

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 15 December 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room B
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, 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), Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Excused: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, Raymond C. Coia, Esq.

Not Present: 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 2:45 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 27 October 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 fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) 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: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

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 **The Summit Management Group, LLC d/b/a Visiting Angels** for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency in East Providence.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowling, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Hamel, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island** for a Certificate of Need to acquire a da Vinci Si Robotic System.* Staff noted that the applicant suggested an amended to condition of approval number seven to include “*or other gynecology related and women’s oncology related procedures*” with regards to services to be performed on the unit.

Ms. Howes noted that the hospital will work to make sure charity care patients are not billed. Mr. Gernt noted his concern regarding duplication of services.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowling, seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval, as amended. Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

Mr. Donahue made a motion that United, BCBSRI and the Health Insurance Commissioner present before the Health Services Council. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0). Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

Mr. Gernt made a motion that resources be made available to the Health Services Council for the proposed Lifespan/Care New England review. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0). Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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