



EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

**Minutes of proceedings of Board Meeting
held in the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital
On Monday 29th April 2004**

Present

Ald. Joe Doyle (Chairman)	Dr. Siobhan Barry
Cllr Eric Byrne	Cllr. Christy Burke
Cllr Tommy Cullen	Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne
Mr. John Dolan	Cllr Pat Doran
Ms. Maria Hoban	Dr. Marie Laffoy
Mr. Paul Ledwidge	Mr. Christy Lynch
Cllr. Colm McGrath	Dr. Mick Molloy
Mrs. Catherine Quinn	Dr. James Reilly
Cllr. Jim Reilly	Cllr. John Stafford
Cllr. Tom Stafford	

In the Chair

Alderman Joe Doyle

Apologies

Mr. Martin Cowley, Ms. Noeleen Harvey, Cllr. Jim Keane, Cllr. Gerry McGuire, Ald. Mary Mooney, Dr. Barney Murphy, Mr. Michael Murphy, Dr. Philip O'Connell

In Attendance

Mr Michael Lyons, Ms Angela Fitzgerald, Mr Jim Breslin,
Ms. Maureen Browne, Dr. Marie Laffoy,
Mr. Dougie Beaton; Mr. Frank O'Leary, Ms. Mo Flynn, Ms. Helen Stokes,

Opening Prayer

04/04/35 Chairman's Business

The Chairman opened the meeting by extending a note of sympathy On behalf of himself and the Board Members to Mrs. Eileen Miley and her family on the recent death of fellow colleague and Board Member, Cllr. Martin Miley RIP.

He further advised that under the Protocol for adjournment of Board Meetings which was agreed by the Board in April 2000, *"On the death of a serving member of our Board, the next meeting of the Board shall be adjourned as a mark of respect"*. In this regard he recommended that the meeting be adjourned and reconvened for Thursday 6th May 2004 at 6.00 p.m. This will be a special Board Meeting to discuss TB services in the eastern region.

Following the adjournment of the meeting a number of members stood to address the Members and pay tribute to the late Cllr. Miley.

- The Chairman paid a tribute to the late Cllr. Miley who had passed away last Saturday, 24th April 2004. He outlined the long service he had in Kildare County Council and that he had served his constituents well. He also said that he attended the funeral service with the Deputy Chief Executive, Mr. Liam Woods, Mr. Martin Devine and Ms. Helen Stokes. He also said that Martin had a strong interest in the health of his constituents and this was evident through his dedication to the South Western Area Health Board and also his attendance at Authority meetings. He was committed to Kildare County Council although he originally came from Wicklow.

He also paid tribute to his wife Eileen, 7 children – 4 sons and 3 daughters who are a testament of his life. He also had strong spiritual values which would have helped him through his illness. He also thanked his colleagues in the South Western Area Health Board and his friends in the Authority who helped him following the injury to his eye.

- Cllr. Pat Doran said that he knew Martin very well since joining the Authority four years ago and offered his sympathy to Martin's wife Eileen, family and grandchildren. During his time of knowing Martin, he always put his family first. They became great friends and he always put others before himself, particularly the elderly. He was dedicated to any cause he wanted to do. He feels a better man having known Cllr. Miley.
- Cllr. Jim Reilly said that he knew Martin, having met him whilst serving on Kildare County Council. He was very committed to the Council and served on 16 committees. He also supported many sporting organisations and was never afraid to put his views forward. He said that his wife and family have lost a major part of their life and his popularity was evident from the large numbers at the funeral.
- Cllr. Tommy Cullen thanked the Chairman for his contributions and also the Staff in Naas Hospital, the South Western Area Health Board and Dr. Marie Laffoy for their help and assistance during Martin's illness. He said that he had known

Martin for many years, he was a man of the people, a joke teller and that he was delighted to have known him. He said that Martin had the highest respect for the Board and the Chairman and also for the staff of the Authority. He was a true County Councillor, always representing his local community.

- Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne supported previous speakers and extended a note of sympathy on behalf of herself and the Labour Party to Martin's wife and family and also to his fellow colleagues in the Fianna Fail Party.
- Cllr. Christy Burke was happy to be associated with the words of appreciation of other Members. He too had got to know Martin when he joined the Board of the Authority. He said he was a humble man and always had others at the forefront of his mind. He said he had a high regard for Helen Stokes and other people who were at the cold front of the Authority. He was a true republican and walked as he talked.
- Dr. James Reilly said he was also happy to be associated with the comments from other members and too extended a note of sympathy on behalf of himself and his other medical colleagues on the Board. He too got to know Martin when he joined the Board and found him to be a kind, quiet, unassuming and very courteous gentleman.
- Mr. John Dolan, on behalf of his colleagues in the Intellectual Disability Agencies also extended his condolences to Martin's wife and family. He said that he had spent some time with Martin and Eileen at a Board Function, enjoyed their company and his thoughts are with the widow and family.
- Mr. Jim Breslin, Director of Planning, Commissioning & Change also joined with members in paying tribute to Martin on his own behalf and on behalf of the Executive of the Authority. He said that they hailed from the same part of the world and he knew that the local people held him in high esteem. He said that Martin had a very strong family and they were all very close knit and he knows that they will work through the tough times together. He also said that he only spoke when he had something to say and told things as he saw it. He extended his sympathy to the wife and family on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather and acknowledged his contribution to the public and to his locality.
- Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive, concluded the contributions to Martin and joined the Chairman in paying tribute to the late Martin Miley and on behalf of the management and staff of the Authority and to extended his deepest sympathy to his family at this very difficult time.

He gave an outline of Martin's history and said that the late Cllr Miley had been a member of the Board of the Authority since its establishment on March 1, 2000 and contributed much to the development of the policies which underpin the health services in the eastern region and in his own beloved Kildare.

He was also a member of the Board's Acute Hospitals & Primary Care Committee.

Until his last illness he was an assiduous attendee at meetings of the Board and its Committees and contributed to the development of policies on a broad range of issues.

He will be remembered in many ways but particularly for the level of courtesy which he brought to debate and indeed to all his dealings with our staff.

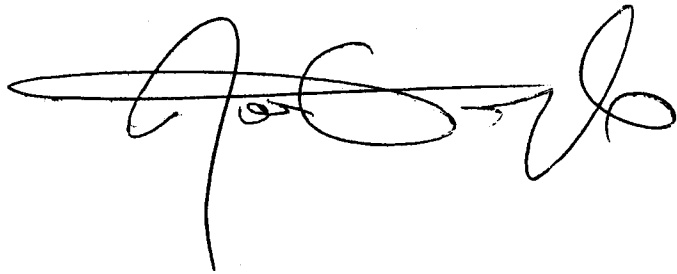
Cllr. Miley was an active and dedicated member of the South Western Area Health Board and served on the Board's Primary, Acute & Community Services and Finance & Property Committees.

Tributes have already been paid to Cllr Miley's work on the South Western Area Health Board by the Board's Chairman, Ald. Mary Mooney and Chief Executive, Mr. Pat Donnelly.

Cllr. Miley was nominated to the Board of our Authority by Kildare County Council. He had been a Member of the Council for the last 30 years. As mentioned by Cllr. Reilly earlier, Cllr. Miley was a member of 16 Committees in the Kildare County Council and these were, a Member of Kildare Vocational Educational Committee, the General Council of County Councils, the Barrow Drainage Board, the Teagasc Regional Advisory Committee, the local/regional Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines, Action South Kildare, the Traffic Technical Committee, Athy Investment, Development and Employment Forum, the Rural Development Committee, the Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee, Athy Area Committee, the Strategic Policy Committee for Local Urban and Rural Development the Athy/Rhyl Regeneration Project and the Twinning Committee

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The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive and members for their tributes to the late Cllr. Martin Miley and also thanked Maureen Browne for preparing the tributes to Cllr. Miley for the local papers. He also asked that a copy of the tributes be forwarded to Mrs. Miley.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. S. D.', written in a cursive style.