



EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Seventeenth Annual Meeting
held in the

Board Room, St Mary's Hospital, Chapelizod, Dublin 20
on Thursday 2 July 1987 at 6 pm

PRESENT

Cllr O Bennett	Mrs B Bonar
Cllr B Briscoe TD	Cllr I Callely
Cllr M Carroll	Dr R Corcoran
Mrs D Clune	Cllr P De Rossa TD
Dr P Devitt	Prof J S Doyle
Cllr P Dunne	Cllr B J Durkan TD
Aid A FitzGerald	Cllr E Fitzgerald
Cllr Dr D Fitzpatrick TD	Cllr C Flood TD
Cllr A Glenn	Cllr A Groome
Dr R Hawkins	Cllr P Hickey
Cllr F Hynes	Dr D I Keane
Dr P McCarthy	Mr G McGuire
Dr J Masterson	Cllr C Murphy
Ms M Nealon	Dr B O'Herlihy
Cllr J Reilly	Mr R Roche TD
Cllr J Sweeney	

APOLOGY

Cllr W J Harvey

IN THE CHAIR

Mrs D Clune

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr K J Hickey, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr F J Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care
Mr M Walsh, Acting Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care
Mr M Gallagher, Finance Officer
Mr J N McNee, Management Services Officer
Mr L P Kavanagh, Personnel Officer
Mr G Brennan, Technical Services Officer
Prof B O'Donnell, Dublin Medical Officer of Health
Mr M J O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Secretariat

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1986/1987

At the commencement of the 17th Annual Meeting of our Board, I would like to take this opportunity of reviewing developments during my year as Chairman.

Even though we have been experiencing severe limitations in the amounts of funds available to our Board, I am glad to be able to report a number of significant developments which, I feel, I should bring to the members' attention.

I think it is important that these developments should be drawn together and listed at our Board's annual meeting.

They are evidence of our achievements and serve as an incentive to proceed with the planning of new developments to cater for an expanding population, with an emphasis on the provision of services in community-based settings.

On the Revenue side, our allocation for 1987 was £9.2m short of our estimated requirements and measures have been agreed which it is expected will enable our Board to live within this allocation. The situation in this regard will be kept under review by the Budget Working Group.

While we have been coping with shortfalls in our Revenue allocation for the past few years, I am glad to be able to say that many significant developments have been concluded or got under way during the past year.

In the special hospital programme a number of developments have taken place which are in keeping with our Board's policy as set down in 'The Development of a Community Based Adult Psychiatric Service' and the Department of Health Report 'Planning for the Future'.

In the St Brendan's Hospital area a most significant development was the demolition of Units L, M and N. Four Houses were acquired from Dublin Corporation (2 in Marino and 2 in Aughrim St) for use as hostels for former psychiatric patients.

Substantial progress has also been made in the re-organisation of St Brendan's into its four catchment areas and agreement has been reached with St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview, regarding the provision of services for Area 7. This plan will come into effect over the coming months and will make a large impact on the problems we have been experiencing at St Brendan's over the years, particularly in relation to overcrowding in certain areas.

In the meantime we have been facilitated by the St Laurence's Hospital Board who have very kindly made the Hardwicke Hospital available for use by St Brendan's Hospital.

In the St Ita's Hospital area the de-designation of St Ita's Hospital has been agreed, the planning of the development of Woodville House in Coolock as a sector headquarters/day centre/day hospital/hostel is proceeding. A training unit has been developed at Tonlegee Road. Two houses in Coolock and two houses at Balbriggan were acquired from the local authorities for use as hostel accommodation.

I am pleased to report also that discussions are at an advanced stage with Beaumont Hospital Board regarding the opening of the psychiatric unit there.

In the St Loman's Hospital area the development of the Glen Abbey factory in Tallaght and the monastery at Armagh Road, Crumlin, for use as community-based facilities, is progressing.

Grove House, Celbridge, has been brought into operation providing fifteen high support hostel places.

In the mid-Kildare area, St Jude's, Kildare, has been acquired, further south, Castledermot Mental Health Centre is complete. In addition, the purchase of houses at Naas, Kildare and Newbridge has been approved.

In Wicklow the high support hostel in the grounds of Newcastle Hospital has been fully occupied and two new hostels have been opened in Newtownmountkennedy and Arklow.

