

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 26 July 2011

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room B
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Council: **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., John X. Donahue, Joseph L. Dowling, M.D., John W. Flynn, Wallace Gernt, Maria Gil (Secretary), Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D, Amy Lapierre, Denise Panichas, Robert Ricci

Excused: Robert Hamel, R.N., Theresa Jeremiah, Steven Lonardo, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Daniel Orgel, MPA, Reverend David Shire (Vice-Chair)

Not Present: Robert Whiteside

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, 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 2:30 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 28 June 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 eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) 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, Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Panichas, Ricci

2. General Order of Business

The review of the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of 198 Waterman Avenue, LLC for change in effective control of Eastgate Nursing and Recovery Center in East Providence was rescheduled.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Amedisys, Inc. for change in effective control of Beacon Hospice, Inc.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

The Council discussed the federal investigations and various lawsuits of Amedisys. The applicant responded to these concerns. Mr. Flynn stated that he is comfortable with the Project Review Committee-II review and recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Ms. Panichas and Mr. Ricci and passed by a vote of nine in favor, none opposed and two abstentions (9-0-2) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Dowling, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Panichas, Ricci. Those members abstaining were: Donahue, Gernt.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the applications of Athena Health Care Systems RI, LLC for change in effective control of Summit Commons Rehabilitation and Health Care Center and Waterview Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.* Staff summarized the applications and deliberations of the Committee on these matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Donahue, Dowling, Flynn, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Panichas, Ricci

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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