

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 23 June 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)			X
Edward F. Almon	X		
Joseph V. Centofanti, MD		X	
John W. Flynn			X
Wallace Gernt	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Robert Whiteside		X	
Committee-II			
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Fernanda M. A. da Costa, MPH, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Jay Garrett, Tricia Leddy, MS, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Ray Rusin, 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 2:32 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: Almon, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the applications of **CharterCARE Health Partners** for change in effective control of: St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island, Roger Williams Hospital and Elmhurst Extended Care Facilities, Inc.

Ray Rusin, Chief of the Office of Facilities Regulations (“OFR”), presented a summary of the licensure and certification track record of the three subject facilities. Mr. Belcher and Mr. Fogarty noted high incidences of self reporting and transparency at their hospitals. Mr. Fogarty noted that he will provide a formal written response to the OFR advisory.

The Committee reviewed the draft conditions of approval and discussed revisions proposed by the applicant. Mr. Gernt recommended removing conditions of approval four (e) and eleven.

A motion was made by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Gernt to recommend that the applications be approved and that conditions of approval four (e) and eleven be deleted and the rest of the conditions be adopted as amended. Mr. Lonardo requested that the motion be withdrawn so that the conditions could be voted on separately from the proposal. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

A motion was made by the Mr. Gernt, seconded by the Chair to approve the applications. Mr. Gernt then made an amendment to the motion, seconded by the Chair to delete from the conditions of approval numbers four (e) and eleven and adopt other amendments discussed. The amendment motion passed by a vote of four in favor, one opposed and one recused (4-1-1) Those members voting in favor included: Almon, Gernt, Lapierre, Quigley. Those members opposed were: Lonardo. Those members recusing were: Madden.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by the Chair 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 as amended. Those members voting in favor included: Almon, Gernt, Lapierre, Lonardo, Quigley. Those members recusing were: Madden.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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