

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 9 December 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 (Vice Chair)	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. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of seven in favor and 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: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Gil, Graziano, Orgel, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the Change Order Request of **Tockwotton Home** to the 6 July 2007 approval of the Certificate of Need to replace an existing 42-bed nursing home located at 75 East Street in Providence by constructing a 52-bed replacement facility at Waterfront Drive in East Providence.

Staff reviewed the mailing and handouts, and read the letters from Medicaid which stated that there is no objection to the proposal.

The applicant reviewed the updated change order requested, and noted the difficulty in obtaining financing as a result of changes in the financial market. The applicant is now proposing to use Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation to issue private placement unrated securities in March of 2011.

To Committee's question, staff noted that there have been no change to the review criteria since the CON application was approved that would impact this proposal.

The applicant noted that its financial projections show a loss with the current facility. The applicant noted that it will continue with its subsidy program and use profits to subsidize some of the assisted living units to below market rates. The applicant reviewed the amount of its restricted (\$4 million) and unrestricted (\$16 million) endowment. The applicant said that approximately \$5.5 million has been spent on the project to-date. The applicant stated that they are doing what they can to include union labor in the construction. The applicant noted that its projections show a need for 66 nursing beds in the area.

To questions regarding the nursing home's compliance track record, the applicant stated that they had a perfect survey this past summer. The applicant agreed to provide the draft GMP contract with Cutler Associates once it becomes available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Chief Program Development