



## ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

# AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

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**PRESENT:** Aidan Gleeson (Chair), Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital  
Pauline Treanor, The Rotunda Hospital  
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook  
Ann Broekhoven, St. Luke's Hospital  
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon. Treasurer / South Infirmery Victoria Hosp.  
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice

**APOLOGIES:** Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital  
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital

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### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009**

The Executive agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009. Minutes circulated to wider AHCE on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009 for information.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT (SLA)**

Couple of meetings with AHCE and Not for Profit Organisations held and agreed approach reached to move forward. A further meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009. A small co-ordinating group to start negotiations with the HSE. This joint approach is viewed within the HSE as being generally welcomed as a way to move forward.

Pauline Treanor advised that the three maternity hospitals are still working jointly on the matter of the SLA. The door is open for maternity hospitals and any other groups to join this wider group.

### **4% AWARD – O'BRIEN REPORT**

Nothing to report. Keep pressure on Peter McLoone to make progress on these outstanding issues. Noted that Consultants and Public Health Doctors have received backdated increases.

### **P.R.A.**

Request from Bernard Carey, Department of Health & Children, to put P.R.A. payments for Year 2009 on hold. It was acknowledged that this is a matter for individual Chairs and Boards. Noted that some CEOs have received PRA payments for Year 2008.

### **RECENT H.S.E. CIRCULARS**

Circular on Moratorium on WTE Numbers. Certain staff exempt from moratorium: Consultants, AHPs and some others.

**HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS GROUP**

Human Resources Managers Group (Sean McGrath group) ó representative Derek Greene. Nicky Jermyn nominated by the DATHs to meet. Sheila Treacy òin attendanceö. Aidan Gleeson may attend if Derek is not available. First meeting is to be held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. Noted per Nicky Jermyn that this group has no executive powers.

**FINANCE DIRECTORS GROUP**

Meeting on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Ger Crowley and Aidan Gleeson will attend at this meeting.

**CONSULTANT POSTS**

When a Consultant appointment is approved by the HSE, they pass it on to the Public Appointments Service (PAS). Angela to circulate again documentation on the PAS from Nicky Jermyn. Noted that the PAS may lead, but there must be representation on the Interview Boards from the Hospitals. Hospitals should be in a position to agree on nominations for Interviews Board. All advertisements for posts would be agreed with the Hospitals. The PAS are open to any concerns we may have as a group. This initiative would take a lot of work from our H.R. Departments.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - UPDATES**

The update report of the Maternity Hospitals Special Interest Group provided by Pauline Treanor was circulated. Ann Broekhoven advised that a meeting has been scheduled for the Single Speciality Hospitals Special Interest Group.

**AHCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AHCE Annual General Meeting for 2009 will take place on Thursday, 5th November 2009. The proposed venue for this year's AGM is The Kilkenny River Court Hotel - to be confirmed.

**SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN**

Following a recent request from the DoHC for the AHCE to make a submission regarding the consultation process on the Value for Money & Policy Review of the Economic Cost and Charges Associated with Private and Semi-Private Treatment Services in Public Hospitals, it was agreed that the AHCE would not make a submission.

**AHCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Following the recent retirements of Aida Whyte and Tim Kennelly, there are now two vacancies on the AHCE Executive Committee. It was agreed that Lorcan Birthistle would be invited to join the Committee. Derek will give consideration to who might be invited to join the Committee to fill the second vacancy.

**NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE**

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 at 12.30 p.m.** in IBEC.

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**ETHEL MCKENNA,**  
**AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.**