

AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

2ND SEPTEMBER 2008

PRESENT: Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital (Chair)
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon.Treasurer / South Infirmary Victoria Hosp.
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice.
Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook.
Aida Whyte, Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital.
Michael Lenihan, National Maternity Hospital.
Tim Kennelly, St. John's Hospital.

APOLOGIES: Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital.
Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2008

The Executive agreed the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2008.

NEW SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Derek Greene had circulated an update/summary of meeting on 10th July 2008. Michael Lenihan had attended a subsequent meeting on 25th July with Willie Rattigan, HSE. Michael had sent an e-mail to Derek on that meeting and will now circulate further to the Executive. The HSE were open to discussion on the Schedules, but were not flexible with regard to changes within the Service Level Agreement itself. The issues involved have been documented and are being considered by the HSE and it is planned they will have a follow-up meeting with our group in the coming weeks.

4% AWARD – REVIEW BODY REPORT

Telephone call with Aidan Gleeson. A further meeting had taken place with Michael Scanlan. It is understood that a decision was to be confirmed to Peter McLoone by the end of August. If the decision is in the affirmative, it will be welcomed. In the event of a negative decision, it was agreed that we must immediately refer to the Labour Court on this matter.

P.R.A.

Some Chairmen of Boards got letters seeking their approval to PRA payments, whilst others did not. Acknowledgement received from Michael Scanlon, Department of Health, confirming that this matter would be brought to the attention of the Review Body. Follow through over time.

FINANCE DIRECTORS / HR MANAGERS GROUPS

Feeding back to Derek.

AHCE WEBSITE

Ethel and Brendan Bullen (National Maternity Hospital) met with Michael Redmond on 27th June. Some updates have already been made on the Website, e.g. up-to-date list of Membership. Some technical work is required for maintaining the site, which would facilitate Association Members having access to Minutes of Executive Minutes, our AGM and Annual Conference notes. In the meantime, it was agreed that Minutes of the Executive Meetings for 2008 and Annual Conference in May 2008 would be circulated to all members by e-mail. This would assist in improving communications with the Members.

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008

Following discussion at the Executive meeting in June, Graham Knowles had organised a meeting involving Lorcan Birthistle, Mo Flynn and Pat Smyth, to discuss the role of the AHCE. This was further to the wide-ranging discussion at the AHCE Annual Conference held on 15th May, with guest speaker Fergus Finlay. Graham has prepared a document on

the outcome of the meeting and he will circulate to the Executive. The main recommendation coming forward is that, as soon as possible, all CEO Members of the AHCE should participate in a facilitated session, to reach an agreed future role for the Association. This could be reflected in a potentially revised Constitution for the AHCE. The current Constitution for the AHCE is on the Website and should be made available to all Members when discussions are to take place on the future role of the AHCE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the above matter should be the main focus of the working session at our Annual General Meeting to be held in November. It was proposed that the Facilitator should be Caroline O'Regan and Tim Kennelly will make initial contact with her. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for Derek Greene and Liam Duffy to meet with Caroline in advance of the A.G.M. Dates proposed are Thursday, 6th November, or Thursday, 20th November. A Dublin venue to be decided.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR AHCE

Document prepared a couple of years ago will be e-mailed to Angela, to be circulated to the Executive. This matter is linked to the item above.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Brochures from the Blackrock Clinic, Mater Private and Beacon Consultant Clinic had been circulated at the request of Aida Whyte. The main purpose is to have an independent service available to CEOs through outside health agencies, rather than through their own Hospitals occupational health service. CEOs may put their own arrangements in place, with the agreement of their individual Boards.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Michael Redmond ó Independent Association Private Group. Ger will send good wishes.

Discussion took place on progress with regard to the introduction of the new Consultant Contract in Member Hospitals.

NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on **Tuesday, 2nd December 2008** at **12.30 pm** in IBEC.

ETHEL MCKENNA,
AHCE HONORARY SECRETARY.