

**Minutes of Proceedings of 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the East Coast  
Area Health Board held in St. Colmans Hospital, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow,  
on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at 4.00p.m.**

***In the Chair***

Cllr. Andrew Doyle

***Present***

Ald. Joe Doyle  
Cllr. Pat Doran  
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne  
Cllr. Laurence Butler  
Cllr. Pat Hand

Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell  
Cllr. Tony Fox  
Mr. John Dolan  
Ms. Noeleen Harvey

***Apologies***

Dr. Ray Hawkins  
Dr. Mick Molloy  
Dr. John Fennell  
Cllr. Olivia Mitchell, TD.  
Ms. Maria Hoban  
Mr. Michael Murphy  
Mr. Gerry McGuire  
Dr. Bernard Murphy

***Officers in attendance***

Mr. Martin Gallagher, Chief Executive Officer  
Dr. Brian Redahan, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. David Clarke, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance  
Ms. Josephine Roche, Manager Human Resources  
Ms. Aoife O'Sullivan, A/Director of Communications  
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary  
Ms. Naomi Boland, PA to Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Gerry McKiernan, General Manager, CCA 10  
Mr. John Broe, Hospital Manager, Central Mental Hospital  
Mr. John O'Sullivan, Director of Disability Services  
Mr. Pat Byrne, Hospital Manager, Newcastle Hospital  
Mr. Tom Mernagh, Hospital Manager, St. Columcilles Hospital  
Ms. Kathleen Hamill, Financial Accountant

**Opening Prayer**

Prior to commencing business the Chairman updated members in relation to meeting between ERHA, Minister and Secretary General on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003 in relation to Health Service Reform Proposal. It was agreed to hold a special Board Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2003 to debate this matter.

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### **Chairman's Address**

The Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting by welcoming members of the Board, Management Team, Directors of Services, General Managers and Hospital Managers.

The Chairman in his address outlined the progress made by the Board during his term of office over the previous twelve months and in particular:

- Developments at St. Columcille's Hospital, including further refurbishment of the Accident and Emergency Department and establishment of the new Regional Orthodontic Unit.
- New G.P. out of hours services in Dun Laoghaire - DLDoc
- Introduction of a pilot home care group and new meals on wheels services older people.
- Establishment of the Arklow Health Towns Project
- Development of Services at the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum
- Extension of the Physiotherapy Service at Wicklow District Hospital
- Establishment of a new respite unit for the Co. Wicklow Association for the mentally handicapped.

Paid tribute to the Chief Executive Officer, Members of the Management Team, Staff of the Board and fellow Board Members for their support during 2002.

Members in response congratulated the Chairman for his dedication to the work of the board during his term of office.

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### **Election of Chair**

Cllr. Tony Fox was proposed by Cllr. Laurence Butler and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran. There being no other nominations Cllr. Tony Fox was declared elected.

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**Election of Vice-Chair**

Cllr. Andrew Doyle was proposed by Ald. Joe Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hand. There being no other nominations Cllr. Andrew Doyle was declared elected.

Members congratulated Cllr. Tony Fox and Cllr. Andrew Doyle on their election, wished them well and offered their support in their term of office.

Cllr. Tony Fox in response thanked the members for their kind comments and support. He stated that it was an honor to be elected as Chair of the East Coast Area Health Board and looked forward to maintaining and developing even further the solid achievement made in service delivery to date.

Paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman and looked forward to working with his fellow Board Members and Management Team.

Finally, the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Management Team, congratulated the Chairman and Vice Chairman on their election and looked forward to working with them in the years ahead.

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**Membership of Committees**

The proposed Membership of Committees for 2003/2004, having been endorsed by the Protocol Committee (and circulated), were adopted on proposal of Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne.

The following points were noted:

- The Chairman is ex-officio a member of each committee of the Board. Each committee shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at their next meeting.
- The question of a replacement for Mrs. Joyce Andrews will be followed up by the Board Secretary with the Eastern Regional Health Authority, as a vacancy still remains on our Board.

The Annual Report of the Board for 2002 was circulated.

The Annual Report of the HeBE Board for 2002 was circulated.

Annual General Meeting Concluded at 5.00p.m.

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**MARTIN GALLAGHER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**DATE**

*Signed:*

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**Cllr. TONY FOX**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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**DATE**