the following Visiting Committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

(a) No. 2 Visiting Committee meeting held at Central Mental Hospital, on 18th January, 1978—noted.

(b) No. 3 Visiting Committee meeting held at Cherry Orchard Hospital on 25th January, 1978—noted.

Councillor Groome drew the Board's particular attention to the alarming increase in the incidence of pertussis and the Chairman recommended that the Minister's attention should be drawn to these statistics.

It was agreed to write to the Minister as recommended.

(c) Community Care Visiting Committee meeting held on 7th December, 1977 at 11 Clonskea Road—noted.

Arising from the report Councillor Mrs. Glenn proposed that additional space should be provided at Dundrum Health Centre. Mr. Donohue in reply said that the Board had plans to extend Dundrum Health Centre but the cost of the extension was high relative to the size of the extension, and the Board had the choice of planning the Health Centre at Ballin-teer or proceeding with the extension of Dundrum. The possibility of a minor extension to Dundrum Health Centre is being considered for next year.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the following Local Health Committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

(a) Kildare Local Health Committee meeting held on 17th November, 1977—noted.

(b) Wicklow Local Health Committee meeting held on 18th November, 1977—noted.

Councillor Sweeney referring to Item 2 on page one of the report proposed that moderately handicapped children should be granted a medical card in their own right. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Connolly. Mr. Oonohue pointed out that the implementation of a proposal of this nature would require a change in legislation. As the law stands, the income of parents and their capacity to provide medical care are the determining factors in the guidelines for services. A discussion followed to which Councillor Connolly, Dr. Sheehan, Professor McCormick, Dr. McCarthy, Councillor Mrs. Barlow, Deputy Mrs. Lemass, Deputy Murphy and Councillor Hickey contributed. Professor McCormick referred to certain anomalies in legislation regarding categories of disabled persons who were entitled to free medical treatment. Councillor Hickey agreed with Professor McCormick that these anomalies should be removed. Mr. Donohue agreed to have a report on this matter for the April meeting of the Board. Also arising from this discussion Deputy Murphy recommended that there should be some increase in the subvention by the Board towards the maintenance of long stay patients in institutions and homes. Mr. Nolan replied and the members agreed that a letter should be written to the Department of Health requesting an adequate increase in the rates payable.

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**ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF
RUTLAND CENTRE LTD.**

The following members were elected:—

On a proposal by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Dr. Behan, Councillor Groome was elected.

On a proposal by Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Hickey, Councillor Connolly was elected.

Councillor Mrs. Glenn then proposed that nominations be closed and this was agreed. Alderman FitzGerald suggested that the Medical Research and Scientific Committee should visit the Rutland Centre on the day of the Rutland Centre Board's first meeting. The members agreed to this. It was also agreed on Mr. Nolan's suggestion that the Medical Research and Scientific Committee with Mr. Kelly co-opted, should when convened consider the report of Comhairle na nOspideal on the development of Orthopaedic Services as already requested by the Board.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Alderman FitzGerald and seconded by Councillor Sweeney:—

'That this Health Board seek to establish whether as a contribution to environmental improvement there is a need for a central area incinerator to deal with hospital waste. As a first step each major hospital in the area should be asked how they deal with this type of waste and from their replies together with the views of the City Medical Officer and of the Chief Sanitary Engineer, Dublin City and County, a report can be submitted at an early date to the Board.'

Alderman FitzGerald stated that his reason in raising this matter was to ensure that hospitals had suitable incinerators installed, specifically for the purpose of dealing with all hospital waste. Professor McCormick supported the sentiment behind the motion. Mr. Nolan agreed to have this matter dealt with by Mr. Donohue and Professor O'Donnell who would arrange for a report to the Board on the matter next month. It might then be necessary to take the matter up with the Department of Health.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 31/1/78 from the Department of Health re allocation for non-capital health expenditure 1978, having been circulated, was on the recommendation of Councillor Browne deferred for consideration to the Estimates Meeting of the Board which will be held on the 23rd February, 1978.

- (b) Letter from Department of Health dated 23/1/1978 was read, stating that a definitive decision on future policy with regard to the provision of Welfare Homes could not be given at present. It was agreed that, as practical experience had shown the beneficial importance of Welfare Homes in improving the standard of community care for elderly people in the Eastern Health Board area, strong representations should be made for the immediate provision of additional Homes in the area.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Members of Hospital Boards—As requested at the January meeting Mr. Nolan circulated a list of various Hospital Boards to which the Eastern Health Board nominates representatives by statutory entitlement and also of the Hospital Boards on which officers of the Eastern Health Board are members by invitation or by nomination. A copy of the list is set out here-under.

