

**Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting held in the Conference Room,  
Clonskeagh Hospital on  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at 6.00 p.m.**

**In the Chair**

Cllr. Tony Fox

**Present**

Dr Ray Hawkins  
Dr John Fennell  
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell  
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne  
Cllr. Andrew Doyle  
Mr. Paul Ledwidge  
Ms. Noeleen Harvey

Dr Mick Molloy  
Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle  
Cllr. Pat Doran  
Cllr. Maria Corrigan  
Mr. John Dolan  
Dr. Bernard Murphy

**Apologies**

Cllr. Olivia Mitchell T.D.  
Mr. Gerry McGuire  
Cllr. Laurence Butler  
Ms. Maria Hoban

**Officers in attendance**

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Martin Gallagher, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Barbara Kane-Round, A/Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Brendan Baker, Employee Relations Officer  
Ms. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance  
Ms. Ann Marie Donohue, A/Director of Communications  
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary  
Ms. Suzanne Bushnell, PA to Chief Executive Officer

## Opening Prayer

### [1] Chairman's Business

The Chairman joined with the members in extending a vote of sympathy to the relatives on the list of deceased circulated.

- The Chairman informed Members
  - Cllr. Andrew Doyle, Vice Chairman's attendance at the launch of National Healthy Eating Week on 24<sup>th</sup> May.
  - Launch of Dental Health of Children in Special National Schools in the ERHA Region Report on 4<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Presentation of Certificates to Transition Year students of Colaiste Bhride, Carnew as part of the Home First pilot project on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
  - Advised members of service visits for June 2002.
  - Congratulated Cllr. Olivia Mitchell T.D. on her re-election to the Dail and appointment to the Fine Gael front bench as Health Spokesperson. Praised Cllr. Maria Corrigan for her excellent showing in the General Election.
  - Thanked Mr. Paul Ledwidge for his dedication to the business of the Board on his departure to the Northern Area Health Board.
  - Formally thanked Hospital Manager and Catering Staff for facilitating the Board Meeting in Clonskeagh Hospital.

The following points were noted:

- The members joined with the Chairman in acknowledging the dedication of Mr. Paul Ledwidge to the Business of the Board and wished him well in his assignment to the Northern Area Health Board.
- Members welcomed the launch of the Dental Health of Children in Special National Schools Report and acknowledged that the report will be a significant aid to the further development of these services.

Report was noted.

**[2] Minutes**

***(a) Confirmation of Minutes***

- Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2002 having been circulated were adopted on the proposal of Ald. Senator Joe Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and agreed.

***(b) Matters Arising***

No matters arising

**[3] Questions to Chief Executive Officer**

No Questions tabled.

The Chief Executive Officer prior to presenting his report sympathized with Cllr. Tony Fox, his wife Margaret, their daughter Margaret and Son-In-Law Frank DiGeorgio on the sad passing of their daughter Shannon.

The Board members and officers joined with the Chief Executive Officer in observing a minutes silence in memory of Shannon. It was agreed that expressions of sympathy will be sent on behalf of the members to the DiGeorgio family.

**4] Chief Executive Officers Report**

The Chief Executive Officers Report (copy appended to the official minutes) was circulated.

The Report dealt with the following items:

- General Manager Appointment
- Expansion of Professional Therapy Training Places
- The Public Health (Tobacco) at 2002
- Developments in Emergency Medicine at St. Columcille's Hospital

- Provider Plan 2002.

There followed a debate on the Chief Executive Officers Report to which the following members contributed, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Dr. Ray Hawkins, Dr. Mick Molloy, Dr. Barney Murphy, Mr. John Dolan and to which the Chief Executive Officer responded.

The following points were noted:

- Members thanked Dr. Brian Redahan for his contribution to the development and delivery of the Health Service to the people of Wicklow and wish him well in his new assignment.
- Members congratulated Mr. Gerry McKiernan on his appointment as General Manager to Community Care Area 10, Wicklow and wished him well in his new post.
- Members welcomed the expansion in Professional Therapy Training Places, which will address the Therapy shortage in the medium term. However, agreed that more places are needed to resolve long-term difficulties.
- Members acknowledged the work done by the Three Consultants in conjunction with the Senior Clinicians, The N.C.H.D.'s, the Nursing staff and Administration and Security/Personnel and Hospital Management, all of who are working together to improve the service in the A&E Department at St. Columcille's Hospital (Report Circulated).

