

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 2 March 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401  
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-I</b>			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)	X		
Edward F. Almon	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
John W. Flynn	X		
Wallace Gernt	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Robert Whiteside		X	
<b>Committee-II</b>			
Reverend David Shire	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. Minutes of the 29 September 2009, 1 December 2009, and 8 December 2009 Project Review Committee-I meetings were adopted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor with none opposed (7-0) 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: Almon, Donahue, Flynn, Gernt, Lonardo, Madden, Quigley.

## 2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Butler Hospital** for a Certificate of Need to construct a 2-story addition to house an updated patient assessment service and to accommodate an increase in licensed bed capacity by 26 beds.

The applicant states that it currently operates above licensed capacity via a variance granted by the Department of Health. The proposal is to address the need in the community. The hospital has 20,000 outpatient visits per year and additionally offers the partial hospital program as an effective option to inpatient stays. Ms. Almeida noted the importance of being mentally healthy.

Mr. Flynn inquired as to whether Butler could stop providing pediatric services. Ms. Recupero noted that its pediatric program is pretty busy and that there are still problems with boarding at Hasbro and not enough capacity. Ms. Lapierre inquired as to the type of need for pediatric services. Ms. Recupero stated that there has been a reduction both at Butler and Bradley in the under thirteen-year old age group. However, the adolescent group has remained stable and/or increased. She noted that specifically there is an increase during the school year and a decrease during the summer. She stated that the adolescent group can exceed the capacity at Butler and Bradley.

Ms. Lapierre questioned the accuracy of the applicant's capital costs projections. Ms. Recupero stated that with regards to the last Certificate of Need, the hospital achieved the capital costs as approved. She noted that Butler is less technologically dependent.

Mr. Donahue requested that the applicant address the "affordability" review criteria.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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