

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of Special Meeting

held in

The Boardroom, St. Mary's Hospital, Chapelizod

on Wednesday 12th July, 1989 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. I. Callely T.D.
Cllr. M. Carroll	Mrs. D. Clune
Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne	Cllr. P. Dunne
Ald. A. FitzGerald	Cllr. M. Gannon
Cllr. A. Groome	Cllr. W.J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hickey	Cllr. F. Hynes
Dr. D.I. Keane	Cllr. T. Keenan
Dr. J. Masterson	Ms. M. Nealon
Dr. J. O'Boyle	Dr. B. O'Herlihy
Cllr. J. Reilly	

APOLOGIES

Dr. R. Corcoran, Cllr. B J. Durkan, T.D., Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick

IN THE CHAIR

Cllr. A. Groome

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. K.J. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. F. Donohue, Programme Manager Community Care
Mr. J. 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
Ms. M. Kelly, A/Personnel Officer
Mr. G. Brennan, Technical Services Officer
Mr. P. O'Rourke, A/Secretary

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Women's Aid

The following report from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:-

"It was arranged at the meeting of our Board on 6th July, 1989 that a Special Board meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th July, 1989 at which I would update members on developments in the interim in relation to the possible revocation of the Licence granted in 1986 to Women's Aid for the use and occupation of the refuge at Rathmines which was purpose-built by our Board.

Meetings have since taken place on Friday evening 7th July with members of the full Council of Women's Aid and also with the original Subscribers to the Company, respectively. Both groups comprise the Association which makes up the Company as a whole.

The result of these meetings is that agreement in principle emerged to a proposal whereby the existing Licence Agreement between the Eastern Health Board and Women's Aid Ltd. would be fundamentally reviewed with responsibility for the day to day running of the refuge and employment of staff resting with the Eastern Health Board and with Women's Aid providing befriending, counselling and support to women victims of family violence to enable them to come to decisions about their future. Such decisions would include return to family home with or without a barring order, the provision of a rehabilitation service and assistance with legal processes as required. Women's Aid would also be involved in follow-up services such as resettlement in second stage hostel or housing if appropriate.

The agreement in principle which has been reached also includes a commitment on the part of the Eastern Health Board in relation to staff currently employed by Women's Aid Ltd. but this specifically does not extend to any former employee.

The members of the Council and the Subscribers of Women's Aid Ltd. respectively agreed to meet on Tuesday evening, the 11th July and I have today received the names of three representatives nominated by each group to enter into discussions with us regarding the terms of a new Agreement. These discussions will proceed during the current month with a view to finalising the details of a new Agreement between our Board and Women's Aid Ltd. which will replace the existing Licence Agreement"

Following a discussion to which Cllr. Carroll, Mrs. Bonar, Cllr. Dillon Byrne, Ald. FitzGerald, Cllr. Hynes, Dr. O'Herlihy, Mrs. Clune and Cllr. Groome contributed and to which Mr. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer replied, the report was noted.

With regard to the long-term housing accommodation needs of the homeless and other disadvantage groups, including the elderly, it was proposed by Ald. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. Dillon Byrne, and agreed that a delegation should seek a meeting with the City and County Manager and appropriate Planning Officers of Dublin Corporation, Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation in relation to this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the review of housing needs currently being undertaken by the local housing authorities in the Board's area in the context of the Housing Act 1988. It had been agreed at the previous week's monthly meeting that each Programme Manager would bring a report on special housing needs to the relevant programme committee with the aim of preparing a comprehensive response to each local housing authority in September. It was agreed that the total requirements would be quantified before the meeting is sought by the delegation referred to above.

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Progress Reports from Programme Committees

1. Special Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Mrs. Clune, seconded by Ald. FitzGerald It was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:-

- (a) Development Report on the National Forensic Service
- (b) Day Hospital Facilities at Milltown
- (c) Developments in the Programme
- (d) Update on the reduction in patient numbers in St Brendan's Hospital

It was agreed to adopt the report on the National Forensic Service as recommended by the Committee.

2. General Hospital Care Programme Committee

On a proposal by Dr. O'Herlihy seconded by Dr. Keane, It was agreed to adopt the report.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:-

- (a) Future role of James Connolly Memorial Hospital - Review Group
- (b) Recommendation regarding the disposal of 10.77 acres of land at James Connolly Memorial Hospital to Dublin County Council for development as a Linear park
- (c) Naas General Hospital - Psychiatric Unit/Boilerhouse and Ancillary Accommodation
- (d) St Columcille's Hospital
- (e) Visit to SL James's Hospital
- (f) Report on services in James Connolly Memorial Hospital

3. Community Care Programme Committee

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

The following matters were dealt with in the report:

- a. Cervical Screening - Report of Working Group on Cervical Screening in Ireland

Item (a):- Cervical Screening - Report of Working Group on Cervical Screening in Ireland.

It was noted that the final paragraph should read:-

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board defer consideration of the Interim Report and await the outcome of the Group's final report and recommendations"

- (a) Drugs and medicines
- (b) Report on Services in Area 3

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Notices of Motion

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 Roche requesting a full report on the Health Centre in Camew were deferred to the August meeting.

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Any Other Business

E.N.T. Services

A discussion took place regarding E.N.T. services to which Cllr. Hynes, Dr. Carroll, Cllr. Groome, Dr. Masterson, Cllr. Harvey, Dr. O*Herlihy and Ms. Nealon contributed and to which Mr. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer replied.

The Board passed the following resolution:

** That this Board wishes to express its concern that the upgrading of E.N.T. services be given priority".*

It was also agreed that the format of statistical reports to Programme Committees from Community Care areas and Hospitals should be standardised.

Resource Centre, South Finglas.

Aid. FHZGerald asked that the Chief Executive Officer examine the Family Resource Centre, South Finglas which operates under the aegis of the Eastern Health Board in a premises owned by Dublin Corporation and requires major renovations. He requested that a report be brought to the Board at its September 1989 meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.

Correct: K.J. Hickey,
Chief Executive Officer


Chairman