

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 5 February 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401  
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-II</b>			
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., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

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 2:40 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor with none opposed (5-0) 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, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Family Friends Health Care, Inc.** for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency at 222 Broadway in Providence.

Mr. Gustaf Lipin, Vice President and CFO of Family Friends Health Care, Inc., briefly summarized the application and noted that 60% of the current home care business is 24-hour care. Family Friends has been in business in MA for 11 years (main office in Needham, MA) with a good record of performance and regulatory compliance. The applicant agreed to perform any background checks that RI requires and to provide a copy of the insurance policy.

The Chair noted that staff will send follow-up questions. Mr. Varadian commented about the importance of the Committee's diligence with these reviews.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Dependable Healthcare Services, LLC** for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 120 Arcadia Road in Hope Valley.

Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, described the application. Ephraim Jacob, President and CEO of Dependable Healthcare, described the orientation curriculum for skilled providers working under contract and the premises proposed to be used by the applicant. The Chair noted that staff will send follow-up questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Marshall, Ph.D.