

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 30 November 2010

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401  
Rhode Island Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-I</b>			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
John W. Flynn	X		
Wallace Gernt			X
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	
<b>Committee-II</b>			
Daniel Orgel	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 2:30 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 eight in favor with none opposed (8-0) 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, Donahue, Flynn, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Shire.

## 2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Eleanor Slater Hospital** [Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals] for a Certificate of Need to consolidate building operations on the Pastore Campus in Cranston. Staff noted that an advisory in support of the proposal from the Budget Office is included in the application.

Mr. Young, CEO of Eleanor Slater Hospital, made a presentation. He discussed the change in the census and size of the hospital since the 1960s. He reviewed the limitation of the existing buildings. The proposal would be completed by 2013 and would allow some flexibility to increase census if needed. To questions regarding the financing of the proposal, Mr. Young stated that the money is coming from the RI Capital Budget. With regards to capital cost, Mr. Young stated that he meets monthly with the project oversight committee. Mr. Young noted that some of the patients at the hospital are there by the order of the court.

Reverend Bradner, former Chaplain of Eleanor Slater, stated his support for the proposal.

Ms. Heren, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Long Term Care, stated her support. She noted that nursing homes are not always equipped to meet the needs of Eleanor Slater's patients. She stated that the hospital does a wonderful job.

Mr. Todesco, Office of Mental Health Advocate, stated his support. He inquired as to the flexibility to the census. Mr. Young answered that with the new design the hospital could flex up from a census of 126 to 140.

The Chair stated that a site visit will be scheduled to Eleanor Slater Hospital.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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