

## **EASTERN HEALTH BOARD**

**Minutes of proceedings of Special Meeting  
held in  
The Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8  
on Thursday 12th October, 1995 at 6.00 p.m.**

### ***Present***

Mr. P. Aspell	Cllr. M. Barrett
Mrs. B. Bonar	Cllr. G. Brady
Cllr. B. Briscoe, T.D.	Cllr. E. Byrne, T.D.
Cllr. I. Callely, T.D.	Cllr. J. Connolly
Cllr. T. Cullen	Sen. J. Doyle
Cllr. K. Farrell	Dr. J. Fennell
Cllr. C. Gallagher	Dr. D.I. Keane
Cllr. T. Keenan	Mr. G. McGuire
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan	Cllr. C. O'Connor
Cllr. J. Reilly	Cllr. T. Ridge
Cllr. K. Ryan	Cllr. R. Shortall, T.D.
Cllr. D. Tipping	

### ***In the Chair***

Cllr. M. Barrett

### ***Officers in Attendance***

Mr. K J. Hickey, Chief Executive Officer  
 Mr. M. Walsh, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care  
 Mr. P.J. Fitzpatrick, Programme Manager, Community Care  
 Mr. S. O'Brien, A/Programme Manager, General Hospital Care  
 Dr. B. O'Herlihy, Director of Public Health  
 Mr. M. Gallagher, Finance Officer  
 Mr. J. Curran, A/Technical Services Officer  
 Ms. M. Kelly, Personnel Officer  
 Mr. M. O'Connor, Secretary  
 Ms. M. Browne, Communications Director

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**FUTURE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE EASTERN HEALTH BOARD AREA.**

At the special meeting held on 27th July to consider this matter, it was agreed that a memorandum should be prepared setting out the principal issues on which there was agreement and on which there was no agreement as a basis for further discussion at a subsequent meeting. A copy of this memorandum is filed with the official minute.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer made a brief illustrated presentation on a number of key issues e.g.

- populations of other health board areas, ranging from 203,000 to 532,000 with an average population of 326,000 and a median population of 310,000. The population of the Eastern Health Board area is 1,300,000.
- Region wide issues
- Area Issues
- Key issues/questions

In the discussion which followed to which Cllrs . Gallagher, Cullen, Keenan, Tipping, Reilly, Ryan, Connolly, Deputy Briscoe, Deputy Byrne, Cllr. O'Connor, Deputy Shortall, Mr. McGuire, and Dr. Fennel I contributed a wide range of views was expressed in relation to the membership of elected public representatives on any public authority/board, management areas and catchment areas. Members rejected the idea of advisory Health Councils at area level.

In the absence of a quorum at 8.20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to a further date to be arranged.

With a view to bringing the matter to finality and to arranging for the submission of the members' views to the Minister for Health, as requested by him, it was agreed that a draft response should be prepared for consideration at the resumed meeting.

**CORRECT:**                    **K J. HICKEY**  
   **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**CHAIRMAN**