

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE: 31 July 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., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., PhD., Robert Hamel, Robert S.L. Kinder, M.D., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David F. Shire (Secretary)**

**Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Maria R. Gil, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside**

**Excused Absence:**

**Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Samantha Maras (Intern), Joseph G. Miller, Esq.**

**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 2:30 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 26 June 2007 meeting were approved as submitted. 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 fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) 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, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.**

**The Chairman announced that Gaury J. Gaube, President of Landmark Medical Center, has been appointed to the Health Services Council. The Chairman noted that Larry Ross is being reassigned to Project Review Committee-I.**

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

**The first item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Copihue Corp. d/b/a**

**Right At Home of Greater Providence for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency in Warwick. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire**

**The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the applications of Health Resources of Middletown, Inc. for a Certificate of Need to Renovate and Upgrade Grand Islander Center. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and opposed (14-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire**

**The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Blackstone Valley**

**Community Healthcare, Inc. for Initial Licensure as an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility at 210 Main Street in Pawtucket. Staff summarized the application and noted that it was administratively processed as an expeditious review. Staff noted an email from Darlene Skorski, from Facilities Regulations, stating that Blackstone is in substantial compliance with no deficiencies.**

**The applicant stated that this application is to expand dental services. The applicant addressed Council's questions regarding the sources of funding for this project, its projected operating profit and its charity care policy. Staff noted a change to financial information in the report.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire**

**The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of American Senior Living Communities RI II, LLC for a Change in Effective Control of Hebert's Nursing Home, Inc. Staff noted that some of the dates in the report are incorrect and will be corrected. Staff noted corrections to the report with regards to meeting dates and figures.**

**Ms. Lapierre asked the applicant if they would be maintaining the same Medicaid license number under the new owner. The applicant stated that they will serve Medicaid patients and do not anticipate any interruption in service to those patients during the change.**

**Mr. Ross noted that the standard condition of approval regarding financing was not included in the report. He recommended that a condition of approval be included that the financing costs associated with the implementation of this proposal be funded with no less than \$1,331,000 in equity (20%) and no more than \$5,324,000 in debt (80%).**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the condition of approval be adopted. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the application be approved as amended. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Kinder, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire**

**Staff discussed the review process for the Hospital Conversion Act in the light of the announcement of the merger of Lifespan Corporation and Care New England Health Systems. Staff noted that there would be three processes taking place concurrently involving the Attorney General, the Director of the Department and the Health Services Council.**

### **3. Adjournment**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova, MBA**