

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 27 October 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Steven Lonardo, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Excused: Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq., John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, Robert Hamel, R.N., Amy Lapierre, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Staff: Valentina D. 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 Time 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 the Health Services Council meeting of 30 June 2009 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) 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, Donahue, Dowling, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The Chair welcomed the new Health Services Council member: John X. Donahue.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of New England Home Infusion, Inc. for change in effective control of Pawtuxet Valley Infusion Care a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Coventry.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor, none opposed and one abstention (10-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those

members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Those abstaining were: Donahue

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Ramp Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency in Cumberland*. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

The applicant noted that they have operated in MA for seven years. The Chair, as an additional condition of approval, requested that the applicant conduct supervised in person training and evaluation of prospective employees to ensure competency of video based instructions. The applicant agreed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor, none opposed and one abstention (10-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the amended conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Those abstaining were: Donahue

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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