



EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

**Minutes of proceedings of Board Meeting
held in
the Boardroom, Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8
on Thursday 1st June, 2000 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. P. Aspell	Dr. S. Barry
Cllr. C. Burke	Cllr. L. Butler
Cllr. Catherine Byrne	Cllr. E. Byrne
Ald. I. Callely T.D.	Cllr. M. Corrigan
Mr. M. Cowley	Cllr. T. Cullen
Cllr. Anne Devitt	Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne
Cllr. P. Doran	Ald. Sen. J. Doyle
Cllr. A. Doyle	Mr. J. Fallon
Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick	Cllr. T. Fox
Dr. M. Gueret	Ms. A. Harris
Ms. N. Harvey	Dr. R. Hawkins
Cllr. D. Heney	Ms. M. Hoban
Dr. M. Laffoy	Mr. P. Ledwidge
Mr. G. McGuire	Cllr. M. Miley
Cllr. O. Mitchell	Dr. M. Molloy
Dr. B. Murphy	Mr. M. Murphy
Cllr. E. O'Brien	Dr. P. O'Connell
Cllr. C. O'Connor	Cllr. M. O'Donovan
Cllr. S. O'Fearghail	Mrs. C. Quinn
Cllr. J. Reilly	Dr. J. Reilly
Cllr. D. Tipping	Mr. L. Tuomey
Cllr. Jack Wall	

In the Chair

Ald. I. Callely T.D.

Apologies

Cllr. D. W. O'Connell	Dr. K. Harkin
Mr. J. Dolan	

In Attendance

Mr. Donal O Shea, Chief Executive	
Ms. Angela Fitzgerald	Mr. Martin Devine
Mr. Liam Woods	Dr. Brian O'Herlihy
Ms. Maureen Browne	

Opening Prayer

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Agenda Item No 1

1. Finance & Property Committee

The Chairman informed the Board that the Protocol Committee has agreed the structure of the membership of this Board's Finance & Property Committee. The Board at its next meeting on the 6th July will have before it for adoption the proposed membership of the committee. With the agreement of the Board the members of this committee if agreed by the Protocol Committee, could meet in the interim. The Chairman asked that the Board agree that the proposed members of the Committee, when agreed by the Protocol Committee, could meet. This was agreed.

2. Members Expenses

The Chairman stated that the Protocol Committee had a good and productive meeting with the Minister for Health & Children on Tuesday 30th May. The Minister listened carefully to the points made by the Committee and seemed to be impressed by our case. He agreed to take the matter to the Department of Finance and to come back to the members within the next few weeks.

Mileage Rates

The Chairman informed the Board that the Minister has approved an increase in the mileage rates for Board members which will bring them into line with those that are applicable to the local authorities. This increase is retrospective to the 1st January 1999.

3. Apologies

Apologies for the meeting had been received from Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Mr. J. Dolan and Dr. Kieran Harkin

4. Grounds

The Chairman noted the improvement in the grounds of Dr. Steevens' and paid compliment to the groundsman. He asked that these views be conveyed to Mr. Billy Burke.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6TH APRIL 2000

Agenda Item No. 2

The adoption of the draft Minutes of the Meetings of the 4th and 19th May 2000 were proposed by Mr. G. McGuire, seconded by Cllr. L. Butler and unanimously adopted.

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UPDATE ON WAITING LIST INITIATIVE

Agenda Item No. 3

- ✓ The Chief Executive presented to the meeting a progress report which outlined the measures taken to give effect to the policies adopted by the Board at the meeting of 6th April.

A lengthy debate took place to which the following members contributed

Dr. M. Molloy, Cllr. T. Cullen, Ms. N. Harvey, Dr. J. Reilly, Cllr. E. Byrne, Ald. I. Callely TD, Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. A. Doyle, Mr. M. Cowley, Cllr. D. Heney, , Dr. M. Gueret, Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne, Dr. P. O'Connell, Cllr. D. Tipping, Dr. S Barry, Cllr. Dr. D. Fitzpatrick.

