

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 16 September 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (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
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	X		

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

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 3 June 2010 and 26 August 2010 meetings were adopted as submitted. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor and 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: Almeida, Gaube, Graziano, Orgel, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Sun Healthcare Group, Inc.** for change in effective control of Harborside Rhode Island Limited Partnership d/b/a Greenwood Care and Rehabilitation Center a 130-bed nursing facility in Warwick, and Pawtuxet Village Care and Rehabilitation Center, a 131-bed nursing facility in Warwick.

Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to the applicant, stated that the proposal is a restructuring that would separate real estate from the operations. He stated that with regards to the track record, quarterly reports on RI facilities are provided to the Office of Facilities Regulations. He noted that the

applicant is appealing the decertification notice from CMS with regards to facilities in Oklahoma and handed out a timeline of the events leading to decertification.

To Rev. Shire's question regarding culture change, Mr. Goulet noted that consistent staffing is in place. Rev. Shire requested that the applicant provide culture change plans at RI facilities showing step by step implementation process, including milestones and timelines. Staff requested that the applicant update the pro-forma to reflect lease and tax information.

Sen. Graziano requested that the applicant provide details as to the reasons for the complaints that led to the decertification.

Ms. Heren, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Long Term Care and the State of Rhode Island Ombudsman, noted her concerns regarding the proposed structure. She noted that the Administrator at one of the facilities has left. Mr. Goulet stated that an interim administrator is in place and the applicant is working to hire a permanent administrator. Ms. Heren noted her concern that it can be difficult to secure stability and quality of care if staff has a corporate background and not a local one.

Mr. Goulet stated that the applicant has retained Triad Health care as an independent clinical consultant, contracted with Dr. David Jackson to act as an independent quality monitor and is under a consent agreement with the Office of Facilities Regulations. Mr. Goulet agreed to provide the requested information.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Casa Cura, Inc.** d/b/a @Home Health Care RI for initial licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 40 Malbone Street in Warwick. Staff read into the record a memo regarding the progress of this applicant. It was noted that the review of this applicant commenced almost a year ago. It was also noted that an inquiry with the Securities Division of the Department of Business Regulations identified that @Home Health Care franchise is not and has never been registered in RI. Staff noted that the applicant submitted a request to postpone today's meeting.

The Committee questioned the applicant regarding the status of the application and the plans of the applicant. The applicant noted the issue of finding a qualified administrator. Mr. Gaube stated his concern regarding the length of the review, and precedent set. The Committee noted that the application may be withdraw without prejudice and resubmitted at a later time. The Chair stated that this application will be scheduled for a follow-up meeting next Thursday, September 23rd, 2010 to provide the applicant time to consult with all the principals regarding the status of this application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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