The Chief Executive officer stated that a lot of work still needs to be done, supporting the further development of the Emergency Department at St. Columcille's as an integral part of the Joint Regional Emergency Department and in particular as part of the ongoing development of the Integrated Acute Hospital Network in the Board's area.

The Chief Executive Officer agreed to keep members apprised of developments on a regular basis.

Report was noted and agreed.

## **[5] Report of Standing Committees**

Progress Report of the Acute Services and Primary Care Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2002 having been circulated was noted and agreed on proposal of Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and seconded by Mr. John Dolan.

Progress Report of the Continuing Care Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2002 was noted and agreed on proposal of Dr. Mick Molloy and seconded by Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle.

The following points were noted:

- Members were advised by the Asst. Chief Executive Officer for Service Delivery that Ms. Leoni O'Neill has been given responsibility for Homeless Services in the Board's area to include services for the Homeless Unit on Tivoli Road. Her responsibilities will include Primary Medical Health Care needs of Homeless people using the unit.

#### **[6] Draft Annual Report 2001**

The Chief Executive Officer introduced the Draft Annual Report for consideration and adoption by members (Report circulated).

The Report is the Board's Annual Statement and sets out the activity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001.

The Report was subsequently reviewed by members and on the proposal of Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran was adopted and unanimously agreed.

The Report will be circulated at the Annual general Meeting of the Board in July.

#### **[7] Notice of Motions**

Cllr. Jane Dillon-Byrne agreed to withdraw the motion tabled and substitute the following amended motion.

##### **Motion 1.**

**"That a proper fence be put around the site adjoining the Health Centre at Shankill and that this site be part of the plans to**

**develop a new Health Centre for Shankill subject to adequate funding being made available”.**

It was agreed that the amended Motion be put to the members. The Motion was subsequently adopted on the proposal of Ald Senator Joe Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that The East Coast Area Board plan to erect a fence around the perimeter of Shankill Health centre subject to funding being made available this year. The estimated cost of this project is in the region of € 50,000. Funding has been sought from the E.R.H.A out of this Boards Capital allocation for 2002. We have yet to be advised of this allocation although it appears that a significant amount of Capital funding will not be made available this year.

This development remains a priority for the Board although our priority list may well have to be revisited in light of adequate available funding in 2002.

### **Motion 2**

Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne agreed to withdraw the Motion tabled and substitute the following amended Motion.

**“That the East Coast Area Health Board plan to develop a new Health Clinic to serve the present population of Shankill and its environs subject to adequate funding being made available”.**

It was agreed that the amended Motion be put to the members. The Motion was subsequently adopted on the proposal of Ald Senator Joe Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that following a review of services available at Shankill Health Centre, the East Coast Area Health Board are currently engaged in a process of evaluation of these services together with their current utilisation. The publication of the Brady Shipman Report 1999 (Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area) estimates that there will be a 25.0% population increase in the North East Wicklow/South East Dublin region. This together with the extension of the M50 to the N11 at Rathmichael will have major implications for the population

expansion in the area. Proposals for the development of Shankill Health Centre are in place as part of this Boards overall strategy for the future development of Community Services. The East Coast Area Health Board will also be submitting its proposals for the development of Primary Care Units in line with the Health Strategy "Quality and Fairness - A Health System for You".

It was agreed that the amended Motion as read be put to the members. The Motion was subsequently adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Doran and seconded by Cllr. Andrew Doyle.

### **Motion 3**

Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne agreed to withdraw the Motion tabled and substitute the following amended Motion.

**"That the attendance of the Community Welfare Officer be considerably increased, over the once-a-week session which is presently in place at Shankill Health Centre, subject to adequate funding being made available".**

It was agreed that the amended Motion as read be put to the members. The Motion was subsequently adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Ald. Senator Joe Doyle.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that the Community Welfare service for the Shankill area is currently provided from Loughlinstown Health Centre. The current arrangement is in place for almost three years and appears to be working smoothly. Any individual unable attend at Loughlinstown is visited in their home by the Community Welfare Officer. The provision of additional security measures at Shankill Health Centre may allow the re-introduction of Community Welfare services in the future.

## **[8] Correspondence**

The Dental Health of Children in Special National Schools in the Eastern Regional Health Authority area Report 1999/2002 - circulated.

Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

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**MICHAEL LYONS**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*Signed:*

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**CLLR ANDREW DOYLE**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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**DATE**