

Minutes of Board meeting held in the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum on
Thursday 12th October 2000 at 6.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Tony Fox, Chairman
Dr. John Fennell
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell
Ald. Senator Joe Doyle
Cllr. Pat Doran
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne
Cllr. Olivia Mitchell T.D.
Cllr. Maria Corrigan
Cllr. Andrew Doyle
Mr. John Dolan
Cllr. Laurence Butler
Mr. Gerry McGuire
Ms. Noeleen Harvey
Dr. Bernard Murphy

Apologies:

Dr. Ray Hawkins
Dr. Mick Molloy
Ms. Maria Hoban
Ms. Joyce Andrews
Mr. Paul Ledwidge

Officers in attendance:

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Martin Gallagher, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Cate Hartigan, A/Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance
Mr. Alex Connelly, Communications Manager
Mr. Pearse Costello, Director of Human Resources
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary
Ms. Suzanne Bushnell, Secretariat

Opening Prayer

[1] Chairman's Business

- The Chairman read the following report which was noted by the Board (*copy appended to the officers minute*)
- The Chairman referred to the Drug Treatment Services update report which is tabled under Agenda Item 5 and asked the members to support the Boards strategy in this regard.
- Referred to Schedule of Visits for November/December 2000 as circulated.
- Referred to meetings of Standing Committees for September. Reports on work of the Committees will be given under Agenda Item 6.
- Confirmed that Bray Urban District Council has made available its Council Chamber at Bray Town Hall for monthly meetings of our Board commencing January 2001.
- Referred to the Immunisation Programmes for Meningococcal C and Influenza
- Referred to visit by member of the Board to the Arklow and District Health Care and Facilities Improvement Committee on 15th September 2000.
- Extended the Boards sympathies to Minister Michael Martin T.D. on the tragic death of Gobnait O'Connell, Special Advisor and commended the local Emergency Services on their quick response to the scene of the accident.

The following points made by members were noted and agreed.

- Provision of parking facilities at Town Hall, Bray for Board members.
- Need for a media campaign to highlight and project the positive work of the Board in relation to Drug Treatment Services.

[2] (a) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2000 having been circulated were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell.

(b) Matters Arising

No matters arising

[3] Questions to Chief Executive Officer.

There were no questions tabled.

[4] Chief Executive Officer Report

The Chief Executive Officers report was circulated (*copy appended to the official minutes*).

The Report dealt with the following items:-

- Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum
- St. Columcille's Hospital
- Nursing Issues
- Dalkey Unit for Elderly
- Ambulance Dispute
- Child Care

A discussion took place on the Report to which Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne, Dr. John Fennell, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. Gerry McGuire, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Dr. Bernard Murphy, Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle, Cllr. Andrew Doyle contributed.

In response to points raised by members the Chief Executive Officer clarified the following points:-

- ***Nursing shortages***

The Directors of Human Resources for the three Area Boards in conjunction with the Director of Shared Services are formulating an Action Plan to maximise the number and grades of nursing and other grades of staff – Reports will be brought to the Acute Services and Primary Care Committee.

- ***Paediatric Services***

Discussions on this service are at an advanced stage. It is proposed that the service will be based at St. Columcille's Hospital and will provide outreach services.

- ***Project Team St. Columcille's Hospital***

Up to date report will be brought to the Acute Services and Primary Care Committee.

- ***Dalkey Unit***

The Unit will be opened in advance of the Winter and protocol for admissions Policy agreed. Members will be kept informed of developments.

- ***Orthodontic Services***

Up to date report will be brought to the Continuing Care Committee.

- **Central Mental Hospital**

Clearance has been approved for Project Team to report on service developments.

- **Waiting List Initiative**

Board is addressing this issue with other Hospitals in area and report will be brought to Acute Services and Primary Care Committee

The Board unanimously adopted the Report.

[5] (a) Update on Drug Treatment Services

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer's (Service Delivery) Report was circulated (copy appended to official minute). The report dealt with the following items.

- Treatment Services
- Education and Prevention Services
- Outreach Services
- Detoxification Services
- Counselling
- Rehabilitation Services

There followed a discussion on the Report to which Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne, Dr. John Fennell, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Ms. Noeleen Harvey, Mr. Gerry McGuire contributed.

In response to points raised by members the Assistant Chief Executive Officer clarified the following points:

- Problems associated with Moran Park in Dun Laoghaire will be followed up with Dun Laoghaire Parks Department.
- Need for better liaising with General Practitioner Services
- Proposals in relation to mobile unit and referral of patients who have dropped their treatment programme will be taken on board.
- Needle disposal system will be put in place with Pharmacy Union.
- Copy of study, carried out by the National Academy of Sciences Institute U.S.A. will be circulated to members.

The Chairman and members of the Board thanked the Assistant Chief Executive Officer for his comprehensive report and also complemented staff and everybody involved with the Drugs Strategy. On the proposal of Cllr. Tony Fox, chairman and seconded by Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell the report was unanimously adopted by the Board.

(b) Update on Establishment of

- (i) Physical and Sensory Committee
- (ii) Intellectual Disabilities Committee

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer, (Planning & Evaluation) Report was circulated (copy appended to official minute).

The members welcomed the establishment of Committees.

The following points were noted:-

- The need for proper representation on committees
- Need to appoint Director for Disabilities without delay.
- The provision of the new of Mental Health Bill needs to be addressed.

The Report was noted and adopted by the members.

[6] Report of Standing Committees

Reports on meetings of the Standing Committees were adopted (copies appended to official minute) on proposal of Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne.

[7] Motion

Proposed by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne – was unanimously adopted by the members.

[8] Correspondence

- (a) "Once off Grants" for Aids and Appliances - circulated
- (b) Letter from St. Michael's Hospital - circulated

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLLR TONY FOX
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Date