



ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

AHCE Annual General Meeting 1st December 2011 The Grand Hotel, Malahide, Dublin.

Present:

Derek Greene, AHCE Chairman, CEO, National Rehabilitation Hospital
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Honorary Treasurer, CEO, South Infirmiry Victoria Hospital
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary, CEO, St. Francis Hospice
Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin
Nicky Jermyn, CEO, St. Vincent's University Hospital
Pauline Treanor, CEO, Rotunda Hospital
Ronan Gavin, CEO, National Maternity Hospital
Robin Mullan, CEO, Peamount Healthcare
Mo Flynn, CEO, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services
Pat Quinlan, CEO, Milford Care Centre
Kevin O'Dwyer, CEO, St. Patrick's Hospital
Ned Byrne, CEO, St. Vincent's Hospital
Pat Madden, CEO, Mercy University Hospital
Danny Dunne, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital
Fearghal Grimes, St. John's Hospital
Pat O'Boyle, CEO, Dublin Dental University Hospital
Gordon Dunne, CEO, Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital
Mona Baker, CEO, Children's University Hospital
Michelle Fanning, CEO, Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland

Apologies:

Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital
Graham Knowles, CEO, Royal Hospital Donnybrook
Eilish Hardiman, CEO, The Adelaide & Meath Hospital Incorporating The National Children's Hospital
Nick Kelly, CEO, Leopardstown Park Hospital
Paul Kiely, CEO, Central Remedial Clinic
John Ryan, CEO, Coombe Women's Hospital
Brian Conlon, CEO, Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Sean O'Healy, CEO, Galway Hospice

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th November 2010

Minutes of AGM held on 5th November, 2009 were approved. (Proposed by Pat O'Boyle and seconded by Ronan Gavin)

2. Report of Chairman

The Chairman circulated his report and spoke on issues contained therein. Pat Madden thanked Derek for his Chairman's Report and all his work over the past year. (Proposed: Mo Flynn. Seconded: Pauline Treanor)

3. Report of Treasurer

Report circulated by Ger O'Callaghan, Honorary Treasurer.
(Proposed : Kevin O'Dwyer. Seconded : Fearghal Grimes)

4. Report of Executive Committee

Voluntary Hospitals Membership of IBEC / Relationship with HSE

The Chairman said it was disappointing that the "sector profile" proposed by IBEC was not completed and he felt it was important that it would be delivered. The Voluntary Hospice Group did its own sector profile and it was well received and welcomed by the H.S.E., Siobhan O'Halloran.

Cathal Magee is not willing to meet with the AHCE at this time. It was agreed that it was essential to develop a good relationship with the Department of Health and we had received a good reception from Fergal Lynch. The interaction with Sean Faughnan and the CEO Group was also welcomed.

It was stated that the AHCE represents the Chief Executives, not the hospitals. The AHCE provides professional advice, when required, for individual members of the AHCE.

In general, it was considered that the AHCE should retain our name and further develop our profile as a group.

Service Level Agreement 2012 - Update

We have not seen the current draft of the SLA for 2012. Sections 12 and 13 may be put on the table again. A small sub-committee needs to be ready to meet with the HSE. The same group that was in place before should reconvene and proceed with negotiations. There will be huge challenges in Year 2012 and we need to be a cohesive group with one approach to the SLA for Year 2012.

Voluntary Redundancy / Early Retirement Scheme - February 2012

Nicky Jermyn updated on these Schemes and on meetings attended. There is a lot of difficulty and uncertainty around a number of issues. The right of refusal needs to be clarified and the situation in relation to appeals is still uncertain. A key point is that we are only "agents" for the VHSS Scheme, which is underwritten by the Minister for Health.

Right of refusal – clarify this. Revised circular gave the right of refusal. Not clear around the appeal – Union to a Rights Commissioner. All clarifications not responded. Appeal is still uncertain. Further clarification required from Kirwan. Application to go does not mean it necessarily will be granted.

5. Election of Officers

The current Executive will continue for one further year and were duly re-appointed.

- Chair:** Derek Greene. Proposed and duly elected.
- Honorary Treasurer:** Gerard O Callaghan. Proposed and duly elected.
- Honorary Secretary:** Ethel McKenna. Proposed and duly elected.

Thanks were extended to Angela Coughlan for her work for the AHCE over the past year.

6. Annual Conference – May 2012

Annual Conference 2012 to be held on Thursday, 10th May 2012 in the Rivercourt Hotel Kilkenny. Topic to be decided later.

7. Membership Fees for 2012

Annual membership fee for 2012 agreed at €100.

8. Any Other Business

There were no matters raised under Any Other Business.

ETHEL MCKENNA
HONORARY SECRETARY - AHCE