



ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING 2ND MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon. Treasurer / South Infirmary Victoria Hosp.
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice
Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook
Ann Broekhoven, St. Luke's Hospital
Robin Mullan, Peamount Hospital

APOLOGIES: Pauline Treanor, The Rotunda Hospital
Lorcan Birthistle, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2009

No minutes were taken at the meeting held on 1st December 2009.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2009 – 2011 (SLA)

Agreed for 3 year period from 2009 ó 2011. Graham referred to two proposed changes, which he will send to Angela for circulation to wider membership.

4% AWARD – O'BRIEN REPORT / P.R.A.

DATHs CEOs have the P.R.A. agreed. Peter McLoone has been in contact with Bernard Carey, Department of Health, who had previously indicated that the CEOs Group would receive the P.R.A. Liam Duffy undertook to make contact with Bernard Carey. Peter McLoone understands that CEOs receiving the P.R.A. will also receive the 4% Pay Award. If the response on this matter is negative, Peter McLoone will be asked to prepare a case for a possible court action. Aidan will speak with Liam Duffy and Ger O'Callaghan over the next days and then contact Peter McLoone, if necessary, with a view to a court case.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGERS GROUP / FINANCE DIRECTORS GROUP

Aidan Gleeson met with the Human Resources Managers Group. The Group is considering the outsourcing of payroll as a target for Year 2010.

Derek Greene met with the Finance Directors.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS (PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SERVICE)

Nicky Jermyn and Ian Carter are continuing their efforts to resolve outstanding matters under this heading. Ongoing.

FILLING OF TIM KENNELLY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE POST

Whilst the AHCE would support the replacement of Tim Kennelly through the normal channels, this is ultimately a matter for the Board of St. John's Hospital, Limerick.

HSE AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTRE BOARD AND ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Discussion took place around the situation whereby staff of the above two voluntary bodies are being subsumed to the HSE; in the case of St. Luke's as employees through the National Cancer Control Programme. The Chairman and Executive expressed support for the CEOs in both of their situations as outlined to the Executive and it was considered that the approach of the HSE had been very unreasonable and most unprofessional. It was considered that the AHCE should obtain a legal opinion on the overall situation and in this regard Derek and Aidan will meet with Sheila Heffernan and Ann Broekhoven in the first instance.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – GUEST SPEAKER

It was suggested that Professor John Higgins, Director of Reconfiguration, H.S.E. would be the Guest Speaker at our Annual Conference on 20th May, 2010.

DoHC INFORMATION SESSION ON REFERENCE PRICING AND GENERIC SUBMISSION

It was agreed that the AHCE should have a representative in relation to this matter.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - UPDATES

Deferred to next Executive meeting, due to shortage of time.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – GRACE COOKE, ROYAL VICTORIA EYE & EAR HOSPITAL

An application received from Grace Cooke was approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No matters raised.

NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on **Tuesday, 1st June 2010** at **12.30 p.m.** in IBEC.

**ETHEL MCKENNA,
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.**