

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting
of the Eastern Health Board held in
the Boardroom, St Brendan's Hospital
on Thursday 1 July 1982 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Dr J D Behan
Cllr L Belton
Mrs B Bonar
Cllr D Browne
Dr M Butler
Dr J Buttimer
Cllr M Carroll
Cllr E Doyle
Prof J S Doyle
Dr R J Draper
Cllr B J Durkan
Ald A FitzGerald, TD
Cllr M Freehill
Mr J Gahan
Cllr Mrs A Glenn

Cllr A Groome
Cllr T Hand
Dr R Hawkins
Cllr P Hickey
Cllr F Hynes
Dr D I Keane
Cllr T Leonard
Dr P McCarthy
Prof J McCormick
Dr B Powell
Cllr H Reilly
Cllr J Sweeney
Cllr G Timmins, T D
Cllr W Willoughby
Cllr E Stagg

APOLOGIES

Ald B Ahem. T.D.

Mr P Finegan

IN THE CHAIR

Cllr Mrs A Glenn

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr T Keyes
Mr F J Donohue
Mr K Hickey
Mr J F Reynolds
Mr L Kavanagh
Prof B O'Donnell
Mr J Doyle
Mr F J McCullough
Mr P J Swords
Prof I Browne
Miss A Flanagan
Mr A O'Brien

Mr M O'Connor
Mr K Ward
Miss M McGahern
Mr C McQuaile
Mr R Keane
Dr V Barry
Mr J Leech
Miss M Kelly
Miss E Larkin
Miss L Cullen
Miss R Carolan
Mr T McManus

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CONDOLENCES

The Chairman informed the members of the recent deaths of Sr Carmel Anthony, founder of Madonna House, and of the father of Patricia Deering, Clerk/Typist, General Hospital Care Programme. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased.

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

- (i) The Chairman informed the members that a meeting of the Committee on Child Care had been arranged for 15 July 1982 at 6 pm in the Boardroom, St Brendan's Hospital.
- (ii) The Chairman, on behalf of the members congratulated the staff of Naas Hospital on winning the award of merit in the Irish Quality Control Association's National Hygiene Awards competition.
- (iii) The Chairman informed the members that she had been asked by a member of the Board to arrange a meeting of the Board's representatives on the St James's Hospital Board and that she intended to arrange such a meeting at an early date.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3 JUNE 1982

The minutes, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Groome.

Dr Behan referred to Minute 81/1982 regarding the Board's request for information from the Department of Health which had not been supplied to date. It was agreed that a further letter should be issued to the Department expressing the Board's dissatisfaction with the delay in providing the information requested.

Cllr Doyle referred to Minute 73/1982 regarding the Ambulance Service in Dun Laoghaire and requested that it be recorded that an ambulance will be located "on station" at St Michael's Hospital during peak demand hours. This was agreed.

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QUESTION

On a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Hynes, it was agreed that the question lodged should be answered.

Dr J Behan

"To ask the Chief Executive Officer to list the number of vacancies, both professional and administrative, in the functional area and under the functional control of the Eastern Health Board which have been sent to the Local Appointments Commission for filling by competition since 1 January 1977, stating in each case the nature of the vacancy, the date upon which the Health Board considered the vacancy and authorised its filling, the policy instruction to the Local Appointments Commission for its filling, the date (approximately) when the competition was held, whether the post was filled as a consequence of that

Particular competition and, in the case of each position so sent to the Local Appointments Commission for filling, the name of every member, officer or employee of the Health Board asked to participate in the selection process."

Reply

"The information available to the Chief Executive Officer is being collected and will be circulated as soon as possible."

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer read the following report, which was agreed by the Board:-

(i) Land at Cherry Orchard Hospital

"As stated in the report of the meeting of the No. 3 Visiting Committee held at Cherry Orchard on 15 June, Dublin Corporation was seeking to purchase approximately 15 acres of land at the rear of the hospital for housing purposes and adjacent to the 41 acres which were sold to them in 1972.

The Visiting Committee unanimously agreed to accede to the Corporation's request for the additional land, the terms of purchase to include the provision of a boundary (8 ft. high palisade fencing) plus a site of approximately 1 acre for a Welfare Home. Payment to the Board in the sum of £325,000 to include for the extra cost of the fencing.

A statutory notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 will be issued shortly."

(ii) Dispensary Residence at Ballinacor West, Dunganstown, Co Wicklow

"It is proposed to sell to Dr C P Bermingham the dispensary residence standing on one acre provided that agreement on a price is reached. In that event a statutory notice will issue and item will be on the agenda for a future Board meeting."

