

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 11 December 2008

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	x		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.	x		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	x		
Gary J. Gaube		x	
Maria R. Gil	x		
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	x		
Robert Hamel, RN	x		
Denise Panichas			x
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	x		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	x		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Robert Marshall, PhD, 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 2:35 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 13 November 2008 and 4 December 2008 were approved as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) 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: Coia, Dowling, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Epoch Sleep Centers, LLC** for initial licensure as an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility to operate a sleep center at 6 Blackstone Valley Place in Lincoln.

Mr. Peter Fontaine, RN, CEO of Epoch Sleep Centers, LLC, gave a brief summary of the proposal. He noted that this proposal involved the same model as the East Greenwich facility previously approved by the Council.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed and one recusal (7-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire. Those members recusing were: Gil.

The next items on the agenda was the application of **Infusion Resource, LLC** for initial licensure to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility located at 2 Hemingway Drive in East Providence and **Infusion Resource, LLC** for initial licensure to establish a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency located at 2 Hemingway Drive in East Providence. Mr. Lambrese reported that the Infusion Resource, LLC pharmacy services are already licensed and have been operating since September 2008. The OACF and IL proposals will permit the organization to provide infusion services at the East Providence facility and in patients' homes as alternatives to hospital-based infusion—which is both more expensive and more burdensome for some patients. Staff noted that the comment period on these proposals extends through December 2008. Staff also noted that it will send follow up questions to the applicant.

Mr. Peter Fontaine, RN, CEO of Epoch Sleep Centers, LLC spoke in support of Infusion Resource, LLC proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, Ph.D.