



EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

**Minutes of proceedings of Special Board Meeting
held in the Boardroom, Dr. Steevens' Hospital
On Thursday 6th May 2004 at 11.00am**

Present

Ald. Joe Doyle (Chairman)	Dr. Siobhan Barry
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. Eric Byrne
Mr. Martin Cowley	Cllr. Tommy Cullen
Cllr. Liam Creaven	Mr. John Dolan
Cllr. Jim Daly	Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne
Dr. John Fennell	Ms Noeleen Harvey
Ms. Maria Hoban	Cllr. Colm McGrath
Dr. Mick Molloy	Cllr. Eamonn O'Brien
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell	Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin
Mrs. Catherine Quinn	Dr. James Reilly
Cllr. Therese Ridge	Mr. Christy Lynch

In the Chair

Alderman Joe Doyle

Apologies

Dr. Bernard Murphy, Mr. Gerard Brady, Cllr. Jim Keane, Mr. Paul Ledwidge

In Attendance

Mr. Michael Lyons, Ms. Maureen Browne, Mr Martin Devine, Mr. Jim Breslin
Ms. Mo Flynn, Dr. Marie Laffoy, Ms. Bridget McGuane,
Ms. Helen Stokes, Ms. Bernadette Crowe, Ms Patricia Perry.

Opening Prayer

04/05/36 Chairman's Business

Condolences

- The Chairman extended a note of sympathy to Mr. Don Delaney, Communications Director, SWAHB on the recent death of his father. May he rest in peace.

Other

- The Chairman extended best wishes on behalf of himself and Board Members to Cllr. Gerry McGuire, who is currently an in-patient in Beaumont Hospital.
- The Chairman, on behalf of himself and Board Members, congratulated Dr. James Reilly on his recent appointment as President of the Irish Medical Organisation.

Forthcoming Meetings

- Finance & Property Meeting – Friday 7th May at 11.0 a.m.
- Continuing Care & Social Services Committee – Monday 10th May at 11.00 a.m.
- Acute Hospitals & Primary Care Committee – Monday 17th May at 6.00 p.m.
- May Board Meeting of Authority and **last meeting** Monday 24th May at 11.00 a.m. This meeting will be followed by a light lunch in the Board Room.
- Farewell Dinner – Wednesday 16th June at the Four Seasons Hotel. Invitations will be going out to current and past members of the Authority.

04/05/37 Annual Report

Agenda Item No. 1

The Draft Annual Report for 2003 was discussed by the Protocol Committee at its recent meeting on the 30th April 2004, with a recommendation of approval to the Board of the Authority.

On a proposal by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Christy Burke the Annual Report for 2003 was agreed.

04/05/38 Report 09/04 - Tuberculosis Infection: Epidemiology, Control and Management in the Eastern Region

Agenda Item No. 2

Prior to the presentation of this report by Dr. Marie Laffoy, the Chief Executive presented a report to the Members on Peamount Hospital and also an update on the recent Court Proceedings. *(copy appended to the official minute).*

Following the presentation of the report a debate to place to which the following members contributed; Cllr. Colm McGrath, Cllr. Jim Daly, Cllr. Christy Burke, Cllr. Therese Ridge, Cllr. Eric Byrne, Ms. Maria Hoban, Dr. Mick Molloy and Ms. Catherine Quinn. Members outlined their disquiet at the length of time it had taken for this matter to come to a conclusion and the lack of communication to Members on

the process. They also reiterated that this issue was brought to the attention of the Acute Hospitals & Primary Care Committee over two years ago.

Members outlined to the Chief Executive that they would be submitting an emergency motion, signed by members present before the end of the meeting.

In relation to issues raised at this stage Mr. Lyons, Regional Chief Executive, responded as follows:-

