

SOUTH WESTERN AREA HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of the proceedings of the special meeting of the South Western Area Health Board
held in The Red Cow Moran's Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin 22,
on Wednesday, 28th March, 2001, at 5.00 p.m.**

Present

Cllr. T. Cullen
Cllr. M. Miley
Cllr. C. Byrne

Cllr. J. Reilly
Cllr. D. Tipping
Dr. S. Barry

Observers

Mr. G. McGuire

Apologies

Mr. P. Aspell
Ms. A. Harris
Dr. B. Murphy

Dr. K. Harkin
Ms. M. Hoban

In the Chair

Cllr. C. O'Connor

Officers in Attendance

Mr. P. Donnelly, Chief Executive
Mr. D. Lyons, Director of Finance
Mr. J. Leech, Senior Manager, Finance
Mr. R. Healy, A/Senior Manager, Chief Executive's Office
Ms. P. Dempsey, Administrative Support, Chief Executive's Office

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, discussion took place regarding a quorum for the meeting. It was agreed that the meeting should proceed with those members present and that this issue could be brought to the Protocol and Procedures Committee for consideration.

At the outset, the Chief Executive outlined the background to the Board's Annual Financial Statements. Discussion followed concerning the function of the Finance and Property Committee in considering the year end Financial Statements.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Pat Donnelly, Chief Executive, then presented a report which outlined the schedule for the submission of the Financial Statements of our Board to the Eastern Regional Health Authority [copy filed with official minute].

Discussion ensued to which Cllr. J. Reilly, Dr. S. Barry and Cllr. D. Tipping contributed at which the following issues were raised and to which the Director of Finance, on behalf of the Chief Executive, responded:-

- Non-inclusion of figures for Supplementary Welfare Allowance in the Financial Statements.
- Timescale and budget for services which have not been devolved.
- Delegation of business to the Standing Committees.

The Chief Executive supported the suggestion to delegate more business to the Standing Committees and suggested that a meeting be arranged in the near future to review how the Board does it business. The functions of the Board and its members in relation to the operation of the Board's business could be considered at this meeting.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR TEN MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2000

The Director of Finance presented a Report on the Board's financial position (1st March, 2000 – 31st December, 2000) to members [copy filed with official minute]. The Report included commentary on the Board's financial position and budget variances. A copy of the Financial Statements for this period was also circulated to members at the meeting [copy filed with official minute].

Discussion ensued to which Cllr. J. Reilly, Cllr. D. Tipping and Cllr. G. McGuire contributed at which the following issues were raised and to which the Director of Finance responded:

- Review of Capital Funding.
- Our Board's contribution towards Eastern Health Shared Services Centre.

On a proposal by Cllr. J. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. D. Tipping, the Financial Statements of the South Western Area Health Board for the ten month period 1st March, 2000, to 31st December, 2000, were recommended for adoption.

The meeting concluded at 6.30 p.m.

CORRECT: **P. DONNELLY**
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIRMAN