

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 14 June 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 2:35 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 five in favor with none opposed (5-0) 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, Gernt, Lapierre, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **198 Waterman Avenue, LLC** d/b/a Eastgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for Change in Effective Control of Eastgate Nursing and Recovery Center, Inc. a 68-bed nursing facility at 198 Waterman Avenue in East Providence.

Ms. Rocha, legal counsel to the applicant, discussed the impact of the proposal on staff at the facility and noted that the administrator and office manager will be staying. Mr. Ryan stated that the facility has no real problems and that this is an advantageous purchase. He noted that updates to the facility would be limited to technology.

Mr. Donahue requested that information be provided regarding the 5-star ranking assigned by CMS to the nursing facilities of the applicant's 10 nursing facilities and the Eastgate facility.

To staff's question, Ms. Rocha stated that the proposed licensee would be 198 Waterman Avenue, LLC and that it is the nominee as alluded to in the purchase and sale agreement.

Ms. Lapiere requested occupancy rate information for the last 2 years for the Eastgate facility, and asked the applicant to discuss culture change. Ms. Jeremiah questioned the applicant on the wander security system and enhancements to the systems. Rev. Shire also noted that with regards to culture change, the applicant identify their future plans. The applicant agreed to provide all the information.

The next items on the agenda were the applications of **Summit RI SNF, LLC** [Athena Health Care Systems RI, LLC] for Change in Effective Control of Summit Commons Rehabilitation and Health Care Center [Radius Ninety-Nine Operating, LLC] a 130-bed nursing facility in Providence and **Waterview RI SNF, LLC** [Athena Health Care Systems RI, LLC] for Change in Effective Control of Waterview Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center [Radius 1275 Operating, LLC] a 132-bed nursing facility in East Providence.

Mr. Zubiago, legal counsel to the applicant, introduced the representatives of the applicant. Ms. Lapiere questioned the applicant regarding the projected payor rate and requested further information. The Committee questioned the applicant regarding contracted services and whether they are performed by local businesses. Staff noted a correction with regards to Appendix C.

Mr. Gernt noted that the current owner has specific conditions with regards to the Summit Commons facility. Ms. Jeremiah questioned the applicant on their utilization of nursing pools. The applicant agreed to provide all the information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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