

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 28 January 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401
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		
Committee-I			
Steven Lonardo	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 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 19 November 2009 Project Review Committee-I meeting were adopted as submitted. 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: Coia, Gaube, Graziano, Hamel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Kent County Memorial Hospital** [Care New England Health Systems] for Certificate of Need to establish an ambulatory surgical center on the hospital campus and add a 10-bed short stay unit.

To concerns of the Chair as to the liability to the hospital, Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, noted the tenant/landlord relationship between the hospital and the developer and that the land is owned by the hospital. The applicant estimated the payment to the developer (after ground lease payments to the hospital) to be of \$60,000. Staff requested that the applicant provide more detailed break out of operating expenses as they relate to payments to the developer. Additionally, staff requested that the applicant have their accountant sign off on the type of lease (capital versus operating) that will be utilized.

Ms. Coletta discussed the issue with regards to the number of operating rooms. She stated that the existing additional ORs do not result in extra cost to the hospital as these are sunk costs. With regards to charity care, she noted the proposed incentive model for surgeons which would include elements addressing charity care.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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