

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting
held on
Thursday 1st June, 1989 at 6 p.m.
in
SL Vincent's Hospital, Athy, Co. Kildare.

PRESENT

Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. M. Carroll
Dr. R. Corcoran	Mrs. D. Dune
Dr. P. Devitt	Cllr. M. Gannon
Cllr. A. Glenn	Cllr. A. Groome
Cllr. WJ. Harvey	Dr. R. Hawkins
Cllr. P. Hickey	Cllr. F. Hynes
Dr. D. I. Keane	Cllr. T. Keenan
Dr. P. McCarthy	Mr. G. McGuire
Dr. J. OBoyle	Dr. B. O'Herlihy
Cllr. J. Reilly	

APOLOGIES

Cllr. O. Bennett, Prof. J.S. Doyle
Cllr. Dr. O. Frtzpatrick

IN THE CHAIR

Cllr. A. Groome

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. F. Donohue, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. John Doyle, A/Programme Manager, Community Care
Mr. M. Walsh, A/Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care
Mr. S. O'Brien, A/Programme Manager, General Hospital Care
Mr. N. McNee, Management Services Officer
Mr. M. Gallagher, Finance Officer
Ms. M. Kelly, A/Personnel Officer
Mr. M. O'Connor, Secretary

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CONDOLENCES

On the proposal of the Chairman, votes of sympathy were passed with:-

1. Deputy Bernard Durkan. on the death of his mother.
2. Deputy Dick Roche, on the death of his father.

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman read the following report which was noted by the Board:-

1. **Psychiatric Services - Wildare**

A deputation, led by myself, as Chairman, consisting of Mrs. Dymphna Clune. Chairman of the Special Hospitals Committee. Deputy Bernard Durkan. Dr. Rosaleen Corcoran. Mr. K. Hickey A/Chief Executive Officer and Mr. M. Walsh, A/Programme Manager. Special Hospital Care met the Minister for Health and an officer of His Department on 24th May. 1989. An apology for his inability to attend was received from CSr. Jim Reily, who had also been appointed as a member of the deputation.

The members of the deputation made a very comprehensive submission outlining the position relating to funding requirements for the development of psychiatric services for Co. Kildare in lieu of services heretofore provided by the South -Eastern Health Board from St Dymphna's Hospital. Carlow.

The Minister said he is pleased with the progress made by our Board in developing our psychiatric services and is aware of the range of community based facilities acquired in Kildare and the new acute unit at Naas General Hospital which will be ready for equipping and commissioning early in 1990. He referred to the discussions which have already been held by his Department this month with both Health Boards and said that discussions with the South-Eastern Health Board are continuing.

The Minister indicated that the appropriate financial allocation will be made to the Eastern Health Board for the planned services in Kildare in the coming 1990 financial year. A planned transition would be agreed with both Health Boards.

2. Annual Meeting.

It is proposed to hold the Annual meeting of our Board on Thursday 6th July, 1989 at 6.00 p.m. in the Boardroom. St Mary's Hospital, Chapelizod. The Annual Meeting will be followed by the monthly meeting at 6.30 p.m.

3. Visit to St James's Hospital

At the meeting of the General Hospital Care Programme Committee held on 18th May it was agreed, subject to the approval of the Board, to accept the invitation from the Chairman of St James's Hospital Board to tour the newly developed Phase IC and that the visit to the Hospital should take place on Thursday 29th June, 1989 at 11.00 am.

4. June meeting of the General Hospital Care Programme Committee

The June meeting of the General Hospital Care Programme Committee will be held in the James Connolly Memorial Hospital. Blanchardstown, on Friday, 23rd June, 1989 at 11 a.m. and not on 16th June as indicated on the schedule of meetings issued with the agenda.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 20TH APRIL, 1989 AND OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4TH MAY, 1989

The minutes of the special meeting held on 20th April, 1989, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Dr. Keane.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th May, 1989, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Dr. O'Herlihy, seconded by Dr. Hawkins.

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QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On a proposal by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Bonar, it was agreed to answer the questions which had been lodged.

Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick, T.D.

- (i) "Could the Chief Executive Officer state what is the basis upon which Chiropodists are employed by the Eastern Health Board."
- (ii) "Do the Eastern Health Board employ Chiropodists on a full time basis and, if so, what is the basis of their contracts?"
- (iii) "Under what conditions can these contracts be terminated?"

