

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 1 October 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Beck Conference Room
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
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, 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 2:35 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 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, Coia, Dowling, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was **Tockwotton Home's** Change Order Request to the 6 July 2007 approval of the Certificate of Need to replace an existing 42-bed nursing home located at 75 East Street in Providence by constructing a 52-bed replacement facility at Waterfront Drive in East Providence. Staff noted that written comments from SEIU were handed out.

The applicant discussed the reasons for the change order request and their progress with the HUD process. The Committee raised questions regarding the applicant's payor mix projections and financial viability of the project.

A member of the Committee raised a question as to the whether the CON grant remained viable.

There were public comments made by Tom Savoie of the Carpenters' Union, George Nee of the RI ALF-CIO, Eric Anderson of RI Association of General Contractors, and Richard Kronish of NERCC. With regards to comments about increase in interest expense, Mr. Sullivan, accountant to the applicant, noted that interest expense has no impact on Medicaid reimbursement. The applicant further noted that HUD requires payment of prevailing wages.

The Chair noted that the applicant will receive follow up questions and another meeting will be scheduled.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **New England Home Infusion, Inc.** for change in effective control of Pawtuxet Valley Infusion Care a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 85 Sandy Bottom Road in Coventry.

The applicant reviewed the reasons for the bankruptcy under the previous owner and noted that it has been acting as the managing company during this process. The applicant noted that the facility works with the Tomorrow Fund and is the sole source provider for Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island for one of their therapies for premature babies. The facility is already JACHO accredited. The applicant agreed to conduct national background checks on employees.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval and receipt of no comments during the remainder of the open comment period. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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