(iii) National Community Development Agency Bill, 1982

"Some notes on the National Community Development Agency Bill, 1982 have been circulated for the information of members. The proposed agency will generally fulfil the role of the former Combat Poverty Agency and its functions will include those performed at present by the National Social Services Board."

(iv) Environmental Pollution

"The Board adopted a motion at its last meeting seeking a comprehensive report on environmental pollution. I am circulating a report 'A Policy for the Environment' October 1980 prepared by the Environment Council. If members require additional information please contact me."

(v) Environmental Pollution - Lead in Petrol

"The Board at its last meeting adopted a motion setting up a special committee to examine environmental pollution - lead in petrol. Perhaps the Board would consider referring the motion to the Joint Committee on Environmental Health and Hygiene to examine and report."

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the National Community Development Agency Bill 1982 would be discussed at the August meeting of the Board.

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NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL BOARD

Dr P McCarthy was proposed by Dr Behan and seconded by Cllr Browne.

Dr M Butler was proposed by Professor McCormick and seconded by Dr Draper.

Dr McCarthy was elected, the following being the voting:

For Dr McCarthy - 24

Dr J D Behan	Cllr A Groome	Cllr T Hand
Cllr L Belton		Dr R Hawkins
Mrs B Bonar		Cllr P Hickey
Cllr D Browne		Cllr F Hynes
Cllr M Carroll		Dr D I Keane
Cllr E Doyle		Dr P McCarthy
Professor J S Doyle		Dr B Powell
Cllr B J Durkan		Cllr H Reilly
Ald A FitzGerald		Cllr E Stagg
Cllr M Freehill		Cllr J Sweeney
Mr J Gahan		Cllr G Timmins
Cllr Mrs A Glenn		

For Dr Butler - 4

Dr M Butler	Dr R J Draper
Dr J Buttimer	Professor J McCormick

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PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The reports off ths following Visiting Committees, having boon circulated, were dealt with a

- (i) No. 2 Visiting Committee meetings held at St Brendan's Hospital on 6 April and 25 May 1982

On a proposal by Dr Powell, seconded by Cllr Reilly, the report was noted.

Following a discussion to which Dr Powell, Cllr Reilly, Dr Behan, Cllrs Freehill, Durkan, Hynes, Hand and Carroll contributed and to which the Chief Psychiatrist and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer replied, it was agreed that the Care of the Aged Committee should be re-convened and that the Minister for Health should again be requested to receive a deputation from the Board to discuss the Care of the Aged report.

- (H) Community Care Visiting Committee meeting held in Area 7 (North Clarence Street) on 12 May 1982

On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Reilly, the report was noted.

(iii) No. 1 Visting Committee Meeting held at St Columcille's Hospital on 20 May 1982

On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Reilly, the report was noted.

It was agreed that Dr Hawkins should fill one of the vacancies on the No. 1 Visiting Committee.

(iv) No. 3 Visiting Committee meeting held in Cherry Orchard Hospital on 1 5 June 1982

On a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Belton, the report was noted.

The members accepted the recommendation of the Visiting Committee that Unit 1 should, when it becomes vacant, be held in reserve for infectious diseases purposes.

On the suggestion of Dr Behan it was agreed that members would be provided with details of the beds available and their utilisation for each of the Board's institutions.

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EXTENSTION TO PATHOLOGY LABORATORY - ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL

The following Report No. 18/1982 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"An application has been received from St James's Hospital for the Board's consent to the construction of an extension to the Pathology Laboratory consisting of the provision of a permanent extension at first floor level, with an Animal House at second floor level, for the purpose of creating teaching and research accommodation for the Trinity College Medical School. It is also proposed to construct a link bridge with the existing medical school building and a temporary two storey extension to that building. A drawing showing the proposed extension is attached.

The Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital - one of the three designated to move to the new St James's Hospital - have agreed to provide funds from the Capital at their disposal to enable the new buildings to be fitted out and also to provide additional teaching and research facilities. The arrangements for the construction of the extension will involve the St James's Hospital Board entering into a legal agreement with the Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. An agreement will also be necessary between the Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital and Trinity College, Dublin.

Clause 2.11 of the Agreement dated 15 April 1974 between the Eastern Health Board and St James's Hospital Board states that the lessee (St James's Hospital Board) 'shall not assign, sub-let or part with possession of or allow any person to make use of the premises or any part thereof or grant any rights in respect thereof without the previous consent in writing of the lessor which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld'.

I recommend that the Board consent to arrangements outlined above subject to the indemnification of the Board, as lessor, against any claims which may arise in the course of construction of the extension."

On a proposal by Dr Powell, seconded by Dr McCarthy, the Board consented to the proposal contained in the report.

