

Mental Health Commission
Minutes of Meeting on 18 November 2016
12:30 – 15:00
Held in St Martin's House, Waterloo Road, Dublin

Present:

Commission Members	Initials
Maeve Doyle	MD
Ned Kelly	NK
Catherine O'Rorke	CoR
John Saunders	JS
Yvonne O'Neill	YoN
Mary O'Hanlon	MoH
Xavier Flanagan	XF
Michael Byrne	MB


Apologies:	
Pauline Gill (For Item 2)	PG
Mary Keys	MK
Patricia O'Sullivan Lacy (For Item 2)	PoSL
Colette Nolan	CN

Absent:	
John Redican	JR

Executive in Attendance:	
Patricia Gilheaney Chief Executive	PCG
Ray Mooney Secretary to the Commission	RM

In Attendance	
Aidan Horan, IPA	AH
Keith McCarthy Mazars	KMcC

<p>1. JS opened the meeting and welcomed AH to provide the Governance Training seminar on the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016).</p> <p>2. Report</p> <p>KMcC outlined the background to the engagement of Mazars in the development of the Organisational Structure Review and subsequent Report and provided details of the levels of engagement which had taken place with the staff of the Commission, the Commission Members and the Dept of Health and other key external bodies. He also advised of the research which Mazars had carried out in regard to other regulatory bodies who carry out work of a similar nature to that which is performed as part of the Commission's statutory functions.</p> <p>Due to the evolving staffing situation and to permit consideration of the additional statutory functions assigned to the Commission under the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 the brief of the Review had been extended with a resultant impact of the original completion date of this work.</p> <p>In his presentation KMcC set out the areas of operation of the Commission and how the present staffing allocation is distributed. He also identified key areas where, on a day to day basis there are shortfalls in service provision and the resultant impact on the organisation including associated risks. Proposals to address these shortfalls are detailed in the Report.</p> <p>In the detailed discussion which followed, Members noted that the Report provided very good information and recommendations on the organisation. It was suggested that the inclusion of some additional information, which had been gathered by Mazars during the review, would assist in setting out the context of the current position of the Commission regarding resources. Mazars agreed to include this in the final Report which will be reviewed at the December 2016 Commission meeting. (MB & NK left the meeting during these discussions)</p> <p>PCG on behalf of the Commission thanked KMcC for the extensive work that he and his team had done in preparing the Report which Members noted was comprehensive.</p>	<p>Action:</p>
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Signed: 
John Saunders
Chairman

Date: 13-1-17