

**Minutes of Special Board Meeting held in the Board Room, HQ,
Civic Centre, Bray, Co. Wicklow on
Wednesday 31st March 2004 at 6.00p.m.**

In the Chair

Cllr. Tony Fox

Present

Dr. Ray Hawkins	Ald. Joe Doyle
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell	Cllr. Pat Doran
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne	Cllr. Andrew Doyle
Mr John Dolan	Cllr. Laurence Butler
Dr. Bernard Murphy	Cllr. Pat Hand

Apologies

Dr. Mick Molloy
Dr. John Fennell
Cllr. Louise Cosgrave
Ms. Maria Hoban
Mr. Michael Murphy
Mr. Gerry McGuire
Ms. Noeleen Harvey

Officers in attendance

Mr. Martin Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Brian Redahan, Deputy Chief Executive.
Mr. Bob Templeton, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Services for the Elderly, Regional Ambulance & Transport Service and Emergency Planning Office
Ms. Mary O'Connell, Assistant Chief Executive, Primary Care, Community Services & Acute Care
Mr. Brendan Baker, Assistant Chief Executive, Human Resources and Organisational Development
Ms. Kathleen Hamill, Management Accountant, Finance and Strategy.
Ms Marian Quinn, Director of Child, Youth & Family Service
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary

Opening Prayer

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Provider Plan 2004

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer outlined the main provisions of the Boards Draft Provider Plan 2004. (Copy Attached) The report dealt with the following issues;
- Introduction statement and overview
 - Strategic Focus
 - Social Partnership
 - Letter of Determination 2004
 - Monitoring and Control Mechanisms
 - Performance Indicator
 - Care Service Provisions and Service Development
 - Capital development (non-acute) proposals 2004/2005
 - Corporate Services
 - Customer Focus
 - Role of Non Statutory Sector
 - Outturn 2003
 - Annual Report
 - Conjoint Working
 - Evaluation
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- (b) The Chief Executive Officer also outlined the proposed savings programme for 2004. (Copy attached) The projected savings in 2004 were estimated at €5.514m.
- (c) A comprehensive report (copy attached) was also presented by the Director of Child, Youth and Family Services for separated children seeking asylum. The report outlined the overall additional requirements and supports required estimated at €12.630m.

There followed a debate on the report to which the following members contributed; Cllr. Laurence Butler, Cllr. Pat Doran, Ald Joe Doyle, Dr. Ray Hawkins, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Mr. John Dolan, Cllr. Andrew Doyle, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and Cllr. Tony Fox and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied. The following key points were noted.

- The implementation team for the report of the National Task Force on Medical Staffing will be meeting shortly to begin putting together an action plan to process the recommendations of the Hanley Report. The team will be assessing bed capacity in the region as part of this process.
- The Chief Executive Officer agreed to review the X-ray Diagnostic Services at St Columcilles Hospital and report back to the Board in due course.
- Concerns were expressed in relation to the lack of a mobile Health Unit for the Traveling Community in our area. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and would be looked at with a view to establishing this service as soon as possible.
- Issues in relation to the Physical and Sensory Database will be reviewed and a further report brought to the Board.
- Proposals in relation to the revised management of legal fees was welcomed.

The Chairman in conclusion joined with members in acknowledging the commitment and hard work of all the staff during 2003 and to continued progress in 2004.

The Provider Plan 2004 was subsequently adopted on the proposal of Ald. Joe Doyle and second by Cllr. Larry Butler subject to special arrangements being put in place for Separated Children Seeking Asylum as outlined in report (copy attached) and submitted to the Eastern Regional Health Authority.

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Correct:

MARTIN GALLAGHER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE

Signed:

Cllr. TONY FOX
CHAIRMAN

DATE