

**Minutes of Regional Health Forum West held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
at 2.00pm in Room 1, Education Centre,  
HSE Offices, Merlin Park, Galway**

Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Chinn Bhliana an Fhóiraim Réigiúnach Sláinte, a tionóladh ar an Mháirt 24, Meitheamh  
2014 ag 2.00 .i.n, i Seomra 1 an tIonad Oideachais,  
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Páirc Mheirlinne, Gaillimh

**Chairperson :** Cllr Tom McNamara

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Cllr Finola Armstrong-McGuire	Cllr Ann Norton	Cllr Pat Burke
Cllr Tim Broderick		Cllr Brendan Mulroy
Cllr Ciaran Brogan		Cllr Tony Ward
Cllr John Carroll		
Cllr Lisa Chambers		
Cllr Michael Collins		
Cllr Pádraig Conneely		
Cllr Catherine Connolly		
Cllr Gerry Crawford		
Cllr Michael Creaton		
Cllr Ger Darcy		
Cllr Aidan Donohue		
Cllr David Doran		
Cllr Caillian Ellis		
Cllr Michael Finnerty		
Cllr Francis Foley		
Cllr Felim Gurn		
Cllr Mary Hoade		
Cllr Michael Hourigan		
Cllr Henry Kenny		
Cllr Michael Kilcoyne		
Cllr Paddy Kilduff		
Cllr Donagh Killilea		
Cllr Michael McBride		
Cllr Malachy McCreesh		
Cllr Bernard McGuinness		
Cllr Gerry McMonagle		
Cllr Gerald Mitchell		
Cllr Seamus O'Boyle		
Cllr Terry O'Flaherty		
Cllr Rosaleen O'Grady		
Cllr P.J. Ryan		
Cllr Jerome Scanlan		
Cllr Eamon Scanlon		
Cllr Brigid Teefy		

### **In attendance**

Gerry O'Neill, Regional Director of Performance & Integration.

Bill Maher, Chief Executive Officer, West North West Hospital Group.

Tony Canavan, Chief Operations Officer, West North West Hospital Group.

Ann Doherty, Chief Executive Officer, UL Hospitals

Catherine Cunningham, Area Manager, Galway Roscommon PCCC.

Chris Rudland, Regional Manager, Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Paudie O'Riordan, Area Operations Manager, National Ambulance Service West

Marian Cavanagh, Consumer Affairs.

Norah Owens, Consumer Affairs.

Anna Lyons, Consumer Affairs.

### **474/52/14 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Cllr. Pdraig Conneely, the former Chair. He informed the committee he was 5 years in the Chair and it was time to step aside and elect a new Chair. He thanked his councillor colleagues for their support over the years and he also thanked the Executive and the staff in the Regional Health Forum office for their assistance to him. As requested by Cllr Conneely, each of the Executive at the top table gave a brief introduction of themselves and their remit.

### **475/52/14 Nomination for Chair of Regional Health Forum**

Cllr John Carroll nominated Cllr Tom McNamara and it was seconded by Cllr Ciaran Brogan.

Cllr Jerome Scanlan nominated Cllr Michael Hourigan, and it was seconded by Cllr Gerard Mitchell

Following a role call vote, Cllr Tom McNamara was deemed elected Chairman.

Cllr Tom McNamara accepted the Chain of Office and thanked the councilors who supported his nomination and said he was really honored to be elected as Chair of the Forum. He complimented his predecessor and he said he was very professional in his role as the Chair.

### **476/52/14 Nomination for Vice Chair of Regional Health Forum**

Cllr John Carroll nominated Cllr Rosaleen O'Grady and it was seconded by Cllr Eamon Scanlon.

Cllr Michael Hourigan nominated Cllr Jerome Scanlan, and it was seconded by Cllr Gerard Mitchell.

Following a role call vote, Cllr Rosaleen O'Grady was deemed elected Vice-Chairman.

Cllr O'Grady thanked her proposer and seconder and the councilors who voted for her. She advised the committee that she was privileged to be elected Vice Chair.

## **477/52/14 Nomination for Chair of Regional Health Forum Committee**

CLlr David Doran nominated CLlr Gerard McMonagle and it was seconded by CLlr Malachy McCreesh.

CLlr Gerard Mitchell nominated CLlr Jerome Scanlan, and it was seconded by CLlr Michael Hourigan.

Following a role call vote, CLlr Gerard McMonagle was deemed elected Chairman of the RHF Committee.

## **478/52/14 Nomination for Vice Chair of Regional Health Forum Committee**

CLlr Michael Hourigan nominated CLlr Eamon Scanlon and it was seconded by CLlr. Rosaleen O'Grady.