Reply

- (i) **Chiropodists are engaged, on a sessional basis, from an approved list drawn up by the Department of Health and the Chiropody Assessment and Advisory Committee.**
- (ii) **Chiropodists are not employed on a full-time basis by our Board.**
- (iii) **Chiropodists are engaged on a sessional basis, as required; the arrangements for the provision of a chiropody service are not the subject of a formal contract**

61/89**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer read the following report which was noted by the Board:-

1. Health Services (Amendment) Regulations 1989

I have circulated, with the correspondence for the meeting, copies of the Health Services (Amendment) Regulations 1989, which raise the income limit for category II health services from £15,500 to £16,000 with effect from 1st June, 1989.

2. Former Health Centre premises at Emmet Road, Inchicore

It is proposed to dispose of the former Health Centre premises at Emmet Road, Inchicore, which is no longer required for our purposes.

In accordance with the usual practice a Section 83 notice will be circulated for consideration at the July meeting of our Board.

3. Committee on Public Safety and Crowd Control

Our Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr. Tom Brady, has been appointed a member of the Committee on Public Safety and Crowd Control which has the following terms of reference:-

"To examine and report to the Government on the adequacy of all existing provisions, including legislative provisions, relating to public safety and crowd control at major public events, with particular reference to sporting events and music festivals and concerts and to make such recommendations as seem to them appropriate."

4. CLEAN WATCH Awards - Bord Failte Tidy Towns Competition 1989

We have been requested by the Health Promotion Unit in the Department of Health to participate in the CLEANWATCH Awards scheme which they are sponsoring, for the second year, in conjunction with the Board Failte Tidy Towns Competition 1989.

A prize of £500 will be awarded in each of the Tidy Town categories to the town with the highest standards of food hygiene in its food and catering outlets and which has shown the greatest commitment to CLEANWATCH.

It is proposed to assist the Health Promotion Unit in the regional evaluation of the Competition, the results of which will be forwarded to the national adjudication panel."

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TALLAGHT HOSPITAL BOARD - MEMBERSHIP

The following Report no. 12/1989 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:-

"I attach copy of letter dated 20th April. 1989 from the Department of Health regarding the expiry of the term of office of Mr. K.J. Hickey as a member of the Tallaght Hospital Board.

This is a three-year term of office as distinct from the term of office of a member of our Board who is nominated for appointment to the Tallaght Hospital Board i.e. Cllr. B. Briscoe. T.D., Mrs. D. Clune and Cllr. A. Groome, whose term of office runs until the first meeting of our Board after the next local election.

The nomination of a panel of two persons, as requested, from which the Minister for Health shall make an appointment to the Tallaght Hospital Board, is a matter for our Board."

On a proposal by Cllr. Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Carroll, It was agreed to nominate Cllr. J. Reilly and Mr. K.J. Hickey.

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PROGRAMME COMMITTEES - MEMBERSHIP

The following Report no. 13/1989 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:-

"The annual rotation of members of the Programme Committees has been effected as provided for in our Board's Standing Orders. The revised membership is shown on the attached sheet.

Standing Orders provide that members who wish to exchange Committee membership may make one such exchange (by direct transfer) and that they shall jointly notify the Secretary to this effect not later than the third Tuesday in June i.e. 20th June, 1989.

The final membership lists will be circulated with the agenda for the annual meeting for formal confirmation by our Board."

SPECIAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE (A)	GENERAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE (B)	COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE (C)
1. Ald. A. FrtzGerald	Dr. J. Masterson	Cllr. O. Bennett
2. Mrs. D. Clune	Cllr. J. Reilly	Cllr. P. Dunne
3. Dr. P. Devitt	Dr. B. O'Herlihy	Mrs. B. Bonar
4. Cllr. I. Callely TD	Cllr. M. Gannon	Cllr. B. Briscoe TD
5. Cllr. C. Flood, TD	Cllr. P. Hickey	Dr. P. McCarthy
6. Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne	Cllr. T. Keenan	Mr. G. McGuire
7. Cllr W. Harvey	Cllr. R. Roche TD	Cllr. L. O'Neill
8. Cllr. A. Groome	Dr. R. Corcoran	Dr. D. I. Keane
9. Prof. J. McCormick	Dr. R. Hawkins	Cllr. F. Hynes
10. Prof. J. S. Doyle	Cllr. Mrs. A. Glenn	Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick TD
11. Cllr. B. Durkan TD	Ms. M. Nealon	Dr. J. O'Boyle
12. Cllr. C. Murphy	Cllr. M. Carroll	

On a proposal by Dr. O'Herlihy, seconded by Cllr.Reilly, the Report was noted.

