

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 15 February 2011

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
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	

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 six in favor with 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, Donahue, Flynn, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **South County Hospital** [South County Healthcare System] for Certificate of Need to renovate Read Wing 1st floor for outpatient services (oncology/hematology and infusion therapy services).

The applicant summarized the proposal. The Committee questioned the applicant regarding the types of cancers treated by the hospital, and volume of infusion therapy patients. To questions regarding the impact on fee and whether there would be any increase in costs to the payors, the applicant stated that in the case of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, there is a global payment method which would not be affected.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **South County Hospital** [South County Healthcare System] for Certificate of Need to acquire a CT scanner for back up purposes.

The applicant summarized the proposal. The applicant noted that the hospital is moving towards JCAHO accreditation as a primary stroke center and would need a CT unit to be always available. Staff noted that statutory changes in 2009 now require Certificate of Need reviews for CT and full body MRI units.

The Chair noted that follow up questions will be sent to the applicant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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