

# AHCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

## 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008

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**PRESENT:** Derek Greene, AHCE Chair / National Rehabilitation Hospital.  
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Hon. Treasurer / South Infirmiry Victoria Hosp.  
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary / St. Francis Hospice.  
Tim Kennelly, St. John's Hospital.  
Aidan Gleeson, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital.  
Aida Whyte, Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital.  
Michael Lenihan, National Maternity Hospital.  
Liam Duffy, Beaumont Hospital

**APOLOGIES:** Graham Knowles, Royal Hospital Donnybrook.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

The Executive agreed the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

### **APPLICATION FOR AHCE MEMBERSHIP - ANN BROEKHOVEN**

The Executive approved the application for AHCE Membership submitted by Ms. Ann Broekhoven, Chief Executive Officer, St. Luke's Hospital.

### **4% AWARD – REVIEW BODY REPORT**

Aidan Gleeson provided an update in relation to the 4% award. He stated that the claim should now be for the 4% plus the 19.6% Network Managers link for the AHCE. It was agreed to establish if the Independent Third Party (Phil Flynn) is acceptable. He would be asked to assist and clarify linkages that would be acceptable to the Department of Finance. If the proposal relating to the Third Party Review fails, then a claim is to be lodged for the 19.6% and the 4%, for Hearing by Kieran Mulvey, Labour Relations Commission. Peter McLoone should advise that we would not be disadvantaging ourselves by taking the actions proposed above. Aidan will arrange to meet with Peter McLoone this week.

### **AHCE WEBSITE**

Ethel to speak with Michael Redmond, CEO, St. Vincent's Private Hospital.

### **WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

- (1) Occupational health service ó Derek to come back to the next meeting with a proposal.
- (2) Human Resources Managers and Financial Controllers  
Need to see Terms of Reference these Groups are working under. Aidan will forward a copy of the terms of reference in place to Ethel, for circulation to Executive Members.
- (3) Pensions and Lump Sums. Income is less than outgoings on lump sums. Some funding coming through, but not enough, particularly with Consultants posts. Supplementary funding not coming through from the HSE. Voluntary Hospitals are being treated differently to HSE facilities.  
Proposal to get CEOs and Chairs together and make a presentation on some key issues, e.g. pensions, staffing levels, equity of funding and the role and future of the voluntary hospitals. Within the DATHs, three Chairs and CEOs have been asked to produce a position paper for an upcoming meeting with Prof. Brendan Drum. It was proposed that the DATHs Action Plan might be shared with AHCE and give a basis for our Position Paper. Liam Duffy follow through on this matter.
- (4) Derek suggested a Conference Call for next week with Executive Members, to discuss some core issues, e.g. HSE demands on our services, Care Onwards packages, Funding, Pensions, Staffing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR AHCE**

Graham Knowles to circulate document and Executive will then consider.

**AHCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

Guest Speaker will be discussed at the conference call next week. AGM costs to remain similar to last year. Booking Form ready to issue. All CEOs have been notified of the date of the Conference for their diaries.

**NEXT MEETING OF AHCE EXECUTIVE**

The next meeting of the AHCE Executive will take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 12.30 p.m. in IBEC.

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