

**Minutes of Board Meeting held in the Woodland Court Hotel,  
Southern Cross, Bray, Co. Wicklow, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2000 at  
6.00.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr Tony Fox, Chairman  
Dr John Fennell  
Cllr Olivia Mitchell, TD  
Ald Senator Joe Doyle  
Cllr Pat Doran  
Cllr Maria Corrigan  
Cllr. Andrew Doyle  
Mr Paul Ledwidge  
Cllr Larry Butler  
Mr Gerry McGuire  
Dr Barney Murphy  
Dr Ray Hawkins  
Dr Mick Molloy  
Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne  
Mr John Dolan  
Dr John O'Connell

**Apologies:** Mr Gerry McGuire  
Ms Noeleen Harvey  
Ms Maria Hoban  
Ms Joyce Andrews

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Martin Gallagher, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Maureen Browne, Communications Director  
Mr. John Davis, A/Board Secretary  
Ms Suzanne Bushnell, Secretariat

**[1] Chairman's Business**

The Chairman read the following report, which was noted by the Board. (copy appended to the official minute)

- a) I would like to propose a vote of sympathy to those whose names have been included on the list of condolences, which have been circulated.

- b) I wish to welcome Cllr. Bill O'Connell as a member of our Board and I would like to pay tribute to Cllr. Pat Vance who has recently resigned from our Board and wish him every success in his future political career.
- c) Visit of Board members to St. Vincent's Hospital
- d) Protocol Committee meeting
- e) I have circulated minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2000 and I wish to advise members that the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2000 at 12.30 p.m. in the Glenview Hotel.
- f) Change of Dates of Visits
- g) Members Expenses
- h) Appointment of Standing Committees
- i) Meningitis Vaccination Programme
- j) Visit to East Coast Area Health Board Head Quarters
- k) I wish to advise members that this is National Healthy Eating Week (7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2000) and on behalf of the members I wish to acknowledge the good wishes sent by the Health Promotion Department, City Gate to the Board.

**[2] (a) *Minutes of proceedings of Monthly meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2000.***

The minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2000 having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, seconded by Dr. Ray Hawkins.

**(b) *Matters Arising***

Meningitis Vaccination Programme – on the proposal of Dr. John Fennell, Dr. Mick Molloy and Dr. Ray Hawkins it was agreed that details of the proposed programme would be circulated to all General Practitioners in the area.

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

No questions lodged.

**[4] Report of Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive presented his report, which dealt with the following items:

- 1) Staff Appointments and Assignments**
- 2) Service Planning**
- 3) Capital Funding/National Development Plan**

- 4) **Central Planning Committee for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**
- 5) **Regional Paediatric Service**
- 6) **Representative Groups on Role of St. Columcille's Hospital**
- 7) **Regional Orthodontic Unit, St. Columcille's Hospital**
- 8) **Establishment of Child Care Committee**
- 9) **National Cardiovascular Health Strategy**
- 10) **Report on the Establishment of a Dual Diagnosis Service in the Eastern Region.**
- 11) **Towards a Tobacco Free Society**
- 12) **Launch of Teenage Quit Smoking Initiative**
- 13) **Measles Campaign**
- 14) **Threatened Industrial action by N.C.H.D.'s – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2000.**

As an addendum to the Report, the Chief Executive Officer advised members of his appointment to the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council by the Minister for Health and Children.

The establishment of this Council is a key element in the Ministers plans to develop an integrated approach to pre-hospital care, as recommended in the Cardiovascular Health Strategy, "*Building Healthier Hearts*"

There followed a discussion to which Dr. Ray Hawkins, Dr. Barney Murphy, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Mr. John Dolan, Dr. Mick Molloy, Cllr Laurence Butler, Mr. Paul Ledwidge, Dr. John Fennell and Cllr. Andrew Doyle contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied.

