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**SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD**

**Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of the South Western Area Health Board  
held in Kildare County Council Chambers, Naas, Co. Kildare,  
on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2000, at 2.00 p.m.**

*Present*

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

*Observers*

Mr. G. McGuire

*Apology*

Dr. M. Gueret

Ms. N. Harvey

*In the Chair*

Cllr. C. O'Connor

*Officers in Attendance*

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive  
 Mr. S. O'Brien, Asst. Chief Executive  
 Ms. B. Clarke, Asst. Chief Executive  
 Mr. P. Bennett, Asst. Chief Executive  
 Ms. M. Browne, Communications Director  
 Mr. J. Leech, Senior Manager, Chief Executive's Office  
 Ms. P. Bryan, Senior Manager, Chief Executive's Office  
 Mr. R. Kavanagh, Senior Manager, Operations  
 Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, Chief Executive's Office  
 Ms. P. Dempsey, Administrative Support, Chief Executive's Office

**9/2000**

**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chairman read the following report which was noted by the Board:-

**1. Condolences**

I am sure that by now you are all aware of the recent death of Cyril Gallagher, Former Chairman of the Eastern Health Board and a member of that Board for eight years. I worked with Cyril over many years on the Eastern Health Board and was very sad and shocked to hear of his death so soon after his wife Anne, who had died just six weeks earlier. In fact, his daughter Maria works in our Finance Department based in the Shared Services Centre in Dr Steevens' Hospital. Cyril worked tirelessly as a Councillor for 20 years, as Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council in 1997/98, as Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Eastern Health Board and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest sympathy to his family, relatives and wide circle of friends on their loss. *Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam.*

I am sure members will join with me in expressing sincere sympathy to all those whose names have been included on the list of condolences which has been circulated to members.

I now propose a 5 minute adjournment as a mark of respect to Dr Siobhan Barry on the death of her father, Mr Michael Bradley, and Dr Kieran Harkin on the death of his stepfather, Mr Harry Shine.

**2. Date of Board Meetings**

I wish to advise members that our Board meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.00 p.m. with the following exceptions:-

The May Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2000, at 2.00 p.m. in the Red House Country Hotel.

The December Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2000, at 6.30 p.m. in the Red House Country Hotel.

The July Board meeting will be held in Athy.

There will be no Board meeting in August.

A schedule of meetings has been circulated to members today.

**3. Future Meetings**

I wish to advise members that the first meeting of the Protocol & Procedures Committee will be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2000, at 12.30 p.m. in the South Western Area Health Board Head Office in Leinster Mills, Osberstown.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2000**

The minutes of the proceedings of the inaugural meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2000, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. J. Wall, T.D., with the following amendment:-

Senator T. Ridge was proposed as a member of the Protocol and Procedures Committee by Cllr. J. Reilly, not Cllr. J. Wall, T.D. as stated in the minutes.

**(a) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Dr. B. Murphy sought clarification on the item in the Chief Executive's Report which stated that Assistant Chief Executives had "delegated responsibility" for various services. It was confirmed that this referred to responsibilities which had been delegated to them.

Cllr. J. Reilly congratulated Mr. Pat Bennett on his appointment as Assistant Chief Executive for Planning & Development since the last meeting.

**11/2000**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive read the following progress report to members (copy filed with official minute):

**Report No. 8/2000**

**REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**Staff Appointments**

Mr Pat Bennett has been appointed as the third Assistant Chief Executive for our Board from 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2000, following a recent competition. Mr. Bennett has been delegated responsibility for the development and implementation of a continuous quality improvement programme for our Board's services, including policy, procedural and protocol development and the monitoring and evaluation of services. Mr. Bennett will be responsible for social development and inclusion programmes, social partnerships, integration projects and programmes. This will entail responsibility for the care group directorships, the provider planning and service agreement processes and for needs assessment and trend analysis.

Other areas of responsibility include Health Promotion, the Freedom of Information Act, Consumer Affairs, Customer Relations and the development and implementation of an Information/Communication Strategy for our Board.

Mr Bennett will be assisted by five Directors of Care covering the following areas of responsibility:

- Older Persons

- Child Care
- Episodic Illness
- Mental Health/Addiction
- Persons with Disabilities

Mr. James Conway, Director of Services, currently has responsibility for two care groups - Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities. The remaining four positions have recently been advertised and interviews will be held shortly.

The vacancy of General Manager created by Mr. Bennett's promotion will be filled as soon as possible.

### Head Office

As notified to you individually, permanent telephone and fax lines have been installed into our Board headquarters at Leinster Mills.