Hospital Boards to which the Eastern Health Board is entitled to nominate members:—

- (a) Meath Hospital under Section 4 of Meath Hospital Act 1951 as amended by Section 24 of Health Authorities Act 1960.—Eastern Health Board entitled to appoint 11 members out of a total membership of 23.
- (b) St. James's Hospital under Establishment Order (S.I. 187 of 1971)—Eastern Health Board entitled to appoint 10 out of a total membership of 20.
- (c) James Connolly Hospital under Establishment Order (S.I. 97 of 1971)—Eastern Health Board entitled to appoint 6 members out of a total membership of 17.
- (d) Central Council of Federated Hospitals—Eastern Health Board entitled to appoint 5 members under Section 7(2) (b) of the 1961 Act out of a total membership of 40.
- (e) Dublin Regional Hospital Board—Eastern Health entitled to appoint 4 members under S.I. 164 of 1972 out of a total membership of 32.

The Board have no specific representation on Comhairle na nOspideal. In the case of Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin, the Articles of Association give the Dublin Corporation the right to nominate two persons to the Committee of Management.

**HOSPITALS ETC. SERVED BY OFFICERS OF THE
EASTERN HEALTH BOARD.**

(Mr. J. J. Nolan, Dr. B. O'Donnell, Mr. F. Donohue, Mr. T. Keyes, Mr. F. Elliott, Mr. P. J. Swords and Mr. T. McManus).

<i>Hospital etc.</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>J. J. N.</i>	<i>Dr. O'D.</i>	<i>F. D.</i>	<i>T. K.</i>	<i>F. E.</i>	<i>P. J. S.</i>	<i>T. McM.</i>
St. James	Board	X	X	X	X			
	Executive	X						
	Planning	X						
	Project	X						
	Task Force	X						
	Design	X						
Meath	Board	X					X	X
	Finance							X
Central Council of Federation	Board	X						
St. Vincent's Elm Park	Board	X						
	Finance	X						
	Planning	X						
Mater	Board	X						
	Finance	X						
North City Council	Board	X						
Royal, Dennybrook.	Board	X					X	
	Planning	X					X	
Peamount	Board	X	X					
	Finance	X						
	Planning	X						
James Connolly	Board	X				X		
Beaumont	Board (Planning & Commissioning)	X						
Central Remedial Clinic	Board					X		
Harcourt Street	Board							X
Irish Foundation for Human Devpmt.	Board	X						
Psycho-Endocrine Centre.	Board (Planning)	X						
Institute of Public Administration.	Council	X						
Mental Handicap Group.	Committee	X		X	X	X		

During the discussion of membership of outside Boards to which the following contributed Dr. Sheehan, Councillor Hickey, Councillor Durning, Dr. Behan, Councillor Sweeney, Professor McCormick and Councillor Mrs. Barlow, reference was made to membership of Comhairie na nOspideal. It was agreed that we should write to the

Department of Health pointing out our disquiet at the fact that the Board had no representative on the Comhairle. Mr. Kelly asked that despite criticism of the composition of the Comhairle due regard should be had to the many improvements they had effected in relation to appointment of Consultants. Dr. Sheehan recommended that the general practitioner interests should be considered when defining the needs for consultants in any area. In this context reference was made by Mr. Nolan to the forthcoming meeting at St. Columcille's Hospital with senior representatives of Comhairle na nOspideal regarding consultant staff at the Hospital and the following were invited by the Chairman to attend—Dr. Meade, Councillor Duming, Dr. Sheehan, Councillor Sweeney, Councillor Carroll, and Deputy Murphy with the Chairman ex officio. Dr. Behan asked if the Eastern Health Board could compile a directory of membership of Boards of the major hospitals in its functional area and Mr. Nolan undertook to have this matter looked into.

A letter dated January 24th 1978 from the Planning Department of St. James's Hospital was read submitting a copy of the draft Development Plan for the new Hospital and Medical School in support of their request for additional land from the Eastern Health Board. On Mr. Nolan's suggestion it was agreed to refer this and related matters to the Sub-Committee already set up to consider the question of the St. James's Board membership.

The meeting terminated at 7.45 p.m.

CORRECT:

J. J. Nolan,
Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Signed ...

CHAIRMAN.