



## **EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of proceedings of Special Board Meeting  
held in the Board Room, Dr Steevens Hospital, Dublin 8,  
on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at 6:00p.m.**

### ***Present***

Dr. S Barry  
Cllr C Burke  
Cllr L Butler  
Cllr E Byrne  
Mr M Cowley  
Cllr T Cullen  
Cllr A Devitt  
Cllr J Dillon Byrne  
Cllr P Doran  
Ald J Doyle  
Cllr T Fox  
Cllr P Hand  
Ms N Harvey  
Cllr D Tipping

Dr R Hawkins  
Cllr D Heney  
Dr M Laffoy  
Mr P Ledwidge  
Cllr G McGuire  
Cllr M Miley  
Dr B Murphy  
Mr M Murphy  
Cllr E O'Brien  
Cllr Dr W O'Connell  
Cllr M O'Donovan  
Dr J Reilly  
Cllr J Stafford

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

Alderman Joe Doyle

### ***Apologies***

Mr G Brady, Cllr L Creaven, Cllr J Daly, Mr J. Dolan, Mr J Fallon,  
Cllr L Tuomey, Dr M Molloy

### ***In Attendance***

Mr M Lyons, Mr L Woods, Mr M Devine,, Mr M Fagan, Ms C. Beirne,  
Ms Helen Stokes, Ms P Mannion.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **03/03/26 Chairman's Business**

- Acute Hospitals & Primary Care Committee – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2003 at 6.00p.m.
- Continuing Care & Social Services Committee – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 11.00 a.m.
- Protocol Committee meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 p.m.
- Finance & Property Committee meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 a.m.
- Special Board Meeting – At a recent meeting of the Protocol Committee, it was agreed that a Special Board Meeting be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 a.m. to discuss Mental Health.
- Next monthly meeting of the Authority will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2003 at 6.00 p.m.

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The Chairman invited Dr Laffoy, Director of Public Health to give an update on the current situation with regard to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). She advised the meeting that this is relevant only to people who have been in the affected areas i.e. Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore and Guandong Province in China and to seek medical advice should they become unwell during their trip or within 10 days of returning home. She further advised that an expert group has been established by the Minister for Health & Children to monitor the situation and is currently working with airports, hospitals and health experts. She also updated the meeting on the status of reported cases in the region.

The Regional Chief Executive advised the meeting that the cause for SARS has not yet been identified but is being examined internationally.

A discussion took place and the following members contributed, Dr. R. Hawkins, Cllr. T. Cullen, Cllr. D. Tipping, Cllr. G. McGuire, Cllr L Butler, Mr M. Cowley, Cllr. M. O'Donovan

The Chairman thanked Dr M Laffoy for her update.

### **03/03/27 Report 09/03 Consolidated Annual Financial Statements 2000**

Mr Lyons advised the Board that the Consolidated Annual Financial Statement 2000 were before the Board previously in April 2001 and have been audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The statements before the Board today are the revised financial statements for the 10 months March to December 2000 for adoption (*copy appended to the official minute*).

***On the proposal by Dr R Hawkins and seconded by Cllr J Dillon Byrne Report 09/03 Consolidated Annual Financial Statements 2000 were adopted.***

**03/03/28      Report 10/03 Eastern Regional Health Authority  
Annual Financial Statements 2002**

Mr Liam Woods, Financial Director gave a presentation on the Corporate Accounts 2002 (*copy appended to the official minute*).

Following the presentation a debate took place to which the following members contributed:- Cllr M O'Donovan, Cllr L Butler, Dr R Hawkins, Cllr J Dillon Byrne, Mr G McGuire, Ald J Doyle, Dr S Barry, Mr M Cowley, Cllr D Heney, Mr P Ledwidge, Cllr E Byrne, Dr J Reilly and Cllr D Tipping.

Mr Woods responded as follows:-

- That the list of the Authorities land will be presented to the Finance & Property Committee Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 03.
- With regard to Grangegorman he advised that legislation is currently been drafted and the Authority is awaiting the outcome.
- Mr Woods advised that the Authority submits the budget estimates to the Department of Health & Children in June each year along with additional information and it is an ongoing process.
- He said a budget comparison for the Authority and Agencies for 2001 & 2002 had been submitted to the Finance and Property Committee.

Mr Lyons advised that he would present an update to the Board at a future date on the Treatment Purchase Fund and Waiting List Initiative. He also said he would make a presentation to the Finance and Property and Protocol Committees following the publication of the Commission of Financial Management & Procedures, Medical Manpower Study and Audit of Structures Reports.

On the proposal by Cllr L Butler and seconded by Cllr P Doran, Report No 10/03 Eastern Regional Health Authority Annual Financial Statements were adopted.

**Any other business**

Mr. M. Cowley asked that the economist from the ERHA be invited to address a future meeting of the Authority to give a presentation on a comparison on health services in Ireland and other countries.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 pm

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**Michael Lyons**  
**Regional Chief Executive**

  
**ALDERMAN Joe Doyle**  
**Chairman**

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**DATE**