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HEALTH BOARD {ELECTION OF MEMBERS) REGULATIONS 1972

The following Report No. 19/1982 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"I advised the Board at the February meeting that it was intended to hold elections for the professional members who would take up appointment with effect from 1 July 1982.

The counting of votes took place on 15 June 1982 and the following persons were duly elected:

A. Registered Medical Practitioners

BUTLER, Michael 21 Waterloo Road. Dublin 4	Consultant in a General Hospital
DOYLE, J Stephen St Laurence's Hospital, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7.	Consultant in a General Hospital
BEHAN, Jim Garden Hill House, 1 James's Street, Dublin 8.	Consultant Psychiatrist
BUTTNER, Jane Community Care Offices c/o St Ultan's Hospital Charlemont Street, Dublin 2.	Registered Medical Practitioner with special knowledge or experience in preventive medicine
MCCARTHY, Patrick Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow.	General Medical Practitioner
McCORMICK, James The Barn, Windgates, Bray Co Wicklow.	General Medical Practitioner
HAWKINS. Ray 2 Duncairn Terrace, Bray, Co Wicklow.	General Medical Practitioner
POWELL. Brendan St James's Hospital. Dublin 8.	Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor
DRAPER. Ronald John. 45 Fitzwillian Square, Dublin 2.	Consultant Psychiatrist

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B . Registered Dentist

KEANE, Daniel I.
Ashling, 7 Sefton,
Rochestown Avenue, Dun
Laoghaire, Co Dublin.

C. Registered Nurse

FINEGAN, Pearse St Vincent's
Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4.

D. Registered Psychiatric Nurse

GAHAN, John, St Brendan's
Hospital, Rathdown Road,
Dublin 7.

E. Registered Pharmacist

BONAR, Mrs Bernadette, 9
Leopardstown Park, Stillorgan
Co Dublin."

The Report was noted by the members.

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NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS

The following members were nominated to represent the Health Board on the Association of Health Boards in Ireland.

Cllr Mrs A Glenn
Ald A FitzGerald, T D
Dr P McCarthy
Cllr D Browne

Dr Behan
Dr R Hawkins
Cllr M Carroll
Cllr T Hand

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SUPPLY OF DRUGS FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS AT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS

The following Report No. 20/1982 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"At two recent meetings of the Board concern was expressed at the storage of drugs in health centres. This arises almost exclusively in connection with the provision of drugs to patients who attend Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinics at these centres.

The policy of the Board is that patients who attend Consultant Out-Patient Clinics should be referred back to their General Practitioner who will provide prescriptions for medication required and this prescription is dispensed by private pharmacies. Holders of medical cards receive such services free of charge.

In the case of psychiatric patients, particularly in the Dublin area, the tradition has been that drugs required are actually given at the health centres, despite the fact that a high proportion of such patients (about 70%) are medical card holders. The majority of these patients have never been on a general practitioner's list and, even where such arrangements were made, some patients proved unreliable in attending their doctors and taking their medication with consequent ill-effects on their health.

The implementation of Board policy can be dealt with in either of two ways:

1. The referral of all patients back to their general practitioners who will deal with their medication.
2. The provision of drugs to patients on prescriptions issued by Consultants under the long-term illness scheme.

Consultant Psychiatrists have expressed concern for their patients at the immediate implementation of the proposal No. 1. It is now suggested that proposal No. 2 would be implemented but that staff should seek to implement, in time, the policy of the Board. It will be appreciated that whatever arrangements are made will have to be phased in gradually and emergency supplies will have to be available to Consultants. The Chief Psychiatrist proposes to examine in detail one major out-patient area and to set up a demonstration model therein.

This scheme will be expensive to operate and, even allowing for some savings in staff and transport costs, the additional cost arising in a full year will be of the order of £90,000, based on current costs.

It is intended that the organisations representing pharmacists would be met to see whether these costs might be reduced and subject to that it is recommended that the Board seek the necessary funds from the Minister to implement the scheme outlined above."

Cllr Freehill referred to her motion which had been agreed at the April meeting of the Board:

"That the Department of Health be requested to negotiate with the Chemical Industry Federation to get agreement on the revised arrangements for purchase of drugs which was recommended in the Trident Report."

and the members supported her suggestion that another letter should be sent to the Department enquiring regarding progress in this matter and requesting a reply before the August meeting of the Board.

Following a discussion to which Dr Powell, Cllr Freehill, Dr Behan, Professor Doyle and Dr Hawkins contributed and to which Mr Keyes, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, replied, it was agreed that a further report would be submitted for consideration at the August meeting of the Board.