In relation to clinical staffing levels for the Regional Orthodontic Unit in St. Columcille's Hospital the Chief Executive Officer agreed to report at the next meeting of the Board in June.

In relation to the establishment of a Committee for St. Columcille's Hospital it was agreed to await the report of the Representative Group. Before deciding on it's terms of reference and membership.

Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne, noted that while the Minister for Health and Children prioritisation of his policy: ***Towards a Tobacco Free Society***, this East Coast Area Health Board would recommend that he adopt an equally even handed approach regarding the addictions of Drugs, Alcohol and inappropriate Sexual activities of quite young teenagers in his handling of policy for young people and Addiction.

The Board unanimously approved the Report.

**[5] Level of approved indebtedness of the East Coast Area Health Board**

**The following was adopted:-**

*“The East Coast Area Health Board agrees that its indebtedness does not exceed the amount specified by the Eastern Regional Health Authority from time to time”.*

**[6] Appointment of Committees**

The Protocol Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2000 agreed the proposals in respect of Standing Committees (copy of protocol committee minutes appended to official minute)

The following members were then elected to form the standing Committees:

**Episodic and Primary Care**

Cllr. Dr. Bill O’Connell	Proposed:	Cllr. Corrigan
	Seconded:	Cllr. Butler
Cllr. Tony Fox	Proposed:	Cllr. O’Connell
	Seconded:	Cllr. Doran
Cllr. Laurence Butler	Proposed:	Cllr. O’Connell
	Seconded:	Dr. Hawkins
Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle:	Proposed:	Cllr. Mitchell
	Seconded:	Cllr. Doyle
Cllr. Andrew Doyle	Proposed:	Mr. J. Dolan
	Seconded:	Cllr. Mitchell
Dr. Ray Hawkins	Proposed:	Dr. Fennell
	Seconded:	Dr. Molloy
Mrs. Joyce Andrews	Proposed:	Mr. Ledwidge
	Seconded:	Mr. Dolan
Dr. Mick Molloy	Proposed:	Dr. Hawkins
	Seconded;	Mr. J. Dolan

**Continuing Care Committee**

Cllr. Maria Corrigan	Proposed:	Cllr. O’Connell
	Seconded:	Cllr. Doran
Cllr. Pat Doran	Proposed:	Cllr. Butler
	Seconded:	Cllr. Corrigan
Cllr Olivia Mitchell	Proposed:	Ald. Sen. Doyle
	Seconded:	Cllr. Andrew Doyle
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne	Proposed	Dr. Hawkins
	Seconded:	Mr. Ledwidge
Dr. Jonn Fennell	Proposed;	Dr. Ray Hawkins
	Seconded:	Dr. Molloy
Mr. Paul Ledwidge	Proposed:	Mr. Dolan
	Seconded:	Dr. Fennell
Mr. John Dolan	Proposed:	Mr. Ledwidge
	Seconded:	Mr. Dolan

**Finance and Property Committee**

**Core Group:**

Cllr Tony Fox

Cllr Andrew Doyle

Four other members were appointed (as below) and it was agreed that the Protocol Committee would select one of these for appointment to the Core Group:-

Cllr Laurence Butler	Proposed:	Dr. O'Connell
	Seconded:	Cllr. Doran
Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne	Proposed:	Dr. Fennell
	Seconded:	Dr. Hawkins
Mr. Paul Ledwidge	Proposed:	Mr. J. Dolan
	Seconded:	Dr. Molloy
Dr. Mike Molloy	Proposed:	Dr. R. Hawkins
	Seconded:	Mr. Ledwidge

**[7] Visit to Proposed Area Headquarters**

Their followed a visit to the proposed Area Headquarters, Southern Cross House, Southern Cross Business Park, Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow by Board members. Mr. Philip Doyle, Estate Management Officer advised members of the proposed layout and floor plan for the building.

The Chairman and members thanked Mr. Doyle for the presentation.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

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M LYONS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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CLLR TONY FOX  
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