

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 30 June 2009 **TIME:** 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room B
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Joseph Dowling, M.D., Gary J. Gaube, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Robert Hamel, R.N., Amy Lapierre, Steven Lonardo, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Robert Ricci, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Excused: John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D., Robert Whiteside

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Fernanda M. A. da Costa, MPH, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Jay Garrett, MS, Tricia Leddy, MS, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Ray Rusin, Melinda Thomas, MS, Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: (Attached)

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 28 April 2009 were adopted as submitted. 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 thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Shire.

The Chair welcomed the new Health Services Council member: Steven Lonardo.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on 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.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Staff reviewed the information mailed and handed out to the Council.

Mr. Belcher, Mr. Santos, and Monsignor Paul Theroux discussed the proposal. Ms. Panichas noted importance of collaboration on mental health education. Sen. Graziano congratulated the applicant and noted a recent failed affiliation proposal in Massachusetts.

The Council reviewed the conditions of approval and made amendments. The Chair proposed that condition number four include the language “*in a form acceptable to the state agency*”, and recommended as an additional condition of approval (number six) that the Council reserve the right to reconsider its decision upon any remand back from the Director. The applicant agreed to these amendments. Mr. Belcher requested that condition of approval number five clarify that it relates to quality and credentialing Committees. The Council agreed. Ms. Lapierre noted a correction to condition number seven to remove the word “all” as agreed by the Project Review Committee. Staff agreed that this was an oversight and that the word will be stricken. Staff further noted, that upon the request from the applicant, the revised pro-forma will be included in the final report. The Chair noted that he supported the applications but was not totally convinced that this will solve the hospitals financial problems.

A motion was made by Mr. Almon, seconded by Ms. Gil and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and three recusals (12-0-3) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval as amended. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Shire. Those recusing were: Almeida, Dowling, Madden.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **All About Home Care, LLC** for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Middletown.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Rev. Shire, seconded by Ms. Almeida and passed by a vote of fifteen in favor and none opposed (15-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Hope Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a BrightStar Healthcare** for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Rumford.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Rev. Shire, seconded by Sen. Graziano and passed by a vote of fifteen in favor and none opposed (15-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Inc.** for change in effective control*

of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island, a freestanding ambulatory surgery center in Providence. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

The Committee discussed the charity care policies of the applicant. Staff noted amendment to condition of approval number three that licensure shall be subject to submittal and approval of a cy pres petition (or such other petition as deemed appropriate) by a court of competence jurisdiction.

A motion was made by Ms. Panichas, seconded by Rev. Shire and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, one opposed and one recusal (11-1-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Coia, Dowling, Gaube, Gil, Hamel, Lonardo, Panichas, Quigley, Ricci, Shire. Those members voting in opposition were: Graziano. Those members recusing were: Madden.

3. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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