The following are our new numbers:

**Telephone: 045 875 772**  
**Fax: 045 875 889**

### Prevalence of Measles in the South Western Area Health Board

Thirty three cases of measles have been notified in the period January 2000 to March 2000 within the South Western Area Health Board. The incidence by Community Care Areas is as follows:

- CCA 3                    9 cases
- CCA 4                    9 cases
- CCA 5                    11 cases
- CCA 9                    4 cases

The equivalent incidence for the period January – March 1999 was one notified case of measles. This increase is a cause of concern.

The increase in the incidence of notified cases of measles is related to the level of uptake of MMR vaccine. The uptake rates vary between 70%-80% as against a required rate of 95%.

It is essential that the uptake rates for the MMR vaccine are increased. The Minister for Health and Children issued a press statement on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2000, urging parents to have their children vaccinated. The Irish College of General Practitioners has launched a publicity campaign.

Within the South Western Area Health Board the following measures are being taken:

1. The identification of all children for whom the Board has no record of primary MMR vaccination and the issuing of a letter to their parents advising them to contact their general practitioner to arrange MMR for their children now.

2. A letter is being sent to all general practitioners advising them of the situation and that if children older than 4 years have not received their primary MMR shot they should opportunistically immunise and make returns to the health board. The service will be provided free to all children in our Board's area. General practitioners to receive written confirmation of same.
3. A letter is being sent to the owners/managers of all pre-school facilities in our Board's area asking that they encourage parents to have their children vaccinated and to contact the Senior Area Medical Officer if a case of measles arises in their facility.

The situation is being constantly monitored and additional control measures will be introduced if required. The Board is working closely with the Northern and East Coast Area Health Boards in relation to co-ordinating the implementation of such measures.

### *Service Progress and Developments*

#### *Integrated Services Process*

The Integrated Services Process was launched in 1998 and is led by An Taoiseach. It aims "to develop new procedures to ensure a more focused and better co-ordinated response by statutory authorities to the needs of communities with the greatest levels of disadvantage, as a basis for a model of best practice." Three of our General Managers are members of the Integrated Services Process implementation team.

This Process involves the state sector working together, in conjunction with the voluntary and community sectors, to jointly plan and deliver services. It operationalises all of the policies and strategies in relation to social and local development, thereby providing a clear knowledge of operational and structural policies of all relevant organisations. The pilot phase of the process is targeted in four areas of intense urban disadvantage:

- St Michael's Estate, Inchicore
- Jobstown, West Tallaght
- Fatima Mansions, South Inner City
- St. Teresa's Gardens and Dolphin House, South Inner City

Greater autonomy is delegated to staff to explore more integrated solutions. These solutions are then recorded to inform policy by service managers. The Process aims to develop new procedures to ensure a more focused and better co-ordinated response by statutory agencies to the needs of communities. To date the main initiatives under the Integrated Services Process are as follows:

- Development of a Family Support Model

This includes the recruitment of local people from within their area to become family workers as part of a community-based programme.

- Localisation of Services

Community Welfare Officer services have been provided from South Circular Road for St Michael's Estate. Commencing this month, a Community Welfare Officer will provide services from one of the flat complexes in the estate.

A flat in Fatima Mansions is being developed for the provision of public health nursing services for the complex.

- **Developing a Child Care Strategy**

A strategy to develop existing services to maximum capacity with a view to increasing the number of day care places providing accessible and affordable child care is being developed. This aims to bring existing pre-school services up to regulation standard in line with health board policy.

- **Early School Leaving Project**

The Early School Leaving Project has been initiated to provide crisis intervention to 6 pupils who are at risk of imminent exclusion from school. The South Western Area Board has committed two child care workers to this initiative to work closely with St. Michael's CBS, Inchicore.

- **Health Needs Assessment**

A health needs assessment was carried out by the Public Health Nursing service in Fatima Mansions which will provide a blueprint for developing a health care strategy for the area.

### **Naas General Hospital**

- **Construction**

The main contractor PJ Hegarty & Partners Ltd commenced the construction of Phase II of the hospital development on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1999. Progress to date is as follows:-

Demolition	100%	Construction is now up to first floor level in the Ward Block and Radiology Department
Bulk Excavation	100%	
Basement Area/Foundation	100%	
Basement Area/Rising Element	90%	
Level 1 Slab	20%	

- **Equipping**

An Equipping Group has been established for the project and is now in the process of compiling equipment lists for each department in consultation with Departmental User Groups and the Project Manager. A notice inviting submissions from companies interested in tendering for the supply of specialist equipment items was placed in the national newspapers on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.

The St James's Hospital Healthcare Facilities Project Team has agreed to provide support to the Project Team Management at the hospital in the area of specification, procurement and commissioning of the new hospital.

- **Car Parking**

As previously advised, there have been some car-parking difficulties at the hospital since the contractor took possession of the hospital site. Various measures have been taken to resolve these difficulties including the provision of 50 additional car-parking spaces at the rear of the Kildare County Council offices which is now operational. Communication is ongoing with

staff at the hospital, local residents and the Naas Urban District Council to advise them of action taken and our Board's continuing efforts to resolve the parking difficulties for the vicinity of the hospital.

The project remains on target for completion by year end 2001.

- **Allocation for Equipment**

We have been advised by the Department of Health and Children of an allocation of £80,000 for the purchase of equipment for Naas Hospital. Medical, nursing and hospital management are preparing a list of priority equipment needs.

### **Development of Community Units for Older Persons**

- **Maynooth Community Unit for Older Persons**

Additional information to our Board's application for full planning permission for the development of a Community Unit for Older Persons at Maynooth has been lodged with Kildare County Council. A decision on the planning application is expected in the coming two weeks. This unit and other capital developments in Services for Older Persons will be part of our Board's National Development Programme.

- **Moore Abbey, Monasterevin**

A Planning Brief for the development of a 50 bed Community Unit for Older Persons and a 25 bed Unit for Older People with Learning Disabilities at Moore Abbey has been completed and will be finally agreed over the coming weeks with the authorities at Moore Abbey. The estimated cost of this project is £6.217m. and this has also been included in our Board's capital requirements which have been submitted to the Eastern Regional Health Authority under the National Development Plan. A detailed draft of the Board's capital requirements will be brought to the Board at an early date.

### **Primary Care Project for Travellers**

The Primary Health Care Project for travellers has been running in Community Care Area 5 since October 1997. 15 traveller women have been recruited and are participating actively in this programme. The project is a partnership arrangement between the Health Board and Clondalkin Travellers Development Group. The project covers a wide spectrum of issues, e.g. Social Issues, Health Issues, Personal Development, Group Development Literacy Classes, Arts and Crafts, etc. There are two full-time co-ordinators involved. This project will be expanded throughout the Board's area in the coming months.

### **Estate Management**

Our staff are involved in an Estate Management Forum under the control of South Dublin County Council. The purpose of the forum is to improve the physical and social environment of tenants by working with local representative groups to facilitate the efficient delivery of housing services e.g. maintenance, allocations and anti-social behaviour, etc. It also aims to

facilitate the delivery of services by other agencies. The agencies involved in the initiative are the Gardai, Drugs Task Forces, Eastern Regional Health Authority, Integrated Services Process, Urban Committees, etc.

### **A.P.P.L.E. Project**

The Clondalkin Partnership, Area Partnership Programme for Language Enrichment (A.P.P.L.E.) Programme, is a community development initiative. It uses the services of the Speech and Language Therapists to work with parents and their children. The programme is a preventative one and aims to develop and improve the children's language and initiative skills and empowers their parents to help them using the Hanen Programme, *You Make the Difference*. The programme is a partnership arrangement involving the Health Board, schools, pre-schools, Clondalkin Partnership Projects and Women's Groups. This project is being examined and considered for extension across the Board's Region.

### **Occupational Therapy Assistant Post**

A joint initiative between our Board and St James's Hospital has been approved with the aim of reducing current waiting lists for people discharged from hospital requiring occupational therapy. This takes a partnership approach to the provision of service across the hospital/community boundary.

### **Public Health Nurse Liaison**

A Public Health Nurse liaison structure with Tallaght Hospital has been established. This involves regular meetings by three of our Public Health Nurses with all units in Tallaght Hospital, the monitoring of all discharges for effective follow up and continuation of care where necessary.

There is also Public Health Nurse representation on the Tallaght Hospital Wound Management Committee. This will facilitate the development of more out-patient appointments in our health centres, in conjunction with the vascular surgeon.

### **Breakfast Clubs**

In conjunction with some primary schools in West Tallaght, our Board has developed Breakfast Clubs. The health of children is improved by having a breakfast in school each morning thus enhancing social and general well-being.

### **Mary Mercer Health Centre, Jobstown**

The new Mary Mercer Health Centre in Jobstown will be operational in May 2000. It will offer a wide range of services including general practitioner services. The academic affiliation to Trinity College will assist in evidenced-based practice. Board members will visit the Health Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2000, before its official opening, where a detailed briefing will be given.

### **Brookfield Health Centre**

Recent renovations to the upstairs of Brookfield Health Centre has allowed further development of services in the centre, including physiotherapy and speech and language services.

