

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

DATE: 13 November 2007

TIME: 2:30 PM

**LOCATION: Conference Room C
Department of Administration**

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria M. Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., PhD., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Robert Ricci, Larry Ross, Reverend David F. Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D., Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Gary J. Gaube, Maria R. Gil, Robert Hamel, Robert Whiteside

Excused Absences: Robert S.L. Kinder, M.D

Staff: Valentina Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Christine Tice (Intern), ChrysteLe Lauture (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 2:30 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms were available to any member who may have a conflict. Rev. Shire noted a correction to the spelling of his name in the 25 September 2007 minutes. Minutes of the 25 September 2007 meeting were approved as amended. 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, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The Chairman noted the coordination and cooperation of the applicants and of the state agencies during the review of the Miriam Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital change order requests. Vice Chair and staff agreed with the Chairman commendation of the two applicants.

The first item on the agenda was the Addendum-II to the Report of the Health Services Council on the application of Women & Infants Hospital for a Certificate of Need to construct a five-story addition and increase the licensed bed capacity. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter and noted the conditions of approval.

Staff noted correction to condition of approval number 12, with regards to neonatal nurse coordinator, to make that an annual support. The committee additionally recommended a condition of approval number 14 “that within three months of the implementation of the project the applicant will report to the state agency the total capital cost of the project (by type of expense) and the specific utilization of the revised contingency expense allocated for the project.” The applicant agreed to all conditions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the change order request be approved with amended condition of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire. Gernt recused.

The next item on the agenda was the Addendum to the Report of the

Health Services Council on the application of The Miriam Hospital for a Certificate of Need to acquire and operate a da Vinci S Surgical System. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter and noted the conditions of approval.

There was discussion regarding access of this unit by physicians. The committee recommended an additional condition of approval number 10 “that the applicant shall make the da Vinci unit available to any physicians who meet the applicant's credentialing and training requirements.” The applicant agreed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the change order request be approved with amended condition of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

The next item on the agenda is the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of ASC Acquisition, LLC for change in effective control of Wayland Square Surgicare in Providence and Blackstone Valley Surgicare in Johnston. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter and noted the conditions of approval

Ms. Lapierre asked for clarifications on the charity care issues in this case. Staff explained that the applicant is still accountable under the condition of approval from 1992 that requires 5% charity care. It was noted that there is an outstanding change order request regarding the charity care requirement.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of CareLink Pace Organization d/b/a The PACE Organization of Rhode Island for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Providence. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter.

The applicant stated that they are not a traditional home care agency but they are a unique model that fits into an all-inclusive care model where they are responsible for all medical care of a patient once enrolled in their program which includes, but is not limited to, food, medication, transportation, and rehabilitation. The applicant is reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid but is not paid for anything

beyond that so all other services that are not reimbursed are considered free care.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Specialty Personnel Services, Inc. for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Providence. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Flynn, Gernt, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Ross, Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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