

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE: 1 May 2007      TIME: 2:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Health Policy Forum**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council: Present: Victoria M. Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Wallace Gernt, Robert Hamel, John Keimig, Robert S.L. Kinder, M.D., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Reverend David F. Shire (Secretary)**

**Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside**

**Excused Absence. John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., PhD, Larry Ross**

**Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller Esq., Donald C. Williams**

**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 2:35 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 27 February 2007 meeting, as amended and the 27 March 2007 meeting, as submitted of the Health Services Council were approved. 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 a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) 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: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Gernt, Hamel, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.**

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

**The first item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the applications of Wayland Square Surgicare Acquisition, LP for a change in effective control of Wayland Square Surgicare and Blackstone Valley Surgicare Acquisition, LP for a change in effective control of Blackstone Valley Surgicare. Staff**

summarized the applications and the deliberations of the committee on these matters. The applicant noted that a \$60,000 payment related to charity care was made and the remaining \$40,000 was expected to be paid that month. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor and none opposed and two members recusing (10-0-2) to recommend that the applications be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Gernt, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Almeida and Keimig recused.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Neighbors Enterprises, Inc. for initial licensure of a home care provider agency in East Greenwich. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously (12-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Gernt, Hamel, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of the Community Hospital Task Force. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously (12-0) to direct the Chairman to write a letter to Dr. Gifford, Director of Health and Jane Hayward, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services in Rhode Island to express concern and to inquire as to the rationale for not including a representative of the Health Services Council on the Task Force. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon,

**Coia, Gernt, Hamel, Keimig, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.**

### **3. Adjournment**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael K. Dexter**