CLlr Pdraig Conneely nominated CLlr. Ger Darcy, and it was seconded by CLlr Jerome Scanlan.

Following a role call vote, CLlr Eamon Scanlon was deemed elected Vice Chairman of the RHF Committee.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes to facilitate the taking of the official photographs of the newly elected Chairs and Vice Chairs.

## **479/52/14 Date of the next Regional Health Forum Committee meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next Regional Health Forum **Committee** on Tuesday, July, 1<sup>st</sup> in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim at 2p.m.

## **480/52/14 Minutes of previous meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 were proposed by CLlr John Carroll, seconded by CLlr. Mary Hoade and adopted.

## **481/52/14 Matters Arising:**

### **Mental Health Review**

CLlr. Tim Broderick queried when exactly the Mental Health Review report would be published and Catherine Cunningham confirmed it would be published next Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

## **482/52/14 RHF Welcoming Address:**

Chris Rudland, Regional Manager Consumer Affairs gave an in-depth presentation on the workings of the Regional Health Forum.

## **483/52/14 Questions:**

### **W52Q1397- CLlr M Hoade - Corrandulla Health Centre**

**Action:** C Cunningham committed to revert to CLlr Hoade regarding the letters received by clients advising them to avail of services in Headford in the interim period.

**Action:** C Cunningham to revert to the Estates National Office for Capital funding as the request was not successful in the first allocation. This money cannot be taken from Revenue funding owing to National Financial Regulations.

**W52Q1399 - Cllr M Hoade – In-patient/Outpatients Waiting lists**

Action: B Maher agreed to circulate inpatient and outpatient target information to all Forum members.  
Action: B Maher committed to revert to the members on the text message system in relation to multiple appointment and specialties.

**W52Q1408 - Cllr M Kilcoyne – Secretarial staff levels at Mayo General laboratories**

T Canavan confirmed that the laboratories have met their accredited standards and there was no hold up on results being issued.

**W52Q1410 - Cllr M Kilcoyne – Maternity Review**

Action: B Maher to send a copy of the Terms of Reference to be circulated to members of the RHF, within the next week.

**W52Q1411 - Cllr C Connolly National Nursing Home Support Scheme/Fair Deal System**

Action: C Cunningham to revert to Cllr. Connolly after the meeting regarding number of houses/properties sold on this scheme.

**W52Q1412 - Cllr C Connolly – Aras McDara**

Action: C Cunningham to revert in the next week to Cllr Connolly on the number of beds in Aras McDara when it is registered with HIQA.

**484/52/14 Motions:**

**W52M287 - Cllr Terry O’Flaherty - Drug Treatment Clinic relocation**

Amendment to the motion to ‘examine’ the possibility of relocation of clinic from Mervue, where ‘relocation’ means the grounds of Merlin Park. Motion proposed by Cllr O’Flaherty and seconded by Cllr Pádraig Conneely. Motion carried.

**W52M288 - Cllr Donagh Killilea – Include Tuam Ambulance base in next HSE Service Plan as 24/7 base.**

Mary Hoade seconded the motion. Paudie O’Riordan advised that a National Review is underway. He advised he would propose in the 2015 Service Plan that Tuam and Mulranny Ambulance bases become operational. Motion supported by Cllr Lisa Chambers. Motion carried.

**W52M289 - Cllr Catherine Connolly – Deplores nature of nomination of Chairperson to WNW Hospital Group Board**

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne. Amendment to the Motion:, to request that a report be provided from the Executive. Amendment seconded by Cllr Seamus O’Boyle.

Motion to go to the Minister – Motion carried.

Action: T Canavan to send the letter to the Minister.

Action: B Maher to provide a report to the Members of the Regional Health Forum.

**W52M290 - Cllr Tim Broderick - East Galway Mental Health Services**

The motion was seconded by Cllr. C Connolly. Motion carried.

### **485/52/14: Any Other Business:**

CLlr Lisa Chambers requested if wifi could be available to the members of the RHF for the duration of the meeting

Action: RHF office to respond to CLlr Chambers within 2 weeks.

Mr. Chris Rudland, Regional Manager Consumer Affairs, informed the members that this section of the agenda was only for issues to do with the Forum or Committees and was not the forum to raise other topics or queries.

### **486/52/14 Date & Time of Next meetings:**

The next Regional Health Forum *Committee* will take place on Tuesday, July, 1<sup>st</sup> in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

The next **Regional Health Forum meeting** is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach/Chairman

*Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting*