

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the South Western Area Health Board held in the Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8, on Wednesday, 9th July, 2003, at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Mr. P. Aspell
Mr. G. Brady
Cllr. T. Cullen
Ms. M. Hoban
Cllr. M. Miley
Cllr. F. O'Loughlin
Cllr. T. Ridge

Dr. S. Barry
Cllr. C. Byrne
Cllr. J. Daly
Cllr. C. McGrath
Ald. M. Mooney
Cllr. J. Reilly
Cllr. D. Tipping

Non-Voting Members

Mr. G. McGuire

Apologies

Dr. K. Harkin
Dr. B. Murphy

Ms. A. Harris

In the Chair

- (i) Cllr. T Ridge
- (ii) Ald M. Mooney

Officers in Attendance

Mr. H. Kane, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. R. Mitchell, Assistant Chief Executive
Mr. D. Delaney, Director of Communications
Mr. R. Healy, Board Secretary
Ms. A. Farrell, Administrative Support, C.E.O.'s Office

81/2003**CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

At the outset, Cllr. T. Ridge welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting of the Board. She advised members that, as the C.E.O. was on Annual Leave, Mr. H. Kane, Deputy C.E.O., was in attendance in his place. She also welcomed Mr. D. Delaney, the newly appointed Director of Communications.

Cllr. Ridge then proceeded to address members as follows:-

“Members, I am very pleased to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting. Before vacating the Chair and beginning the elections, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words.

I am honoured to have been your Chairman for the past year. There have been many developments and achievements during that time and there have been some challenges too. We have worked hard to consolidate the work of the organisation and continued to initiate new mechanisms to drive policy development and its implementation.

No one can doubt the extent and range of the Board's involvement in the provision of health and personal social services. However, there have been some advances which we would have liked to implement but which have had to be delayed due to an increasingly stringent fiscal environment. Subject to available resources, we are determined to ensure that we continue to deliver the best possible services.

We are all very aware of recent government decisions on health service reform. Members will be familiar with our organisation strategy, ‘getting better together’, and this will prove even more pivotal in keeping us on track as we go forward. People will still need our help, services will still need to be delivered, and in addition to this, a major change management process will challenge us all. I have every confidence that, with the ultimate goal being to provide the best possible health service for patients and clients, our loyal and committed staff will embrace this opportunity with their usual enthusiasm and can-do attitude.

I want to thank each member of the Board for their continued support and assistance throughout my year as Chairman. In particular, I want to acknowledge the work of the various committees:

- The Disabilities, Mental Health & Addiction and Acute Services standing committee chaired by Cllr. Jim Reilly, with Dr. Bernard Murphy as Vice-Chair
- The Community Services and Continuing Care standing committee chaired by Cllr. Tommy Cullen, with Cllr. Colm McGrath as Vice-Chair
- The Protocol and Procedures committee chaired by Cllr. Colm McGrath, with Cllr. Don Tipping as Vice-Chair
- The Finance and Property committee chaired by myself with Cllr. Jim Reilly as Vice-Chair
- And the Child Care advisory committee chaired by Cllr. Sean O Fhearghail

May I also extend a special word of thanks to Ald. Mary Mooney who as Vice-Chairman of the Board was very helpful to me and deputised for me on a number of occasions over the twelve months. To one and all, I extend my sincere thanks.

The success and achievements of the area board would not have happened without the commitment of its staff. I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Pat Donnelly, and to those in his office for the professional and efficient service provided to the Board. I also want to thank the management team led today by Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hugh Kane, and all 4,500 staff for their hard work and commitment, without which we would not be where we are today.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Chairman and once again my sincere thanks to all of you - board members, management and staff.

I will now vacate the Chair so that the elections can commence.”

During her speech the Chairman also referred to events she had officiated at over the year, including the opening of the Advance Unit at St. Loman’s Hospital and the Presidential visit to Bellvilla Community Unit, South Circular Road.

The Deputy C.E.O. expressed appreciation to Cllr. Ridge for her work as Chairman over the previous year.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Ald. Mary Mooney was proposed by Cllr. M. Miley and seconded by Cllr. T. Cullen.

As there were no further nominations, Ald. M. Mooney was declared elected as Chairman of the Board.

Ald. M. Mooney was then invited to take the chair.

On assuming the chair, Ald. Mooney thanked her party and her proposer and seconder. She indicated that she would work on behalf of all members for the interests of the people of the South Western Area Health Board.

Cllr. D. Tipping and Cllr. J. Reilly congratulated Ald. Mooney on behalf of their respective parties and wished her well in her new position.

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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. T. Ridge was proposed by Cllr. C. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. J. Reilly.

As there were no further nominations, Cllr. T. Ridge was declared elected as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Ridge thanked her party and her proposer and seconder and indicated that she looked forward to working for the Board in her role as Vice-Chairman.

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INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman advised members of the following:-

1. *Finance & Property Committee*

Following agreement with the various groups, there will be only one change to the Finance and Property Committee this year – **Dr. Barney Murphy** will rotate with **Cllr. Colm McGrath** to represent his grouping on the committee.

2. *Standing Committees*

As mentioned at a Standing Committee meeting last month, and agreed by the Chairmen, the two Standing Committees will be reconfigured from September 2003. Members will then have an opportunity to change committees if they wish.

The incoming Vice Chairman and myself will be ex-officio members of both of these committees.

3. *Child Care Advisory Committee*

Under the relevant legislation the appointment of members to the Child Care Advisory Committee lasts three years and, therefore, the membership now needs to be renewed. As members will be aware, the nomination of three members from our Board, and the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee from among the three members, is a matter for our Board.

Following agreement among the various groupings within our Board, the Board's three members are **Cllr. Eric Byrne**, **Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin** and **Cllr. Jim Reilly** with Cllr. Jim Reilly being Chairman and Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin being Vice-Chairman.

The secretary of this committee will be writing to the various other organisations involved in the committee over the summer months to have other membership renewed as required under the legislation.

Members agreed to the above nominations from our Board to this committee.

4. *Protocol and Procedures Committee*

Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin will replace **Deputy Seán O Fearghail** on this committee.

5. *Resignation of Board Member*

The C.E.O. has informed me that he has received notice of resignation from our Board from Deputy Jack Wall. Deputy Jack Wall was a member of the former Eastern Health Board also. I would like to thank him for his contribution and wish him well in his endeavours.

Finally, members, I would now like to make a presentation to our outgoing Chairman.

At this point, Ald. Mooney made a presentation to Cllr. T. Ridge on behalf of the Board Members and staff of the South Western Area Health Board, following which the meeting concluded.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

This item was dealt with under the Incoming Chairman's Business as set out above.

CORRECT:

H. KANE

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHAIRMAN