

Management Board Meeting Minutes

Monday 25 June 2018, 10.30

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Dermot Ryan Éimear Fisher and Michelle Shannon. Miriam Kenna reporting.

Apologies: Bernie McNally

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 11 June 2018 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

It was noted that the meeting of 18 June had been cancelled by the SG due to other urgent business.

3. Brief Updates

DR provided updates on (i) Audit and Risk Committee (ii) e-risk working group for build to share platform;(iii) pre-registration of social workers for urgent vacancies (iv) internal HR (workforce planning issues) and (v) new DCYA website.

MS provided updates on (i) Commission on Mother and Baby Homes (meeting with coroner; AGO legal advice awaited re Tuam burial site issues; Collaborative Forum membership selection) (ii) Scouting Ireland funding and (iii) Adoption (incorrect registrations).

EF provided updates on (i) Operation Neolithic (awaiting obs from DJE on draft terms of reference) (ii) psychological services (iii) Educational Welfare (Private Members' Bill) (iv) QCBI Innovation Scheme and (v) National Review Panel governance (proposals with Minister).

FL provided updates on behalf of BMcN on (i)National Economic Dialogue (27 June) (ii)ACS Bill and (iii) Early Years Strategy.

4. Research Unit Report

Clare Finn, Claire Farrell, Nicola Tickner and Kieran Madden joined the meeting for this item and spoke on a paper that had been circulated prior to the meeting. This report focused on their active projects and key developments. KM reported on the spending review (cost driver for ACS); ECCE Higher Capitation Grant and GOAL Evaluation Training Project. NT reported on the Statistical Spotlight series; BOBF methods report and NDI pathfinder. CF spoke about GUI Phase 2 and preparing for Phase 3; transition of GUI data to CSO; and the IDG set up to manage potential conflicts between legislation relating to statistics and child protection and related legislation.

CF reported on behalf of Kasey Treadwell-Shine including the parenting project; anti-social behaviour project for IYJS; EY quality and Tusla EWS/DCYA school completion project with particular regard to Traveller/Roma children.

MB thanked the Research Unit for their report, acknowledging the quality of the work and value of their research.

5. HIQA Investigation on Tusla (published 19 June)

The MB noted the papers on this item that had been circulated to MB prior to the meeting, which included a note from FL summarising the findings of the report, the Memo for the information of the Government, speaking notes for the Minister, Leaders' question note and the press release of 19 June. EF gave context to the background of the report. She pointed to four key recommendations which the Minister and Tusla had committed to ensuring implementation. MB members offered their initial views of the report and its implications.

FL asked the MB to revert with their views and suggestions on any aspect of the report, including the potential composition of the independent group to be appointed by the Minister that would advise on and support implementation.

It was noted that the Minister would meet Tusla Tuesday 26 June and the Board of Tusla on 29 June.

6. AOB

FL asked that the MB finalise their consideration of the Corporate risk register so that it can be locked down.

FL asked for MB to inform him of any summer annual leave planned, and to ensure sufficient cover in each unit.

7. For Noting

Expenditure return narrative note for May 2018 was noted.

PMDS goal setting has now been completed by 86.3% of staff. FL welcomed this improvement and asked that each MB member would review their respective PMDS lists supplied by HR and satisfy themselves that any outstanding cases are unavoidable (e.g. due to long term leave or very recent arrival in the Department). The MB would review an updated report from HR on the matter in two weeks' time, i.e. 9 July.

8. Next Meeting

GDPR training for MB Monday 2 July is to replace the normal MB meeting that day.

The next MB meeting was confirmed for Monday 9 July at 10:30.