

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the South Western Area Health Board held in the Board Room, South Western Area Health Board Headquarters, Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, on Wednesday, 27th February, 2002, at 6.00 p.m.

Present

Dr. S. Barry	Cllr. T. Cullen
Dr. K. Harkin	Ms. A. Harris
Ms. M. Hoban	Cllr. C. McGrath
Cllr. M. Miley	Ald. M. Mooney
Dr. B. Murphy	Cllr. C. O'Connor
Cllr. J. Reilly	Cllr. D. Tipping
Cllr. J. Wall, T.D.	

Non-Voting Members

Mr. G. McGuire

Apologies

Mr. P. Aspell	Cllr. C. Byrne
Dr. M. Gueret	Ms. N. Harvey
Sen. S. O Fearghail	Sen. T. Ridge

In the Chair

Cllr. C. McGrath

Officers in Attendance

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr. S. O'Brien, Assistant Chief Executive
 Ms. B. Clarke, Assistant Chief Executive
 Mr. H. Kane, Assistant Chief Executive
 Mr. R. Mitchell, Director of Communications
 Mr. R. Healy, Board Secretary
 Mr. K. Ward, General Manager, Kildare/West Wicklow
 Mr. R. Mooney, Area Administrator, Kildare/West Wicklow
 Ms. A. Walsh, Manager, Primary Care Unit
 Mr. R. Kavanagh, Senior Manager, Operations
 Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, CEO's Office

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As Cllr. Charlie O'Connor, Board Chairman, was delayed, members agreed that Cllr. Colm McGrath would assume the chair. Cllr. O'Connor subsequently requested Cllr. McGrath to remain in the chair for the duration of the meeting.

On a proposal by Mr. G. McGuire, seconded by Cllr. J. Reilly, and agreed by three-quarters of the members present, Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr. McGuire to raise the issue of the status of members of professions on the various Area Health Boards.

In particular, Mr. McGuire expressed dissatisfaction at a recent interpretation that, as he is not a member of the South Western Area Health Board, he would not be entitled to table Board Questions or Motions which he wished to do jointly with two members of the South Western Area Health Board.

Discussion followed to which Cllr. T. Cullen, Dr. B. Murphy, Cllr. M. Miley, Ms. M. Hoban, Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. C. McGrath, and Cllr. D. Tipping contributed. It was agreed to seek clarification from the Eastern Regional Health Authority on this matter. Consideration is also to be given to the use of the term "observer" for those professional members who may attend and make contributions at meetings of the other area health boards but who would not have voting rights at those meetings – it was suggested that "non-voting member" may be a more appropriate term.

In the meantime, for the purpose of tabling the questions and motions for the forthcoming Board Meeting, it was agreed to amend these items to include Mr. McGuire's name and circulate to members in advance of the meeting.

28/2002**PRESENTATION ON KDOC**

At the outset, on a request by Cllr. T. Cullen, details of the CareDoc Initiative were circulated.

Ms. B. Clarke, Assistant Chief Executive, then introduced the representatives from KDoc who were in attendance.

Dr. Michael Joyce proceeded to give a slide presentation to members on the KDoc Initiative. Areas covered in the presentation included the following:-

- Previous Arrangements
- Advantages – to patients, health board, doctors
- Structure of KDoc
- Service Details

This was followed by a slide presentation by Mr. Ray Mooney, Area Administrator, Community Services, Kildare/West Wicklow, outlining financial details and running costs of the initiative; staffing structure; review of level of service in 2001; and patient satisfaction survey results.

Discussion followed to which Dr. K. Harkin, Cllr. C. McGrath, Cllr. J. Wall, Cllr. T. Cullen, Cllr. J. Reilly, Ms. M. Hoban, Dr. S. Barry, and Ms. A. Harris contributed and to which the

C.E.O., Ms. B. Clarke, Mr. K. Ward (General Manager, Community Services, Kildare/West Wicklow) and Dr. M. Joyce responded as follows:-

- Cllr. T. Cullen to liaise with health board staff regarding issues surrounding the provision of services to patients in West Wicklow by CareDoc.
- Out of hours services for patients in outlying areas of Kildare to be clarified.
- The service provided by KDoc for mentally ill persons requiring hospital admission was confirmed.
- Members were informed that additional information, as required, may be extrapolated from the patient satisfaction survey.

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PRIMARY CARE

It was agreed that, due to time constraints, the discussion regarding primary care which had been tabled for this meeting could be referred to a future Standing Committee meeting.

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**P. DONNELLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CHAIRMAN