- The Provider Planning process for agreement between the ERHA and Peamount Hospital has yet to be concluded. However he confirmed that the recent changes would be taken into account when discussing the final Provider Plan with the Management of Peamount Hospital. This ensures accountability for funding allocated in line with the services provided by the hospital.
- In relation to funding he said that the Authority currently don't have multi-annual budgeting. The current arrangement for funding is based on an agreement with the Department of Health & Children and the ERHA to agree on services being provided i.e., the Provider Plan which is to be agreed with the Hospital. He said there was no question of over funding Peamount Hospital.
- Each party to the settlement had agreed to co-operate with the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Hospital in consultation with the Implementation Group.
- The Authority had a legal responsibility to oversee the quality of service commissioned by the 39 Providers.
- Comhairle na nOspideal were a Statutory Body but not the only body involved with the plans for Peamount Hospital. There were also Risk Management Consultants also involved who had carried out a risk analysis of the hospital.
- Prof. Luke Clancy, whilst he would no longer be the Medical Director of the Hospital, his expertise will be retained by the Hospital for two sessions per week up to the end of this year. This will also facilitate continuity of patient care and also NCHD supervision. It is anticipated that in the interim there will be clarification on the 2nd Respiratory Physician's post, which will be funded by the ERHA.
- The role of the Implementation Group will be to plan the transition period and also to review, during the rest of the year, any implications/difficulties that may arise.
- The Director of Public Health clarified the role of St. James's Hospital in relation to TB Services.
- In relation to the subject to the cost of Legal fees, this has yet to be determined and he agreed to keep members informed of any developments.

Dr. Marie Laffoy, Director of Public Health then gave a presentation to the Board on Tuberculosis Infection: Epidemiology, Control and Management in the Eastern Region (*copy appended to the official Minute*).

Following the presentation a continuation of the discussion took place which the following members contributed to: Dr. John Fennell, Cllr. Therese Ridge, Dr. Mick Molloy, Cllr. Colm McGrath, Cllr. Eric Byrne, Cllr. Jim Daly, Mr. John Dolan, Cllr. Christy Burke, Dr. Siobhan Barry, Ms. Maria Hoban, Mr. Christy Lynch and Dr. James Reilly.

- The members thanked Dr. Laffoy for her comprehensive and very informative presentation and report.
- They also expressed thanks to the Executive for dealing with the problems at the Hospital and hope and trust that the new Health Services Executive will continue to have the same amount of interest and concerns as the current members.
- Members also asked if they could have a public representative on the proposed Implementation Group. They also proposed that Dr. Mick Molloy be nominated to sit on the Group.
- With regard to representation on the Implementation Group, Mr. Lyons advised that this Group would consist of medical and administrative personnel. He felt that it would be inappropriate to have a public representative on this Group. However he did say that he intended to set up a small forum of public representatives as a mechanism of keeping members updated on developments of existing and new projects. He said that this forum would be an excellent mechanism of keeping the public representative groups informed of developments and progress on the transition period for Peamount Hospital. He welcomed the proposal that Dr. Mick Molloy be a member of the Implementation Group. *This was agreed by Members.*

The following emergency motion was submitted at the meeting and had to be ruled out of order.

Emergency Motion submitted to the Board of the ERHA – 6th May 2004

Arising out of the High Court decision to reinstate Drs Clancy and Kelly, this Board resolves to qualify the ongoing funding of Peamount Hospital based on all strategic decisions affecting the Hospitals' future being agreed by the Board of the ERHA or its replacement authority.

Submitted by:

Cllr. Colm McGrath; Dr. Mick Molloy; Cllr. Therese Ridge; Dr James Reilly; Ms. Noleen Harvey; Cllr. Christy Burke; Cllr. Jim Daly; Cllr. Eamonn O'Brien; Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin; Mrs. Catherine Quinn; Ms. Maria Hoban; Dr. John Fennell; Mr. Martin Cowley.

Following the discussions and debate the following replacement emergency motion was submitted

Emergency Motion Agreed at the Special Board Meeting of the ERHA – 6th May 2004

That the Board of the Authority is concerned to ensure continuity of T.B. services within the region and appropriate access by GPs and the community to chest services at Peamount Hospital. The Board seeks that these objectives be pursued by the Authority or its successor, both in the establishment of an Implementation group to agree T.B. and respiratory services at the Hospital and in commissioning of services

by the Authority with Peamount Hospital including the provision of funding by the Authority in return for the level of services provided by the Hospital.

Signed:

*Cllr. Colm McGrath; Dr. Mick Molloy; Cllr. Therese Ridge; Dr James Reilly;
Ms. Noleen Harvey; Cllr. Christy Burke; Cllr. Jim Daly; Cllr. Eamonn
O'Brien; Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin; Mrs. Catherine Quinn; Ms. Maria Hoban;
Dr. John Fennell; Mr. Martin Cowley.*

The Chairman thanked Dr. Laffoy for her presentation and members for their contribution to the discussion. **Report 09/04 - Tuberculosis Infection: Epidemiology, Control and Management in the Eastern Region was noted.**

The meeting concluded at 1.45p.m.

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**Michael Lyons
Regional Chief Executive**



**ALDERMAN Joe Doyle
Chairman**



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