



EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

**Minutes of proceedings of the Special Board Meeting
held in the Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital,
on Thursday 16th October 2003 at 12.00 noon**

Present

Dr. Siobhan Barry	Mr. Gerard Brady
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. Larry Butler
Cllr. Catherine Byrne	Cllr. Tommy Cullen
Cllr. Jim Daly	Cllr. Ann Devitt
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne	Mr. John Dolan
Cllr. Pat Doran	Ald. Joe Doyle
Dr. John Fennell	Cllr. Tony Fox
Cllr. Pat Hand	Ms. Ann Harris
Ms Noeleen Harvey	Ms. Maria Hoban
Dr. Marie Laffoy	Cllr. Colm McGrath
Cllr. Gerry McGuire	Mr Michael Murphy
Cllr. Eamonn O'Brien	Cllr. Dr. William O'Connell
Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin	Cllr. James Reilly

In the Chair

Alderman J Doyle

Apologies

Mr. Paddy Aspell, Cllr. Dermot Murray, Cllr. Liam Creaven, Mr. Paul Ledwidge,
Dr. Bernard Murphy

In Attendance

Mr Michael Lyons, Mr Jim Breslin, Mr. Martin Devine; Dr. Marie Laffoy, Ms.
Maureen Browne, Ms. Mo Flynn, Ms. Louise McMahon, Mr. Tom Finn.
Ms. Maureen Windle, Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board
Mr. Martin Gallagher, Chief Executive, East Coast Area Health Board
Mr. Hugh Kane, A/Chief Executive, South Western Area Health Board
Mr. Tom Mernagh, Hospital Manager, St. Columcille's Hospital
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary, East Coast Area Health Board

Opening Prayer

03/10/91 **Chairman's Business**

Forthcoming Meetings:

- Advocacy Meeting – Friday 17th October at 11.00 a.m. in Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital
- Finance & Property – Friday 17th October at 2.00 p.m., Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital
- Protocol Committee – Friday 31st October at 11.00 a.m., Board Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital
- The next meeting of the Board scheduled for Thursday 6th November at 6.00 p.m. in Dr. Steevens' Hospital
- Special Board Meeting – Monday 24th November 2003 at 11.00 a.m. to set out priorities for the Service Plan 2004

03/10/92 **Update on Health Services Reform Programme**

The Regional Chief Executive opened the meeting and explained the background to the Hanley Report in the context of the Health Services Reform Programme and the requirement to implement the EU Working Time Directive.

A presentation was made by Mr. Jim Breslin and Mr. Martin Gallagher (*copy appended to the official minute*) on the Report of the National Task Force on Medical Staffing and its implementation in the East Coast Area Health Board.

Following the presentation a debate took place to which the following members contributed – Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne; Dr. Siobhan Barry; Mr. John Dolan; Cllr. Larry Butler; Cllr. Tony Fox; Dr. John Fennell and the Chairman.

The Board proposed the following Motion

The Board of the Eastern Regional Health Authority, which incorporates the Members of the East Coast Area Health Board, welcomed the adoption of the report of the National Task Force on Medical Staffing by the Government. In particular, the Board welcomed the designation of the East Coast Area Health Board as a pilot site for the implementation of this report. The Board welcomed the opportunities this presented to improve access for patients to high quality acute care.

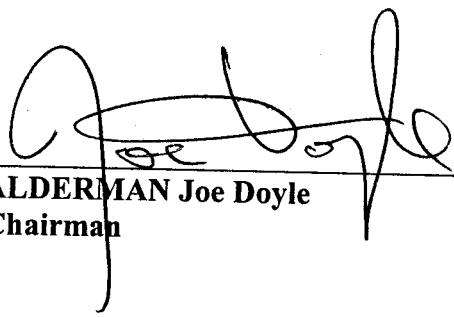
The estimated revenue and capital costs associated with the implementation of the report were noted by the Board and it called on the Minister for Health and Children to make the funding available to the East Coast Area Health Board to implement the necessary recommendations of the Report in its catchment area.

On a proposal of Cllr. Jim Daly and seconded by Cllr. Tony Fox the motion was passed.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 p.m.

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**Michael Lyons
Regional Chief Executive**



**ALDERMAN Joe Doyle
Chairman**

DATE