

MINUTES
MEETING OF REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM SOUTH

Thursday 27th June 2019 at 2pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY HALL, CORK

Present:

Cllr Audrey Buckley
Cllr Declan Burgess
Cllr Pat Dunphy
Cllr Mark Fitzgerald
Cllr Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr Mark Fitzgerald
Cllr Damian Geoghegan
Cllr Michael Gleeson
Cllr Joe Hayes
Cllr Willie Kavanagh
Cllr Niall Kelleher
Cllr Mike Kennelly
Cllr Donal Kenny
Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley

Cllr Eileen Lynch
Cllr Michael McCarthy
Cllr Arthur McDonald
Cllr John McDonald
Cllr Gearóid Murphy
Cllr Katie Murphy
Cllr Brian O'Donoghue
Cllr Sean O'Donovan
Cllr Ken O'Flynn
Cllr John Sheehan
Cllr James Tobin
Cllr Ted Tynan

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Cleere
Cllr Danny Collins
Cllr John Coonan
Cllr Davy Daniels
Cllr Pat Hayes
Cllr Joe Kavanagh
Cllr Conor McGuinness
Cllr Norma Moriarty
Cllr Mikey Sheehy

In Attendance:

Ms Bridie O'Sullivan, Group Chief DON & Midwifery, South/South West Hospitals Group
Mr Ger Reaney, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare
Ms Anna Marie Lanigan, Head of Service, Primary Care, South East Community Health Organisation
Members of the HSE South Forum Office staff

As this was the first Meeting of the Regional Health Forum South to be held after the May 2019 Local Elections there was no sitting Chairperson. Mr Ger Reaney, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare opened the meeting.

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2019

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Lenihan Foley, seconded by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald, the minutes of the Forum meeting held on Thursday, 2nd May, 2019 were approved and adopted by the members.

2. Chairperson's correspondence

Election of Chairperson:

The June meeting is the Annual General Meeting of the Regional Health Forum South and elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were to take place. Mr Reaney invited nominees from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

Cllr. Arthur McDonald was proposed by Cllr. Willie Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. John McDonald. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Arthur McDonald was elected. On assuming the Chair, Cllr. McDonald thanked his proposer, seconder and the members for electing him as Chairperson for the coming year.

Election of Vice Chairperson:

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy was proposed by Cllr. Audrey Buckley and seconded by Cllr. John Sheehan. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Murphy was deemed elected.

Cllr McDonald read out a summary of Standing Orders. A discussion took place on the possibility of written answers to questions made available in advance of the meeting to members of the Forum. Mr Reaney suggested this be discussed with the Whips prior to the next meeting in September.

3. Committees

The Chairperson informed members that the next Committee meetings will be held on:

- (a) South East Committee Meeting held on 15.10.2019 in Kilkenny
- (a) South West Committee Meeting held on 17.10.2019 in Tralee

4. Presentation on Health Promotion

Senior Health Promotion Officer for HSE South Sharon Parkinson made the presentation on Health Promotion to members. The presentation included the following:

- Preventative health messages.
- Making health promotion the easy choice and creating an environment to support that.
- In order for people to be healthy that policies must be healthy.
- Investment in promoting health and preventing ill health.
- Strengthening community action.

Cllr. John Sheehan said that Health Promotion was very important especially in supporting disadvantaged groups. Cllr James Tobin voiced his concerns over mobile phones and ill health in children as a result, what structures or plans could be put in place to address this within Health Promotion.

7. Date and time of next meeting

There was a short discussion on starting of times of meetings, Cllr Lenihan Foley suggested that any change in the time of meetings should be submitted as a motion at the September meeting and discussed with all members in the chamber as it affected all members. This was supported by Cllr Pat Fitzgerald. Date and time of next meeting remained as proposed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September 2019, at 2pm in Council Chambers, County Hall, Cork.

The Chairman asked members to note the foregoing arrangements.