

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 12 April 2011

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401

ATTENDANCE:

| Name | Present | Absent | Excused |
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| 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 2:35 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the Project Review Committee-II meetings of 8 February 2011 and 15 February 2011 were adopted as submitted. 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, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next items 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) and 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 reviewed responses to follow up questions. Mr. Giancola noted that having a backup CT unit is important for stroke care. Ms. Wyman noted that the hospital would be applying for certification as a Primary Stroke Center in about 6 months. It was noted that transporting patients for CT purposes to Newport adds time and cost.

The applicant discussed care coordination and improvement in patient care as a result of the proposal. Mr. Lonardo questioned the applicant regarding care coordination. The applicant noted that cancer is treated on interdisciplinary basis and by bringing the various specialists together in one place it will create synergy. The applicant noted that it is implementing a model that already exists in other locations. Mr. Lonardo requested and the Committee agreed that the report include that it is the Committee's expectation and rationale for their recommendation that this proposal will improve quality, care coordination and efficiency.

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Donahue and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the application to renovate Read Wing 1st floor for outpatient services (oncology/hematology and infusion therapy services) be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Flynn, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Shire.

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. Donahue and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the application of South County Hospital to acquire a CT scanner for back up purposes be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Flynn, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Shire.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Chief Program Development