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**LONG-STAY ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY NURSING
HOMES AND VOLUNTARY BODIES**

The following Report No. 21/1982 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"A number of members have from time to time expressed viewpoints in relation to Private Nursing Homes for the elderly and particularly in relation to the maintenance of satisfactory standards in these homes.

I have had this matter examined and I now circulate herewith a report which analysis the current situation in relation to services provided in Private Homes and which makes recommendations regarding standards and also about future policy.

It is understood that the existing regulations governing standards in such homes are at present under consideration by the Minister for Health and consideration of these issues by our Board is therefore most timely."

It was unanimously agreed that consideration of this Report should be deferred until the September meeting of the Board.

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HEALTH (LOCAL COMMITTEES) REGULATIONS 1972 and 1977

The following Report No. 22/1982 from the Deputy Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

"Pursuant to public advertisement for the setting up of electoral rolls and inviting nominations for elections to the five local committees, the following members have been elected in accordance with regulations and as listed hereunder:-

Professions	Doctors	Dantists	Public Health Nurses	Pharmacists	Psychiatric Nurses
	(3)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Dublin City	Dr J Behan Dr W Blunnie Dr E O'Connor				Mr P Cunningham
Dublin County					Mr F Casey
Dun Laoghaire					Mr P McGill
Kildare					Mr M Healy
Wicklow	Dr P McCarthy Dr R Hawkins Dr W J Roche				Mr J McCarthy

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As no nominations were received for the remaining vacancies under the various professions the staff organisations representing them were invited to nominate members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 7 (2) of the schedule to the Health (Local Committee) Regulations 1972, which provides for the filling of such vacancies, the following nominations have been received:

Professions:	Doctors	Dentists	Public Health Nurses	Pharmacists	Psychiatric Nurses
Dublin City			Miss Fitzsimons	Mr T Miller	
Dublin County			(for appt. by Board) - Miss E Fitzpatrick - Miss M Cotter	Mr M Shannon	
Dun Laoghaire Wicklow			Miss A Hanley (for appt. by Board) Ms T Henry MsW Gallagher	Mr T J Lynch Mr J Tierney	

Medical Officers: Dr B Sheehan is interested in appointment to the Dun Laoghaire Local Committee and Dr Miriam Brennan, Obstetrician Gynaecologist, is seeking appointment to the Wicklow Local Committee.

The Local Authorities have been asked to nominate two persons associated with voluntary bodies in accordance with the Regulations and to date Wicklow County Council have nominated three as set out hereunder:

- (1) Irish Country Women's Association
- (2) Bray Old Folks Association
- (3) Bray and District Nursing Homes Association.

Dublin County Council has nominated Mr A Devine and Mr J Byrne (outgoing) as representatives of voluntary organisations on the Dublin County Local Committee.

Pending receipt of outstanding replies from staff organisations and from the remaining Local Authorities I am submitting this report for noting by the Board. It is hoped to have a full list of the nominations for the Local Committees available for the August meeting."

The Report was noted by the members.

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NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed that Mr J Gahan and Mr P Finegan be appointed to fill two vacancies on the Psychiatric Services Committee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

The reports of the following local committee meetings, having been circulated, were dealt with as follows:

- (i) **Dublin City Local Committee meeting held on 10 May 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Freehill, the report was noted.
- (ii) **Dun Laoghaire Local Committee meeting held on 11 May 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Reilly, the report was noted.
- (iii) **Dublin County Local Committee meeting held on 13 May 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Reilly, the report was noted.
- (iv) **Kildare Local Committee meeting held on 13 May 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Groome, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, the report was noted.
- (v) **Dublin County Local Committee meeting held on 27 May 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Hynes, the report was noted.
- (vi) **Dublin County Local Committee meeting held on 10 June 1982**
On a proposal by Cllr Reilly, seconded by Cllr Carroll, the report was noted.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Durkan, seconded by Cllr Freehill, and agreed:

"That this Board would consider by what means it can assist and protect babies who are being mistreated by their parents or guardians"

Following a discussion to which Cllrs Durkan and Freehill contributed, and to which Mr Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care Services, replied, it was agreed that the terms of the motion should be referred to the Child Care Committee for consideration.

The two motions which had been tabled by Cllr E Stagg were, in his absence, deferred to the August meeting of the Board.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Letter dated 11 June 1982 from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the emergency telephone repair service was noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 16 June 1982 from the Department of Health regarding Social Security for Migrant Workers in the EEC was noted.
- (iii) Statement 10 June 1982 from the Minister for Health that the Government had given approval for the transfer of responsibility for adoption from the Minister for Justice to the Minister for Health was noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

CORRECT: T P Keyes
D/Chief Executive Officer

CHAIRMAN