

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Health Services Council**  
**Project Review Committee-II**

**DATE: 26 May 2005**

**TIME: 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Health Policy Forum**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida (Vice Chair), Maria R. Gil, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross**

**Not Present: Raymond C. Coia, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Catherine E. Graziano**

**Excused Absence: Reverend David Shire**

**Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter**

**Public: (see attached)**

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. Minutes of the 5 May 2005 Project Review Committee - II meeting were approved as submitted. Staff noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman stated that due to the Open Meetings Act, the minutes of the meetings have to be available to the public by the next meeting date or within thirty-five days, which ever is sooner. The Chairman stated that because the next meeting might not occur within thirty-five days or the minutes might not be available by the next meeting time, he would ask the Committee members to vote to extend the availability of minutes beyond the time frame as provided for under Open Meeting Act. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Gil, Panichas, Quigley, Ross.**

## **2. General Order of Business**

**The first item on the agenda was the application of Morning Star Home Care, LLC for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 200 Centerville Road in Warwick. Staff summarized the application and noted that a request for an advisory has been sent to the Office of Facilities Regulations.**

**Mr. Onyejose, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the applicant, stated that the proposed administrator would be Ms. Broadway, who is a registered nurse. He read a mission statement. To the question of his experience in home health care field, Mr. Onyejose stated that he is a money manager and has experience in fiscal policies.**

**Mr. Ross stated that the projections of revenue relative to the volume of clients identified in the application do not appear reasonable. He requested that the applicant revise the projections in Appendix A. Staff stated that the applicant needs to revisit the projections and base them on current reimbursement rates.**

**Ms. Panichas asked the applicant to discuss its other company, Community Living of Rhode Island, Inc (“CLRI”). Ms. Onyejose stated that the CLRI has a contract with MHRH and provides support to people with mental retardation and provide group home services. Morning Star Home Care, LLC will be a separate company. Staff stated that they will contact MHRH for references. Staff requested that the applicant identify further the services provided under CLRI. To the question regarding mandated services required by DHS the applicant proposes to provide to its staff, Ms. Onyejose stated it will include first aide and CPR. The applicant stated they used to have company in Massachusetts which closed two years ago due to relocating to Rhode Island.**

**To the question regarding staffing, the applicant stated that there will be an additional RN at the facility. The Committee was concerned about the ability of the facility to staff the position of the RN at \$41,000. The applicant felt that they wouldn't have any problems.**

**Ms. Almeida requested that the applicant submit a Business Plan, Health Care Protocols, and explain what the applicant means by stating it will advance this area in technology. She stated that the applicant needs to provide more information to the Committee than available in the application, including description of the type of services the proposed facility will provide. The Chairman requested that the applicant identify the staff training the proposed facility is going to undertake and who would be in charge of training. Mr. Ross stated that the applicant might have additional requirements it will need to meet in order to service the Medicare population as proposed.**

**Staff noted that its still not clear what type of patients the facility will service, how it will acquire those patients and what type of services the facility will be providing. Staff requested that the applicant identify how those projections were determined. Ms. Almeida inquired as to what would be the in-take process at the proposed facility and which market the facility would serve. Ms. Panichas stated that those facilities that are accredited have a set of protocols the facility follows. The Chairman requested that the applicant identify in more detail their track record. The applicant agreed to provide the**

**requested information.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova**