

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 28 August 2008 TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Committee-II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Wallace Gernt, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD, Robert Hamel, RN, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair)

Excused: Rev. David F. Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Gary Gaube, Maria Gil, Ellen Nelson, PhD

Committee-I: Present: Edward F. Almon, Larry Ross

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of Project Review Committee-II meetings of 17 July 2008 and 24 July 2008 were approved as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of 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, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Panichas, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island** for a certificate of need for campus modernization and consolidation of inpatient psychiatric and inpatient rehabilitation services from St. Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care to Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital.

Staff noted receipt of letters from the RI Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals (MHRH), Stanley Street Treatment and Resources, and the RI Council of

Community Mental Health Organizations. The MHRH letter indicated a number of issues regarding cost, access, treatment, and various policies to which the applicant agreed in a meeting with MHRH on 26 August 2008. The applicant confirmed agreement with those items and accepted them as conditions of approval for this application.

The applicant discussed the proposal and responded to questions from the Committee regarding partnership with Rhode Island Hospital, SJHSRI and RWH boards' approvals and the impact of the proposal on delivery and access to services. Ms. Panichas raised concerns regarding psych back-up in the ER and proposed decrease of 5 psychiatric beds. She commended SJHSRI for taking severe psychiatric cases and stated that she supports the proposal based on the letter from MHRH. Mr. Hamel noted that the proposal would improve access. Sen. Graziano noted that she visited SJHSRI's health center and was impressed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor, none opposed, and one recusal (5-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Gernt, Hamel, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Those members abstaining were: Almeida.

The next Health Services Council meeting was scheduled for 9 September 2008 to accommodate this application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, PhD