

**GREATER GLASGOW HEALTH BOARD**

**Greater Glasgow Area Partnership Forum**

**Minute of Meeting held at 9.30 am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 in Board Room 2, Dalian House, 350 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G3 8YZ.**

**PRESENT:** As per Sederunt

**ACTION**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Co-Chairs welcomed all present to the first meeting of the newly constituted Area Partnership Forum and introductions were performed.

Apologies were acknowledged from:

Carrie Bell, Robert Calderwood, Cathie Cowan, Rosslyn Crocket, Joe Gallagher, Kate Kenmure, Anne MacPherson, Crawford Young.

**2. Minute of Last Meeting (01.12.06)**

The minute of last meeting was approved with the following amendment:

Page 4, Item 9, Bullet Point 3:

The sentence "The figure of £3.4 million per annum for additional costs in regard to asylum seekers would be requested" should be replaced with "The figure of £1.5 million for additional costs in regard to asylum seekers would continue to be sought".

**3. Matters Arising:**

***New Children's Hospital***

The Calder Group was now in the final weeks of its work and it was expected that the outcome of deliberations regarding the sustainability of 3 consultant-led maternity units, and the option appraisal process to identify the site, would be forthcoming. It was important to make progress in order to meet the Scottish Executive Health Department's timetable for building the new hospital.

***Procurement***

Robert Calderwood had undertaken to supply a progress report on this item and this would be followed up on his return from annual leave.

***Catering***

Robert Calderwood had undertaken to supply an update for this group and this would be followed up on his return from annual leave.

***Mid-Year Financial Report***

The question of additional expenditure for nursing being attributed to Agenda for Change was raised. The Chief Executive explained that provision had been made for backfill costs but it had not yet been necessary to use this resource as extensively as had originally been envisaged. It was a difficult requirement to estimate and discussions were continuing in this regard; there was presently no sign of overheating in relation to the nursing budget, however. Energy costs had been identified as requiring additional resource and it may be necessary to release monies in order to address this.

**4. NHS Greater Glasgow and Glasgow City Council Pathfinder**

Glasgow City Council Chief Executive's Report to the Labour Executive on public sector reform and the associated press release were tabled. The emphasis for this project was the development of integrated working within Glasgow City Council of Community Health and Care Partnerships. There were no plans between the Council and NHS Greater Glasgow to develop shared services for administrative functions.

Tom Divers highlighted the recently published Department of Work and Pensions Green Paper "New Deal for Welfare – Empowering People to Work" which outlined opportunities for some cities across the UK to act as pilots for tackling worklessness and suggested it may be appropriate for Glasgow to seek to participate..

**5. Delivering for Health**

The papers "Delivering for Health – White Paper – Board paper N° 06/01" and "HDL (2006) 12 - Delivering for Health; Guidance on Implementation" had been circulated.

Helen Byrne spoke to the need to target those groups most at risk from the problems of hypertension, obesity and high cholesterol through a strategy of encouraging lifestyle change and, if necessary, early medical intervention. It was asked whether there would be a requirement to redirect resources in order to do this. Michael MacNeil advised that UNISON was broadly in agreement with the overall direction of Kerr, but would welcome evidence that it was possible to make a difference before moving resources. Staff was the key to making change happen and the Board should give thought as to how staff should be engaged in delivery. It was also important to emphasise the need for adequate resources to be in place before making changes.

The Chief Executive advised that sustainability of services was of paramount importance and the Board would not enter into commitments unless appropriate resources were in place.

**6. Staff Governance Action Plan**

A sub-group of the Area Partnership Forum participated in the formulation of the Staff Governance Action Plan 2006/07. The document had been circulated prior to the meeting for consultation following which it would be submitted to the Scottish Workforce and Governance Group. Argyll and Clyde would continue with current governance arrangements but a merged Greater Glasgow and Clyde plan would be submitted thereafter.

The deadline for completion of staff survey forms online had been extended. The results of the survey might influence the plan as it was a live document and open to amendment.

**7. Partnership Arrangements and Agreement**

Ian Reid and Donald Sime described the contents of the draft partnership agreement resulting from the special meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Chiefly:

- The Area Partnership Forum would meet on 4 occasions per year to discuss strategic matters; 5-6 times per year on HR development.
- A joint secretariat would be established consisting of 2 management and 2 staff-side representatives.
- The Area Partnership Forum would host an annual partnership conference.

It was agreed that Donald Sime would seek nominations for the staff-side of the Secretariat at the staff-side meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Mandy Robertson welcomed the opportunity to attend the meeting and was reassured that current Argyll and Clyde partnership structures would not be dismantled until new proposals had been agreed.

It was proposed that some wording to reflect respect for diversity should be added to the paper.

**8. Delivering for Health: Health Inequalities**

Carol Tannahill, Director of the Glasgow Centre for Population and Health, delivered a presentation outlining the challenges in relation to health inequalities in Scotland. The rise in alcohol-related illness and the trend towards obesity were highlighted as particular areas of concern.

It was agreed that a whole population approach to alcohol-related illness would probably be more successful than one targeted on inequalities and deprivation.

Sue Laughlin, Head of Health Inequalities explained the responsibilities of the unit which were:

- to develop an understanding of health in Glasgow
- to develop an understanding of the effect of current strategies
- to develop strategies for improving the health of Glasgow's population

There was a need to increase awareness of the city's health problems and make sense of the circumstances in which services were delivered.

Michael Fuller suggested that HDL (2006) 12 made no reference to the consideration being given to lowering pension contributions for Scotland because of Scots' shorter life expectancy. The Chief Executive undertook to convey this oversight to the Health Department.

**TAD****9. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am. (Staff-side 10.30 am)**

## SEDERUNT

**Meeting:** Greater Glasgow Area Partnership Forum

**Time:** 9.30 am

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Venue:** Board Room 2, Dalian House

Name	Designation
Tom Divers	Co-Chair
Donald Sime	Co-Chair
Rona Agnew	Royal College of Nursing
Andy Carter	Director of Human Resources (Partnerships)
Sandra Davidson	UNISON
Linda de Caestecker	Acting Director of Public Health, NHS Greater Glasgow
Caroline A Fee	Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists
Ian Forbes	Amicus
Michael Fuller	Regional Organiser, Amicus
Billy Hendry	Amicus
Karen Loudon	Royal College of Nursing
Carolyn MacLellan	British and Irish Orthoptic Society
Michael MacNeil	Regional Organiser, UNISON
Alison McLintock	Society of Radiographers
Cathy Miller	UNISON
Andy Patrick	Royal College of Nursing
Keith Redpath	Director, West Dunbartonshire CHP
Ian Reid	Director of Human Resources, Greater Glasgow NHS
Alan Rumley	Federation of Clinical Scientists
Barbara Scorgie	British Medical Association
Caroline Wilson	Chartered Society of Physiotherapists

### IN ATTENDANCE:

James Farrelly, Deputy Director of Human Resources, South Glasgow Division

Helen Byrne, Director of Acute Services, Social Inclusion Partnerships

Mandy Robertson, Employee Director, NHS Argyll and Clyde

Olivia Cornacchia, Partnership Co-ordinator, Greater Glasgow Area Partnership Forum

Carol Tannahill, Director Public Health Unit\*

Sue Laughlin, Head of Inequalities, NHS Greater Glasgow\*

\* Item 8 only