

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 25 January 2007 TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt

Excused Absence: Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D.

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Jessica Chaput (Intern)

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. Mr. Coia noted a correction to the date of the year to 2007 for the minutes of 11 January 2007 Project Review Committee-II meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of Neighbors Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Senior Helpers for initial licensure of a Home Care Provider Agency at 75 Main Street in East Greenwich. Staff read into the record correspondence from Darlene Skorski from the Office of Facilities Regulations regarding complaints made against the applicant and requesting that if the applicant is offering services that they are not licensed for that they cease and desist until such licensure was obtained. Staff noted letters from the applicant to Ms. Skorski denying provision of any such services.

Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, reviewed the applicant's responses to Committee's questions. Discussion ensued regarding cease and desist letter and the qualification of the proposed administrator.

The Committee requested that the applicant's proposed administrator, Ms. Mowrey, be in attendance at the next meeting to answer questions and that the applicant provide information regarding the missing years in her resume and whether or not she would meet the qualification for that position. Mr. Ross requested that the applicant update the financial schedules in the application. Ms. Panichas requested that the applicant identify any relationship with other agencies and what the applicant is doing to become better qualified.

The next item on the agenda was the application of DSI Renal, Inc. and DSI Holding Company, Inc. [Diversified Specialty Institutes, Inc. and Centre Partners IV, LLC] for change in effective control of two kidney dialysis facilities: BMA Providence at 40 Hemingway Drive in East Providence and BMA North Providence at 1635 Mineral Spring Avenue in North Providence. Staff noted the letter received from the Department of Human Services stating that the outstanding balance for the Rhode Island Medical Assistance program has been paid and that there are no longer any objections to the application. Staff noted that the applicant provided a proposed charity care policy.

Rev. Shire requested that the applicant provide a copy of their referral policy. The Chairman requested that the applicant provide a clean version of the proposed charity care policy without the strikeouts. The applicant agreed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor, and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Apria Healthcare, Inc. [Apria Healthcare Group, Inc.] for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 70 Catamore Blvd in East Providence.

The applicant reviewed responses to Committee's questions. The applicant discussed their current operations. The applicant noted that their nurses live in Massachusetts and that they contract for nursing services with other agencies in Rhode Island. Discussion ensued regarding the qualification of the proposed administrator and Director of Nursing. The Committee requested that a resume be provided for the proposed Director of Nursing and that this person be present to answer questions at the next meeting. The Committee requested that the applicant provide a list of agencies with whom it contracts to

provide services in Rhode Island. The applicant agreed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova