

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the South Western Area Health Board held
in the Conference Centre, Coombe Women's Hospital, Dolphins Barn, Dublin 8, on
Tuesday, 4th February, 2003, at 2.00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell	Dr. S. Barry
Mr. G. Brady	Cllr. C. Byrne
Cllr. E. Byrne	Cllr. T. Cullen
Ms. A. Harris	Ms. M. Hoban
Cllr. M. Miley	Cllr. C. McGrath
Ald. M. Mooney	Dr. B. Murphy
Cllr. C. O'Connor, T.D.	Cllr. T. Ridge
Cllr. D. Tipping	

Non-Voting Members

Ms. N. Harvey	Mr. G. McGuire
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Apologies

Mr. J. Fallon	Dr. K. Harkin
Cllr. J. Reilly	

In the Chair

Cllr. T. Ridge

Officers in Attendance

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr. R. Mitchell, Assistant Chief Executive
 Mr. D. Lyons, A/Assistant Chief Executive
 Mr. M. Rogan, A/Assistant Chief Executive
 Mr. J. Leech, A/Director of Finance
 Ms. B. Manning, Operations Manager, Childcare
 Mr. F. Mills, Director for Social Inclusion
 Mr. R. Kavanagh, Senior Manager, Operations
 Ms. C. Cuffe, Senior Manager, Operations
 Ms. C. Bergin, Senior Manager, Operations
 Mr. K. Cleary, Senior Manager, Operations
 Ms. M. FitzPatrick, Manager, Orthodontics Service
 Mr. R. Healy, Board Secretary
 Ms. P. Dempsey, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office
 Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

At the outset, the Chairman advised that, due to an engagement in the East Coast Area Health Board which members wished to attend later in the afternoon, it was proposed to progress the meeting as expeditiously as possible.

The Chairman then advised that this was Deputy Charlie O'Connor's last meeting as a member of the South Western Area Health Board as he had recently tendered his resignation as a member of this Board and the Eastern Regional Health Authority. The Chairman paid tribute to Deputy O'Connor for his hard work both as a member and former Chairman of the Board and indicated that he would be missed as a friend and colleague.

The C.E.O. also paid tribute to Deputy O'Connor for his contribution to the work of the Board, particularly in his role over two terms as Chairman. He indicated that Deputy O'Connor's successor will be advised to the Eastern Regional Health Authority in due course and that the Authority will be marking Deputy O'Connor's resignation at regional level.

Cllr. Eric Byrne joined in wishing Deputy O'Connor well.

Deputy O'Connor expressed his appreciation for the compliments paid to him and indicated that he had been proud to work with the Board. Difficulties with attendance at meetings of the Board and Dáil had resulted in his decision to resign and he wished the Board well in its ongoing work.

The Chairman then advised members of the following:-

1. *Official Opening of Children and Families Training and Development Unit*

On 30th January, last Thursday, I officially opened the Children and Families Training and Development Unit at Citywest Campus. The Unit provides a wide range of courses to personnel working with children and families to allow them to provide the best possible service.

With the unit being centrally located, and ample facilities on site, courses are run on a regular basis with key trainers forming part of the unit along with their backup administration support.

Training is about investing in people to enable them to perform better and to empower them to make the best use of their natural abilities. Also, undertaking training is the building block for a successful career path.

On your behalf, I would like to congratulate all concerned and to wish continued success to our management, trainers and staff of the Unit in their work in the future.

2. *Baltinglass District Hospital, resident - 100 years of age*

On 31st January, last Friday, I attended a birthday celebration for Miss Catherine Kehoe, a resident of Baltinglass District Hospital, who was 100 years of age. A great afternoon was had by all with musical entertainment being provided by both staff and residents of Baltinglass Hospital. Catherine, originally from Baltinglass, was well travelled having worked with families in London, Canada and the United States.

Catherine's grand niece and her children also attended the celebrations and I made a presentation of a letter of congratulations and cheque sent to Catherine by President McAleese. Cards of congratulations were also sent from her former employers in the U.S.A.

3. *Association of Health Boards in Ireland - Annual Conference 2003*

Again, I would like to remind members that the Association of Health Boards in Ireland will be holding its annual conference in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, on 21st and 22nd March 2003.

The Chairman requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Matron and staff of Baltinglass Hospital and to compliment them on their care for all the residents.

The Chairman then indicated that it would not be possible to take Item 4 on the agenda (Presentation - Update re Orthodontics Service) and apologised to staff involved in its preparation. It was agreed to table this item for the next Board Meeting.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY, 2003

The minutes of the proceedings of the Board Meeting held on 14th January, 2003, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Dr. B. Murphy, seconded by Mr. G. Brady.

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QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

On a proposal by Cllr. D. Tipping, seconded by Dr. B. Murphy, it was agreed to answer the question which had been lodged.

1. Dr. Siobhán Barry

“Re: Mental Health Services

Could the C.E.O. indicate:-

- His proposed Human Resources strategy and implementation timelines to improve clinical leadership within the Board, by the filling of all 3 Clinical Director in Psychiatry posts on a permanent (continuous or fixed term) basis as opposed to the current temporary basis;
- When he proposes to advertise for permanent new Consultant Psychiatrist posts e.g. Rehabilitation Post in Dublin West/South West and Consultant Psychiatrist-led team specialising in the needs of the Homeless Mentally Ill (set out in 131/2002, Questions to the CEO, December 2002); Consultant Psychiatrist (and team) to cover Drimnagh (set out in S.W.A.H.B. Development Plans 2002, July 2002);
- The number, location and duration of other Consultant Psychiatrist posts in S.W.A.H.B. that are filled on a non-permanent (locum or temporary) basis?”

Reply:

In the South Western Area Health Board there are three Consultant Psychiatrists acting as Clinical Directors to our mental health services. Our Board intends to advertise the permanent posts of Clinical Director in Dublin West/South West and Kildare/West Wicklow in the coming months. The post of Clinical Director within the Dublin South City service must be agreed with our service partners, St. James's and St. Patrick's Hospitals.

The Consultant Psychiatrist post in Rehabilitation was advertised in conjunction with our partners, the Adelaide & Meath Hospital, incorporating the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght (AMiNCH) and interviews will take place in February 2003.

Two posts recently approved by Comhairle na nOspidéal relating to Homelessness and The Coombe will be located in the Dublin South City Mental Health Services and will be advertised in the coming weeks, subject to discussions with the service partners, St Patrick's Hospital and the Coombe Women's Hospital. The new post associated with the Drimmagh sector will be advertised alongside this development.

The table below lists all the Consultant Psychiatrist posts in our Board's area that are filled on a permanent or non-permanent basis.

Service	Post	Status of Current Post Holder
Dublin South City*	Clinical Director	Acting
	Camac 1	Permanent
	Camac 2	Permanent
	Owen Doher 1	Permanent
	Owen Doher 2	Permanent
	Psychiatry of Old Age	Permanent
Kildare/West Wicklow	Clinical Director	Acting
	North West Sector	Permanent
	Mid East Sector	Permanent
	Southern Sector	Permanent
	Mid West Sector	Temporary
	North East Sector	Temporary
Dublin West/South West	Clinical Director	Acting
	Tallaght 1	Permanent
	Tallaght 2	Permanent
	Tallaght 3	Permanent Sessional
	Tallaght 4	Temporary Sessional
	Crumlin 1	Permanent Sessional
	Crumlin 2	Temporary
	Crumlin 3	Temporary
	Clondalkin	Temporary
	Ballyfermot	Permanent
	Lucan	Temporary
	Rehabilitation	Temporary
	Psychiatry of Old Age	Permanent

* Consultant Psychiatrists serving Dublin South City are employees of St Patrick's Hospital

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PRESENTATION – UPDATE RE ORTHODONTICS SERVICE

This presentation was deferred to the next Board Meeting due to time constraints, as outlined by the Chairman at the outset of the meeting.

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C.E.O.'S REPORT

The C.E.O. read Report No. 2/2003 to members [copy filed with official minute].

Areas covered in the report are set out below:-

- Children and Families Training and Development Unit
- National Disability Standards Pilot Initiative
- Intercountry Adoption Service
- Forum on Care of Older Persons - Update
- Naas General Hospital – Consultant Cardiologist Posts
- Addiction Services
- Report on the Health Effects of Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- Mental Health Commission
- New Appointment
- Resignation of Board Member

Discussion followed to which Cllr. E. Byrne, Dr. S. Barry, Cllr. C. Byrne and Ms. M. Hoban contributed and to which the C.E.O. and Mr. M. Rogan responded as follows:-

- A briefing on Children & Families Services will be arranged for members at a future Standing Committee meeting.
- It was confirmed that arrangements are in progress to bring details of costings re the Review of Adequacy of Children and Families Services 2001 report to the appropriate Standing Committee.
- Details of a recent media report outlining proposals for dealing with people who present to hospital A&E Departments under the influence of alcohol were clarified.
- Arrangements were confirmed concerning attendance by the newly appointed Consultant Psychiatrist with special interest in Addiction (Young Persons Programme) at Fortune House and other addiction facilities within the Board.
- The current position regarding our Board's three Clinical Director posts in the Mental Health Services was clarified.

The C.E.O.'s report was noted.

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MATTERS FOR MENTION/MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters for mention/matters arising from the minutes.

19/2003**PROGRESS REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

On a proposal by Mr. P. Aspell, seconded by Cllr. C. McGrath, the progress report from the Disabilities, Mental Health & Addiction and Acute Services Standing Committee meeting dated 16th January, 2003, was adopted.

20/2003**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. T. Ridge and seconded by Cllr. D. Tipping:-

“That the C.E.O. outline the current position re provision of Speech & Language Therapy services in this Board’s area.”

Following discussion to which Cllr. T. Ridge, Cllr. D. Tipping, Cllr. C. Byrne, Ms. M. Hoban, Dr. S. Barry, Mr. G. McGuire and Dr. B. Murphy contributed, to which the C.E.O. responded, it was agreed that a further report on this issue be brought to a forthcoming meeting of the Community Services & Continuing Care Standing Committee.

21/2003**SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (FEBRUARY 2003)**

The schedule of visits for Board Members and Committee meetings for February 2003, which had been circulated with the agenda papers, was noted by members.

Members requested that the February meeting of the Disabilities, Mental Health & Addiction and Acute Services Standing Committee be re-scheduled for 12th February, 2003, due to a clash with a meeting of the Association of Health Boards on 20th February, 2003. This was agreed.

22/2003**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The March meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, 4th March, 2003, at 2.00 p.m. in the Board Room, South Western Area Health Board H.Q., Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.

CORRECT:**P. DONNELLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CHAIRMAN