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BUDGET WORKING GROUP - MEMBERSHIP

The following Report no. 14/1989 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted :-

*The current membership of the Budget Working Group is as follows :-

- (a)
 - 1. Cllr. A. Groome (Chairman)
 - 2. Cllr. I. Callery
 - 3. Mrs. D. dune
 - 4. Cllr. P. Dunne
 - 5. Cllr. F. Hynes
 - 6. Cllr. P. Hickey
 - 7. Ms. M. Nealon
 - 8. Dr. B. O'Herlihy
 - 9. Cllr. J. Reilly
- (b)
 - 10. Cllr M. Gannon
 - 11. Dr. J. Masterson
 - 12. Mr. G. McGuire
 - 13. Cllr. R. Roche, T.D.

Our Board's Standing Orders provide that the Budget Working Group shall consist of :

- (a) A core group of nine members who shall serve for their full five year term of office, and
- (b) A group of four members who shall change each year and be appointed at the annual meeting of the Board.

In accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders nominations for the four places at (b) shall be taken at the June meeting of the Board. If more than four nominations are made, the four members for appointment to the Budget Working Group shall be elected at the annual meeting in July."

The following members were nominated for appointment at the annual meeting of the Board :-

- 1. Cllr. M. Carroll
- 2. Dr. R. Corcoran
- 3. Dr. P. McCarthy
- 4. Dr. J. O'Boyle

At the request of Mrs. Bonar It was agreed to circulate, for the Information of members, details of the various Boards and Committees on which members serve.

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TEMPORARY BORROWING

The following Report no. 15/1989 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:-

"The approval of the Board to borrowing by way of overdraft during the period ending on 30th September, 1989 to a maximum of £5 million is requested."

On a proposal by Cllr. Gannon, seconded by Dr. McCarthy, it was agreed to adopt the proposal contained in the report.

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PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PROGRAMME COMMITTEES**1. Special Hospital Care Programme Committee**

On a proposal by Dr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Clune, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:

- (a) Update on the reduction in patient numbers in St Brendan's Hospital and the Community Project in Clondalkin
- (b) Dr. Gerry Gorman Memorial Unit - Clonskeagh Hospital
- (c) The de-designation of St. Ita's Hospital
- (d) Proposed Community Unit at Tivoli Rd., Dun Laoghaire
- (e) Services in Newcastle Hospital

2. General Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Cllr. Gannon, seconded by Cllr. Reilly, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:-

- (a) Dun Laoghaire co-ordination project for the elderly
- (b) Recommendation from the Committee that the Minister for Health be requested to receive a deputation seeking his approval to proceed with the next phase of the development of Naas General Hospital
- (c) Progress report on Farmers' Health Contributions
- (d) Visit to St James's Hospital on 29th June, 1989
- (e) Report on services in Clonskeagh Hospital

It was agreed that the deputation regarding the development of Naas General Hospital should consist of Cllr. A. Groome (Chairman), Deputy B. Durkan, Cllr. J. Rellly, Dr. B. O'Herllhy and Dr. R. Corcoran.

3. Community Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. McGuire, it was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:

- (a) Report on services in Community Care Area 2
- (b) Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations, 1989

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NOTICES OF MOTION

It was agreed to defer to the July meeting the motions in the name of Cllr. Gannon regarding the provision of an out-patient facility and a casualty unit in Cherry Orchard Hospital and in the name of Deputy R. Roche requesting a full report on the Health Centre in Carnew.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence, copies of which had been circulated, was noted:-

1. Letter dated 22nd May, 1989 from the Department of Health regarding the Health Services (Amendment) Regulations, 1989 which raised the income limit for category II health services from £15,500 to £16,000 with effect from the 1st June, 1989.
2. Letter dated 25th April, 1989 from the Midland Health Board regarding their resolution calling for the establishment of a centralised register at national level in which the specific wishes of donors of organs would be recorded.

It was agreed to support the terms of the Midland Health Board's resolution.

3. Letter dated 19th May, 1989 from the Department of Health enclosing a copy of circular 5/89 regarding the G.M.S. - General Practice Development Fund.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.

CORRECT: F.J. Donohue,
Deputy Chief Executive Officer.



Chairman