

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 27 July 2010

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Conference Room 401

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council:** **Present:** Robert J. Quigley, D.C. (Chair), Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Maria Gil, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Theresa Jeremiah, Amy Lapierre, Steven Lonardo, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Daniel Orgel, MPA, Denise Panichas, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

**Excused:** Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Wallace Gernt, Robert Hamel, R.N.

**Not Present:** Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

**Staff:** Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Timothy Gilmartin (Intern), 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 29 June 2010 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 thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) 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: Quigley, Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Shire.

**2. General Order of Business**

The first item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Rhode Island Hospital for change in effective control of Wayland Square Surgicare Acquisition, LP d/b/a Wayland Square Surgicare in Providence.* Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

The applicant noted that the proposal would make Wayland viable. The applicant said it would be more cost effective to buy Wayland. In response to questions, the applicant said that the same management and personnel policies will remain intact after the purchase. It was noted that Rhode Island Hospital provided 9% charity care in the month of June.

Mr. Lonardo noted the increase in reimbursement as a result of this proposal. He said an outright purchase of Wayland isn't the only way to address underutilization. Mr. Donahue noted that there should be greater scrutiny on affordability. The applicant noted reimbursement rate shouldn't be looked at in isolation. Services are reimbursed at different rates.

Mr. Lonardo noted that co-payments would be higher. The applicant replied that screening colonoscopies prevent more costly treatments. Sen. Graziano noted that this proposal will help patients (in getting access to this service).

Mr. Lonardo asked if there was ever a thought to affiliate with Wayland rather than buy them. The applicant said that Wayland wants to survive, and they don't want to wait for a CON at this point. Mr. Lonardo replied that the outcome will be survival of Wayland but at an increase in cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Rev. Shire and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, one opposed (12-1-2) and two recusals to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Donahue, Flynn, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Quigley, Shire. Those members voting in opposition were: Lonardo. Almeida and Dowling recused.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Scovin Home Care, LLC d/b/a Visiting Angels for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency in Woonsocket*. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Sen. Graziano, seconded by Dr. Dowling and passed by a vote of fifteen in favor and none opposed (15-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gaube, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

The Chair announced that there will be a round table discussion held regarding the work of Health Services Council and any other concerns of the Health Services Council.

### **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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