### **Asylum Seekers**

The Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform announced last week the proposed establishment of a new statutory organisation to plan and co-ordinate the provision of services to asylum seekers and the integration of refugees. The agency will be known as the Reception & Integration Agency. Meanwhile, the Directorate established by the Department of Justice will be responsible for the provision of accommodation from 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2000.

Two new reception centres have been identified in the Dublin area – Parnell Square, and The Viking Lodge Hotel, Francis Street (80 places). Residents will get full board and will receive a weekly payment of £15.00 per adult and £7.50 per child. People will remain in the reception centre for 2 weeks maximum and will then be moved to temporary accommodation.

The Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform has announced the provision of an additional 8,000 temporary accommodation spaces. The Department has confirmed that it is intended to install 100 mobile homes, each with a maximum capacity for 4 people in Kildare. Full board will be provided and a weekly payment of £15.00 and £7.50 will be made. The Department has advised that this facility will be opened by mid-May.

The Board is discussing health and personal services in close co-operation with the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

### **Home Help Pay**

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2000, the minimum hourly rate of pay for home help was increased from £3.00 to £4.40 per hour. The estimated cost of implementing this increase in our Board's area in the current year is £884,000. Additional funding has been allocated to our Board to cover the cost of the increase. The home help service in our Board's area is provided by voluntary organisations in Community Care Areas 3, 4 and 5. Service provision in County Kildare is managed directly by our Board. All service providers have been informed of the requirement to implement the minimum rate and will be funded accordingly.

### **Home Support Organiser**

A Home Support Organiser for Intellectual Disability services in Kildare/West Wicklow was appointed in June 1999, and in consultation with other service providers, Ms. Martina Hallissey and her staff provide support for approximately 120 clients in the clients' own homes. Apart from client care, training and development is also arranged on an ongoing basis for the home support staff, particularly having regard to the Board's responsibilities regarding staff health safety and welfare.

### **Alzheimers Disease**

In regard to Alzheimers sufferers and their carers, discussions are at an advanced stage regarding the introduction of a home support service, in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. The sum of £25,000 has been made available in this regard for this year. There is a need to develop an Alzheimers Day Care Centre in Kildare/West Wicklow which the Board will be pursuing now as part of its Capital Development Programme.

### **Bramble Lodge, Newbridge**

Bramble Lodge (Newbridge) continuing care facility opened in February 2000 and has 14 places for Mental Health clients in need of continuing care and support following discharge from acute treatment in Lakeview Acute Unit, Naas General Hospital.

### **Private Nursing Homes and Pre-school Services**

At our last meeting I agreed to provide Board members with a list of pre-school facilities and nursing homes in our Board's area.

Under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 homes with more than two dependant persons are required to register with the Health Boards and such registrations are granted in accordance with the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993. Appendix 1 sets out a listing of nursing homes registered on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2000 in our Board's region [copy filed with official minute].

The Child Care Act 1991 provides for the supervision of Pre-school Services. The Child Care (Pre-school Services) Regulations 1996 set out the requirements for pre-school services. A pre-school service means any pre-school play group, day nursery, creche or other similar service, including those grant aided by health boards which cater for pre-school children. A list of pre-schools which have been notified to the health board and operating in our area is attached in Appendix 2 [copy filed with official minute]. The regulation of pre-schools and creches is in line with our partners in the European Community and the introduction of this legislation is seen as a first step towards full registration in Ireland. Individual health boards have established their own inspectorate services. There are three teams carrying out inspections in the South Western Area Health Board area. These pre-school authorised officers have a background in public health nursing and environmental health.

### **Towards a Tobacco Free Society**

The Minister for Health and Children, Mr Micheál Martin, recently highlighted the Report of the Tobacco Free Policy Review - *Towards a Tobacco Free Society*.

In common with most western countries, tobacco use is endemic in our society. Despite considerable reductions in smoking rates since the 1970s, little progress has been made in recent years in addressing this concern and there is a disturbing underlying increase in smoking prevalence among children and young people, especially girls and young women. About 32% of Irish adults smoke cigarettes with smoking commencing in childhood. This statistic indicates that smoking is a childhood addiction.

As we are aware, life expectancy in Ireland is lower than the EU average. The diseases which contribute to this fact are heart disease and cancer. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of these diseases. Reduction in tobacco consumption should, therefore, result, in time, in an increase in life expectancy in Ireland.

The Report highlights four linked actions which need to be taken and sustained:

1. The need to change attitudes towards smoking, making smoking unpopular. This will be achieved not by attacking smokers but by changing the way we think about smoking as an activity.
2. The need to support people in trying to stop smoking. Eight out of ten smokers want to kick the habit. Many of them try and fail. The report indicates that we need to put specific supports in place to help them get away from the addiction.
3. The need to strengthen environmental controls on smoking.
4. The need to prevent children from starting to smoke and help them if they have already started.

