

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 23 March 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Butler Hospital

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
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	
Committee-II			
Robert Hamel	X		
Reverend David Shire	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Michael Varadian, JD, MBA

Public: none

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. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor with none opposed (5-0) 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: Donahue, Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the site visit to **Butler Hospital** with regards to its 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. Mr. Hamel, Mr. Madden and Rev. Shire recused themselves with regards to this application.

The applicant presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the proposal. The Committee then toured the existing facility including the Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU), Patient Assessment Services and General Adult Treatment Unit. The ITU was renovated within the last six years and the proposed new building would include similarly designed and appointed unit.

With regards to the question of the Chair as to how culture change elements promoted in nursing homes could be adapted in the hospital setting, the applicant noted that specifically with regards to dining options because of safety concerns, there must be supervision and a more structured environment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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