

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting
of the Eastern Health Board held in
the Boardroom, St Brendan's Hospital
on Thursday, 6 January 1983 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Dr J D Behan
Mrs B Bonar
Cllr D Browne
Dr J Buttimer
Cllr M Carroll
Mrs D Clune
Cllr E Doyle
Mr P Finegan
Cllr Mrs E Fitzgerald
Cllr M Freehill
Mr J Gahan
Cllr Mrs A Glenn TD
Cllr A Groome

Cllr T Hand
Dr R Hawkins
Cllr P Hickey
Cllr F Hynes
Mr D Kane
Dr D I Keane
Prof J McCormick
Cllr E Stagg
Cllr J Sweeney
Cllr G Timmins TD
Cllr W Willoughby

APOLOGIES

Dr M Butler

IN THE CHAIR

Cllr Mrs A Glenn TD

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P B Segrave
Mr F J Donohue
Mr K J Hickey
Mr TP Keyes
Mr J F Reynolds
Mr L P Kavanagh
Mr G Brennan
Prof B O'Donnell
Prof I Browne
Mr J Doyle
Mr P J Swords
Miss A Flanagan

Mr C Mansfield
Mr A O'Brien
Mr K Ward
Mr E Halpin
Mr J Leech
Mr M J O'Connor
Mr T Mahon
Miss S Keegan
Mrs B Travers
Miss A O'Keeffe

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CONDOLENCES

The Chairman informed the members of the recent deaths of John Greene, father of Derek Greene, Assistant Section Officer, Personnel Department, and of John Maguire, father of Noel Maguire, Porter, Central Registry. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased.

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the members that a meeting of the Capital Programme Committee would be held in the Boardroom on Thursday 20 January 1983 at 3 pm.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 2 DECEMBER '82

The minutes, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Hickey.

4/83 QUESTION

On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, it was agreed that the question lodged should be answered.

QUESTION

Mr P Finegan:

'Could the CEO please obtain the following information for me on student nurse training in the Psychiatric Service:

- (a) the present number of students in each of the training schools broken down into first, second and third year and post-graduate students;
- (b) expected number of intake into the three schools for 1983 course;
- (c) the staffing levels of nurse/tutors plus clinical teachers in each of the training schools;
- (d) the feasibility of a college of nursing where all student nurses would undergo their classroom work and clinical lectures, with a view to the introduction of the common basic nurse training programme, and now that the EEC are looking at the possibility of introducing a set of directives for psychiatric training within the EEC in line with general nurse training directives'.

REPLY

(a) Number of students:

School	1st year Students	2nd year Students	3rd year Students	Post Graduate	Total
St Loman's	7	9	16	12	44
St Brendan's	20	42	57	17	136
St Ita's	10	41	40	6	97
TOTAL	37	92	113	35	277

(b) The expected intake for 1983 is 70 students.

(c) Staffing levels:

School	Number of Tutors	Number of Clinical Teachers
St Loman's	2	1
St Brendan's	3	1
St Ita's	3	2
TOTAL	8	4

(d) In a number of recent reports on aspects of the health services the concept of a common basic nurse training programme has been encouraged, and proposals that a number of pilot programmes be established have been made.

In addition, it is understood that ultimately the work of the EEC Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing may lead in the same direction.

We would welcome and support any advances which would make a significant contribution to the development of nurse training and in this regard the Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care has already asked our Board's Senior Psychiatric Nursing Officers to report to him on aspects of psychiatric nurse training as they relate to our three nursing schools. Following this the feasibility of participating in any pilot schemes which might be developed under the aegis of the statutory nurse training authority. An Bord Altranais will be fully examined.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer read the following report, which was agreed by the Board:

- (i) Guidelines for the issue of medical cards
 'As in previous years I have reviewed the guidelines for the issue of medical cards in the context of the movement in the Consumer Price Index between November 1981 and November 1982. Copies of the new guidelines have been circulated to members for information'.

- (ii) Charges for private and semi-private accommodation in public hospitals
 'I have circulated to the members a copy of the statement from the Government Information Services dated 30 December '82, outlining the new charges for services provided in private and semi-private accommodation in public hospitals with effect from 1 January '83'.
- (iii) Provision of sheltered housing at St Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum
 The twelve sheltered housing units built by local voluntary effort on a site provided by our Board at St Colman's Hospital have now been completed and furnished. The first four units were occupied during the week commencing 19 December '82, some by transfer of patients from St Colman's Hospital and some persons from the community. The local voluntary committee, The Elderly Citizens' Trust, which has committed itself to raising £150,000, is to be heartily congratulated on getting the housing units completed and ready for occupation'.
- (iv) Allocation for non-capital health expenditure 1983
 'I have circulated to members a copy of the Department of Health letter dated 10 December '82 regarding the board's allocation for non-capital health expenditure for 1983.

The allocation is being considered in the context of the detailed letter. We have sought clarification from the Department in relation to a number of aspects outside the control of our Board and which will have a bearing on the adequacy or otherwise of the allocation.

We hope to have the various issues arising from the letter and the allocation clarified at an early date, and to be in a position to report to the Board in the matter early next month'.

In reply to a question from Cllr Doyle, the Chief Executive Officer stated that the percentage increase applied in revising the medical card guidelines was 12.3%, in accordance with the mid-November '82 Consumer Price Index figure. Cllr Doyle said that he understood that the average increase in the Consumer Price Index for the past year was 17% and, if so, this figure should have been applied in revising the guidelines. The Chief Executive Officer agreed to examine the point made by Cllr Doyle and to communicate with him before the next meeting of the Board.

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PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The reports of the following Visiting Committees, having been circulated, were dealt with as follows:

- (i) No. 3 Visiting Committee meeting held in St Brigid's Home, Crooksling on 14 December, 1982.
 On a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Hynes, the report was noted.

Cllr Browne referred to the various improvements which had been made in St Brigid's and requested that the members' appreciation of the work of the staff concerned - administrative, nursing and engineering - should be recorded.

Cllr Hynes associated himself with Cllr Browne's remarks. The Chairman requested that the members' appreciation should be conveyed to the staff concerned.

- (ii) No. 4 Visiting Committee meeting held in St Clare's Home, Ballymun, on 16 December '82.
On a proposal by Cllr Hickey, seconded by Cllr Carroll, the report was noted.

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NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO CENTRAL COUNCIL OF
FEDERATED DUBLIN VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS

On a proposal by Cllr Timmins, seconded by Dr Behan, it was agreed unanimously that Dr R Hawkins should fill the vacancy on the Central Council of Federated Dublin Voluntary Hospitals which had been caused by the cesser of membership of Dr Daniel Kelly.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

The reports of the following local committee meetings, having been circulated, were dealt with as follows:

- (i) Kildare Local Committee meeting held on 11 November '82.
On a proposal by Cllr Stagg, seconded by Cllr Browne, the report was noted.
- (ii) Dublin County Local Committee meeting held on 9 December '82.
On a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Hickey, the report was noted.

9/83 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 10 December '82, ref. HSG/283 from the Department of Health regarding the allocation for non-capital health expenditure for 1983, which had been circulated, was noted.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman wished all the members and staff of the Board a Happy New Year.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 pm

CORRECT: _____
P B Segrave
Chief Executive Officer

Chairman