

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 17 June 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-II</b>			
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
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas			X
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	X		

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

Public: N/A

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. 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: Almeida, Dowling, Gil, Orgel, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **BGM Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Comfort Keepers** for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency at 651 Putnam Pike in Greenville.

The applicant reviewed responses to follow up questions. To Ms. Almeida concerns regarding client's safety, Mr. Weber said that criminal and background checks are mandatory for all employees and personal and professional references are required. Per request, Mr. Weber

presented the bonding certificate. The applicant stated it will use TeleTrack to monitor employees.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Dowling, Gil, Orgel, Quigley, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Home Instead Home Care, Inc.** d/b/a Home Instead Senior Care for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency at 7291 Post Road in North Kingstown.

The applicant noted that the originally proposed Director of Nursing withdrew and they are looking for a replacement. The applicant noted that it has already purchased 3 territories in RI. The applicant currently provides companion and homemaker services and is seeking licensure to offer more services to their clients and better compete. The applicant discussed its track record.

Mr. Tavares, RI Partnership for Home Care, and Mr. Bigney, Nursing Placement, Inc., each addressed the Committee and both stated that the application as proposed would only license a portion of all services. They noted their support to have both Home Instead Home Care (the applicant) and Home Instead Senior Care (sister agency) licensed. Mr. Tavares also noted his general concerns to the Committee with regards to agencies advertising on Craigslist and other venues for services that they are not licensed to provide.

In response to Committee questions regarding the scope of licensure, Mr. Leiter said that Home Instead Senior Care's market is for non-personal care. It employs care givers as opposed to CNAs. If it got licensed, the employees would be subject to the same medical training as CNAs and offer services outside of their business.

Mr. Miller, legal counsel to the Department, cited the issue of the 'dba' proposed for the applicant as being deceptively similar to the name of the non-licensed sister agency.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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