Court Hall, Mulhuddart, has been acquired for the child psychiatric service; this will facilitate the conversion of a unit at St Loman's Hospital into a unit for the mentally handicapped.

In relation to the mental handicap services, the report on mental handicap services 'Proposals for Change' was adopted by our Board. A hostel for eight of the trainees in Maryfield was opened in the grounds of Maryfield and is proving very successful.

Mental Handicap clinics were opened in Balbriggan and Skerries. A new unit for the disturbed mentally handicapped was opened in Ballyraine, Arklow, and two houses were purchased at Newcastle, Co Dublin, for use as hostels for the mentally handicapped.

Work is continuing on schedule on the programme for the development of psychogeriatric facilities and the first two units of 64 beds are nearing completion at Clonskeagh.

In the Community Care Programme new health centres were opened in Inchicore, Blessington and Barndarrig. The new health centre at Meadowvale has been completed.

Geraldstown House in Ballymun was brought into use as a family resource centre.

The hostel for homeless boys was opened in Percy Place simultaneously with the provision of a social work team for homeless young persons.

The Sancta Maria Day Centre for the elderly in Cabra was officially opened.

Extensive renovations were carried out at Lucan, Cabra and South Earl Street Health Centres.

The Department of Health have invited our Board to submit proposals for the replacement of the health centre at Edenmore, bearing in mind the service requirements of the area. As soon as these have been received, prompt consideration will be given to our proposals.

Two houses were acquired from the Dublin County Council at Kilmahuddrick for use as health centres.

In the General Hospital Care Programme, a number of new units were opened during the year:

- St Joseph's Group Home in the grounds of Baltinglass District Hospital. This has ten lady residents who would otherwise have become institutionalised;
- A new twenty-bed unit for the elderly at Clonskeagh. I am sure we were all impressed by the high modern standards of finish and equipment in this unit.
- 'Cuan Aoibhean' the new unit for the young chronic sick here at St Mary's was also opened. This unit has forty residential and ten 'respite' beds of which twenty-two have already been brought into use. This can be truly regarded as a 'Harbour of Peace' for those who have now made it their home.

The development control plan for Naas General Hospital was presented to the Minister for Health; the plan provides for an increase in the number of beds in the hospital from 95 to 209 on a phased basis.

The first phase of the development of Naas General Hospital to provide for a psychiatric unit, boilerhouse and ancillary accommodation has been completed to tender stage.

At St Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, work is progressing ahead of schedule on the new operating theatre, out-patients and accident and emergency departments. A new appointment of consultant geriatrician was made which will further enhance the range of services available in the area served by the hospital.

In the care of the elderly sub-programme, I am pleased to report that we have received approval for the provision of a mobile day hospital which will operate on a two-year pilot project in North County Dublin and North Kildare.

Plans for the re-development of St Patrick's Home, Navan Road, have been advanced significantly.

Work is well advanced in the installation of a control facility for emergency alarm systems for the elderly. The control system will be based in our Ambulance Control Centre at James's Street.

Agreement has been reached in relation to a pilot project with Dun Laoghaire Corporation with a view to a co-ordinated approach to the development and provision of services for the elderly at local level. The National Council for the Aged is also involved in this project.

I would also like to record further progress in the development of computer systems such as:

- * financial reporting and management systems;
- * an epidemiological information system aimed at highlighting community service needs;
- * our Board's computer hardware and software configurations have been significantly enhanced.

Progress has also been made in the provision of a new headquarters building for our Board and staff. The development at North Circular Road was advertised and design/construct tenders received are at present under assessment and negotiation.

I am sure members will agree that the list of developments and achievements is impressive.

At this stage I would like to express my thanks to the members for their co-operation during the past year.

In conclusion I want to thank the staff of our Board who are providing excellent services for the population of our area at a time when increasing demands are being made on them and to express the wish that our Board will maintain the momentum already achieved during the coming year.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs D Clune was proposed by Cllr Hickey and seconded by Dr Hawkins.

Cllr B Durkan TD was proposed by Aid FitzGerald and seconded by Cllr Carroll.