The Chief Executive in replying to the debate clarified the following points:

- The extra work being undertaken reflected those activities which it was possible for the hospitals to do at this stage. It did not reflect any prioritisation because in many instances extra capacity could only be created in the medium to long term.
- The report had to be read in the context of the detailed bed capacity review currently being carried out by the Authority which will be used as the basis for planning additional bed, theatres and reserve/staffing resources to meet our assessed needs.
- The private hospitals ability to contribute is also being discussed

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive for the progress report and looks forward to further reports being put to the board in the future.

The Board unanimously adopted the report.

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Purchase of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot Street

✓ *Agenda Item No. 4*

A report on the purchase of Baggot Street Hospital by the Eastern Regional Health Authority was presented to the members (*copy appended to the official minutes*).

The purchase of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot Street, in accordance with the terms set out in the report was proposed by Cllr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Paul Ledwidge and unanimously agreed.

00/06/23 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Agenda Item No. 5

The Chief Executive's report was circulated (*copy appended to the official minutes*). The report dealt with the following items:

1. Report on Heroin Deaths
2. National Development Plan 2000-2006
3. Proposed Industrial Action by Psychiatric Nurses Association
4. James Connolly Memorial Hospital – Major Development Plan

A discussion took place on the Report to which Dr. M. Gueret, Cllr. J. Dillon-Byrne, Cllr. D. Tipping, Ms. N. Harvey, Ald. I. Callely TD, Mr. C. Burke, Cllr. A. Devitt, Mr. G. Maguire, Mr. M. Cowley, Ms. M. Corrigan, Cllr. L. Butler, Mr. M. Murphy, Cllr. T. Fox, Mr. P. Ledwidge, and Cllr. E. Byrne contributed.

In response to points raised by members the Chief Executive clarified the following points.

- **Heroin:** The numbers seeking treatment was continuing to expand very rapidly and one of the constraints was staffing. This is being accelerated and all new cases are being assessed and prioritised accordingly.

The helpline operated from 10 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. seven days a week and a message recording service operated outside those hours. If there was a need to extend these hours it would be looked at.

- **NDP** - The monies provided for in the NDP were the first tranche of money for work to be carried out this year and did not include long-term projects. The monies provided to the intellectual disability agencies was the largest amount provided to date. He stated that the acute hospitals alone would require approximately £25 million per year just to replace equipment.
- **James Connolly Memorial Hospital** The Northern Area Board was managing the project and he was awaiting a report from the design team. He was aware that tenders had been received and that these were being reviewed by the team. The results of these should be out in a couple of weeks. Funding from the Department of Health & Children was earmarked for the scheme.

The Board unanimously adopted the report.

00/06/24 MOTIONS

Agenda Item No. 6

- a) Proposed by Cllr. Eric Byrne *“That the Board of the Eastern Regional Health Authority agrees that a series of occasional 2 hour seminars be held examining in detail topics of mutual interest to the Authority/Board and members, that the first such meeting will deal with an outline of Acute General Hospital Management Structures and the relationship between the Chief Executive, it's Board,*

Consultants, Registrars, Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors/Junior Hospital Doctors and Comhairle na nOspideal".

Motion (a) was proposed by Cllr E. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne and agreed.

b) Proposed by Cllr. Eric Byrne *"That the Board of the Eastern Regional Health Authority agrees that where Service Providers and any other agencies are in receipt of Authority/Board funding that they be asked to recognise this funding in a public way. This can be by incorporating the appropriate logo of the funding authority in letterheads or in any other appropriate way just as EU funding is so often recognised".*

Motion (b) was proposed by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. C. O'Connor.

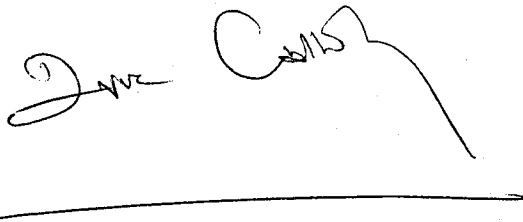
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Date and time for next meeting

Agenda Item No. 8

The date and time for the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday 6th July 2000 at 18.00 hrs in Dr. Steevens' Hospital.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.



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