

Minutes of the Meeting
Mental Health Commission Meeting
26 March 2020
Held by way of Conference Call

Commission Members	Initials
John Saunders	JS
Rowena Mulcahy	RM
Michael Drumm	MD
Ned Kelly	NK
Patrick Lynch	PL
Tómas Murphy	TM
Xavier Flanagan	XF
Margo Wrigley	MW
Jack Nagle	JN
Nicola Byrne	NB

Apologies	Initials
Aaron Galbraith	AG
Colette Nolan	CN

Executive in Attendance	Initials
John Farrelly, Chief Executive	JF
Orla Keane, Secretary to the Commission, Head of Legal / Division Lead for MHT	OK
Aine Flynn, Director Decision Support Service	AF

No.	Matter	Action Required By
1	<p>The Chair opened the meeting and noted that there were three matters for decision –</p> <p>Extension of the Project Manager for the DSS’s contract AF referred to the Memo which was sent to the Members with the Commission papers on 13 March. She explained the basis for the extension and addressed queries from the Members. It was agreed to approve the extensions. Proposed by NK and Seconded by MW. Decision 5 of 2020</p>	
2	<p>Draft Chairperson’s report for the purpose of the 2016 Code The Chair sought queries from the Members. One member noted that the reference to No litigation with other stated entities in 2019 was not entirely correct as the MHC did issue proceedings against the HSE in 2019 in their role as the regulator of mental health services. This amendment was agreed. In addition, a few other minor amendments were requested. The draft report was agreed.</p>	

	Proposed by XF and seconded by JN Decision 6 of 2020	
3	<p>Amendment to the Corporate Governance Manual</p> <p>The Chair explained that this allowed decisions to be made by email subject to a quorum if so required. A few minor amendments were noted. The amendment was agreed. Proposed by RM and seconded by TM. Decision 7 of 2020</p> <p>The Chair then referred to the Chief Executive’s Report on the events over the last week. There were no issues arising.</p> <p>Finally, the Chair referred to the legislation to amend the Mental Health Act 2001 to ensure that patients have access to a review of their detention during the public health emergency. The Chair referred to the update in the CE’s report. OK then provided a more detailed update noting all of the work that had been done, the communications with the DOH, the issues that had been addressed, those that had not, the work being done in preparation of the passing of the legislation. The Members thanked OK and the other members of the SMT for all the work done in relation to this matter. OK also acknowledged the work that MW had done over the last week to facilitate with the HSE the remote examination of patients via video link.</p>	
	Next Meeting – To be confirmed	

Dated: 16.4.2020

Signed:



By the Chair