The result of a roll call vote was as follows:

For Mrs Clune - 20

Cllr O Bennett	Cllr B Briscoe TD
Cllr I Callely	Dr R Corcoran
Mrs D Clune	Prof J S Doyle
Cllr P Dunne	Cllr E Fitzgerald
Cllr Dr D Fitzpatrick	Cllr C Flood TD
Cllr A Glenn	Cllr A Groome
Dr R Hawkins	Cllr P Hickey
Dr D I Keane	Dr J Masterson
Ms M Nealon	Dr B O'Herlihy
Mr R Roche TD	Cllr J Sweeney

For Cllr Durkan - 10

Mrs B Bonar	Cllr M Carroll
Cllr P De Rossa TD	Dr P Devitt
Cllr B J Durkan TD	Ald A FitzGerald
Cllr F Hynes	Dr P McCarthy
Mr G McGuire	Cllr J Reilly

Cllr C Murphy abstained.

Cllr Durkan congratulated Mrs Clune on her election as Chairman for a second year and wished her well during her term of office.

Cllrs Fitzgerald and Hickey also congratulated Mrs Clune and wished her every success in her second year as Chairman.

Mrs Clune thanked the members for their confidence in electing her as Chairman for a second term.

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Groome was proposed by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Glenn.

Cllr F Hynes was proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Durkan.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

For Cllr Groome - 18

Cllr O Bennett	Cllr B Briscoe TD
Cllr I Callely	Dr R Corcoran
Mrs D Clune	Cllr P Dunne
Cllr D Fitzpatrick TD	Cllr C Rood TD
Cllr A Glenn	Cllr A Groome
Dr R Hawkins	Cllr P Hickey
Dr D I Keane	Dr J Masterson
Ms M Nealon	Dr B O'Herlihy
Mr R Roche TD	Cllr J Sweeney

For air Hynes - 13

Mrs B Bonar	Cllr M Carroll
Cllr P De Rossa TD	Dr P Devitt
Prof J S Doyle	Cllr B J Durkan TD
Atd A FitzGerald	Cllr E Fitzgerald
Cllr F Hynes	Dr P McCarthy
Mr G McGuire	Cllr C Murphy
Cllr J Reilly	

Cllr Groome was declared elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

Cllr Groome thanked the members for electing him as Vice-Chairman for a second term of office.

Cllr Hynes congratulated Cllr Groome on his election and wished Mrs Clune every success during her second year as Chairman of the Board.

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APPOINTMENTS TO PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

The following Report No. 15/1987 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

Our Board, at its meeting held on 3 April 1986, adopted rules in relation to Programme Committees which provide, inter alia, that membership of the Programme Committees shall be appointed by the Board and that four members of each committee shall retire, by rotation, each year and be appointed to different committees at the Annual meeting of the Board.

At a meeting held on 26 June 1987, the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the three Programme Committees considered the rotation of members between the Committees. They have agreed that the following revised membership should be submitted to the Board for adoption:

	Special Hospital Committee	General Hospital Committee	Community Can Committee
1.	Cllr A Groome	Dr B O'Herlihy	Cllr P Dunne
2.	Cllr P De Rossa TD	Cllr J Dillon-Byrne	Dr P McCarthy
3.	Cllr B Briscoe TD	Cllr W Harvey	Cllr O Bennett
4.	Mr G McGuire	Cllr J Sweeney	Dr R Corcoran
5.	Dr D I Keane	Prof J McCormick	Dr R Hawkins
6.	Cllr F Hynes	Prof J S Doyle	Cllr Mrs A Glenn
7.	Cllr Dr D Fitzpatrick TD	Cllr B Durkan TD	Ms M Nealon
8.	Dr J D Behan	Mrs B Bonar	Cllr M Carroll
9.	Ald A FitzGerald	Cllr P Hickey	Mr R Roche TD
10.	Dr J Masterson	Cllr J Reilly	Mrs D Clune
11.	Dr P Devitt	Cllr C Flood	Cllr C Murphy
12.	Cllr I Callely	Cllr E Fitzgerald	

If any member wishes to exchange membership of a Committee by agreement with a member of another committee, they are requested to do so within the next two weeks.

On a proposal by Dr Hawkins, seconded by Prof Doyle, it was agreed to adopt the proposal contained in the Report.

CORRECT: K.J. HICKEY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN: *Sydney Clune*