

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 1 March 2011 **TIME:** 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil, Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., PhD, Amy Lapierre, Steven Lonardo, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Reverend David Shire (Vice-Chair)

Excused: John W. Flynn, Robert Hamel, Theresa Jeremiah, Daniel Orgel

Not Present: Gary J. Gaube, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

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

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 25 January 2011 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 twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) 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: Almeida, Coia, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the Election of Health Services Council Officers. The nominations for Officers were as follows: Chair, Victoria Almeida; Vice Chair, Reverend David Shire and Secretary, Maria Gil. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The Council members cast their ballots. The results of the election were as follows: Chair, Victoria Almeida (10 votes); Vice Chair, Reverend David Shire (11votes) and Secretary, Maria Gil (11 votes).

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Rhode Island Hospital for a Certificate of Need to consolidate The Miriam Hospital's open heart surgery program into the Rhode Island Hospital's open heart surgery program*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Ms. Lapierre noted that the condition of approval that the project be financed with 100 percent equity and no debt was missing from the Report and should be added as a condition of approval. Laura Adams, the President of the Rhode Island Quality Institute addressed the Council on the CurrentCare initiative.

A motion was made by Dr. Dowling and seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed and one recusal (11-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas. Reverend Shire recused.

The next item on the agenda was the *Addendum to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Certificate of Need Application of Rhode Island Hospital for a bed upgrade through construction of a three-story addition above the Bridge Building, renovation of Jane Brown North Building and 10th floor of the Main Building, and decanting of the Jane Brown South Building*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Coia, seconded by Donahue and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed and one recusal (11-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas. Reverend Shire recused.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation by Robert B. Hackey, Ph.D., professor of Health Policy and Management at Providence College: *CON in CONtext: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future*. After a session of questions and answers and discussion, the Chair thanked Dr. Hackey for his informative presentation.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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