



ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

AHCE Annual Conference on 15th May 2008

Present:

Derek Greene, AHCE Chair, CEO, National Rehabilitation Hospital
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Honorary Treasurer, CEO, South Infirmary Victoria Hospital
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary, CEO, St. Francis Hospice
Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital
Pat Smyth, CEO, Leopardstown Park Hospital
Michael Lenihan, CEO, National Maternity Hospital
Mo Flynn, CEO, Our Lady's Hospice
Graham Knowles, CEO, Royal Hospital Donnybrook
Tim Kennelly, CEO, St. John's Hospital
Nicky Jermyn, CEO, St. Vincent's University Hospital
Aida Whyte, CEO, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital
Ann Broekhoven, CEO, St. Luke's Hospital
Theresa Ayres, CEO, Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland
Ned Byrne, CEO, St. Vincent's Hospital

Apologies:

Michael Lyons, CEO, Adelaide and Meath Hospital
Aidan Gleeson, CEO, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital
Paul Kiely, CEO, Central Remedial Clinic
Paul Cunniffe, CEO, Children's Hospital Temple Street
John Ryan, CEO, Coombe Women's Hospital
Brian Murray, CEO, Dublin Dental Hospital
Brian Conlon, CEO, Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Fintan Fagan, CEO, Rotunda Hospital
Eddie Ryan, CEO, St. Patrick's Centre
Pat Quinlan, CEO, Milford Care Centre
Patrick Madden, CEO, Mercy University Hospital
Robin Mullan, CEO, Peamount Hospital
Kevin O'Dwyer, CEO, St. Patrick's Hospital
Michael Redmond, CEO, St. Vincent's Private Hospital

1. Presentation by Mr. John McCormack, Chairman, Medical Research Charities Group, on the Implementation of the ACSTI Report - Towards Better Health, Achieving a Step Change in Health Research in Ireland.

There is a need for a research strategy framework. Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital, offered to circulate his hospital's strategy (via Angela) to assist others in developing their research strategy.

2. Guest Speaker : Mr. Fergus Finlay, Chief Executive, Barnardos Presentation entitled, "Building and Asserting a Representative Capacity" (A Work in Progress)

Fergus made a very interesting presentation, which was well received. There was much discussion on the role of the AHCE and lobbying. We need to be clear as to how we function as an Association and we need to review our constitution and objectives. Do we adopt an advocacy role? Do we adopt a common approach on issues which affect us all? Should we address, as an Association, broader issues, e.g. PRA and salary issues?



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Over the next eight weeks, a half-day meeting will be arranged, at a Dublin venue, for the Association to meet and discuss these matters. A facilitator will be identified by the Executive Committee.

Fergus suggested that we include an AHCE entry in the IPA Directory and that the AHCE website requires updating.

Fergus agreed to send his presentation via e-mail to Ethel/Angela, for circulation to all members.

3. Occupational Health and Stress Management in a Health Services Context

Derek Greene will pursue options and revert back in due course.

4. Service Level Agreements

A copy of the Service Level Agreement was circulated. It was agreed that no Service Level Agreements should be signed at present. Derek will circulate the most recent legal advice to hand. Nicky Jermyn will also give an update following the meeting of the DATHs on 20th May 2008. Write a holding letter to Anne Doherty and Laverne McGuinness and copy to Prof. Brendan Drumm indicating that the CEOs have concerns and need to look at this and discuss further. Derek will write the letter and circulate to all CEOs in draft form.

5. Consultant Negotiations

Michael Lenihan gave an update on the current situation. It was agreed that a briefing session on the new contract arrangements would be helpful for the contract holders. For independent voluntary hospitals, the contract is between the hospital and the consultant. Approval of the HSE is not required in these cases.

6. Salary Update

Separate letter to issue next week. Aidan Gleeson to meet with Peter McLoone, IMPACT, next week and will get an update on a number of aspects of this. Update all membership by way of e-mail.

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HONORARY SECRETARY - AHCE