A report will be presented at a future meeting with recommendations for policy development.

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In response to various queries raised by members, the Chief Executive provided the following information and clarification:

Estate Management Forum: This is an inter-agency committee which has been set up under the control of South Dublin County Council but is a model which could be used in other areas.

Breakfast Clubs: Members responded very positively to this initiative. The Chief Executive agreed to obtain a list of the various Breakfast Clubs for members. Comments from members relating to the need to expand this service were noted.

Asylum Seekers: Following a discussion regarding the proposal to assign asylum seekers to Kildare town to which Cllr. J. Wall, Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. S. Ó Fearghail, Cllr. D. Tipping, Dr. K. Harkin, Cllr. E. Byrne, Ald. M. Mooney and Sen. T. Ridge contributed, the Chief Executive advised that he understood that a process of consultation was ongoing between the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform and the local Town Commission in this regard. Our Board will be involved in the provision of health and personal social services to asylum seekers, for example, counselling services. It was agreed that a delegation of Board Members will visit the site in Kildare which currently houses Kosovar refugees.

Orthodontics: The Chief Executive agreed to bring a report on Orthodontics services to the next meeting.

Home Help: The Chief Executive agreed to examine aspects of the Home Help service in relation to the National Minimum Wage Agreement and recruitment.

Towards a Tobacco Free Society: The Chief Executive agreed that a policy document on this issue would be drafted on behalf of our Board.

Measles: The Chief Executive indicated that the issue of uptake of vaccinations was of concern and will be addressed through various initiatives by our Board on an ongoing basis.

### **12/2000**

#### **CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REPORT NO. 5/2000**

Report No. 5/2000 [copy filed with official minute] outlining the Minister's directions in relation to the composition of the Child Care Advisory Committee was presented by Ms Brid Clarke and noted by members. Nominations were then sought for membership of our Board's Child Care Advisory Committee as follows:-

**Cllr. E. Byrne** was proposed by Cllr. D. Tipping and seconded by Cllr. T. Cullen.

**Cllr. S. Ó Fearghail** was proposed by Mr. P. Aspell and seconded by Mr. M. Miley.

**Senator T. Ridge** was proposed by Cllr. J. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. C. McGrath.

As there were no further nominations, the above members were duly elected.

Cllr. S Ó Fearghail was proposed for the position of Chairman by Cllr. T. Cullen and seconded by Mr P. Aspell. There being no further nominations, **Cllr Ó Fearghail** was duly elected as Chairman.

The following members were nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson:-

- Cllr. E. Byrne was proposed by Cllr. D. Tipping and seconded by Cllr. J. Wall, T.D.

- Senator T. Ridge was proposed by Cllr. J. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. C. McGrath.

As two nominations were received, a roll call of members was taken and **Cllr. T. Ridge** was duly elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Cllr. E. Byrne stated that, as a former Chairman of this Committee in the Eastern Health Board, he will assist the new Chairman in any way he can.

Cllr. Ó Fearghail, thanked his proposer and seconder.

### **13/2000**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

The Chairman advised that, due to pressure of time, this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

### **14/2000**

#### **PROFILE OF THE POPULATION OF THE SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD**

The Chairman advised that, due to pressure of time, this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

**15/2000****MENTAL HEALTH BILL 1999 – REPORT NO. 6/2000**

The Chairman advised that, due to pressure of time, this item would be deferred to the next meeting. It was agreed to table this item early on the agenda for the next meeting.

**16/2000****BUDGET ALLOCATION MARCH-DECEMBER 2000 – REPORT NO. 7/2000**

Report No. 7/2000 [copy filed with official minute] outlining our Board's budget allocation for March-December 2000 was noted and agreed. The Chief Executive advised members that the Service Plan for the South Western Area Health Board is currently being compiled and will be brought to members' attention through the Standing Committees and Finance Committee soon.

**17/2000****SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS (APRIL/MAY 2000)**

The schedule of visits for Board Members for April and May 2000 which was circulated with the agenda papers was noted and agreed. Following discussion regarding the time of visits arranged by the South Western Area Health Board, it was agreed to re-schedule them in general for 11.00 a.m. unless this timing interferes with the running of a facility e.g. a small Health Centre. Any changes will be notified to members directly.

**18/2000****DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Board meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2000, at 2.00 p.m. in the Red House Country Hotel, Newbridge Road, Naas.

**The meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.**

**CORRECT:**

**P. DONNELLY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**CHAIRMAN**