

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 1 May 2012

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room A
Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
John X. Donahue	X		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Wallace Gernt	X		
Maria R. Gil (Secretary)	X		
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN			X
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre	X		
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Stephen Morris, 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 2:35 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 27 March 2012 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 and passed by a vote thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) 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, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, 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 others 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 (12 votes); Vice Chair, Reverend David Shire (13 votes) and Secretary, Maria Gil (13 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 80 Douglas Pike, LLC d/b/a Heritage Hills Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for change in effective control of Heritage Hills, LLC in Smithfield.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Gil and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, none opposed and two recusals (11-0-2) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Donahue, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Shire. Those members recusing included: Almeida, Dowling.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Express Scripts Holding Company, Inc. for change in effective control of Critical Care Systems, Inc. a Home Nursing Care Provider in Providence.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

The Council reviewed and amended the conditions of approval to require that copies of the executed agreements for referral of charity care cases be provided to the state agency and be incorporated into the report.

A motion was made by Mr. Madden, seconded by Mr. Donahue and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, one opposed and one recusal (11-1-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the amended conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lonardo, Madden, Orgel, Panichas, Shire. Those members opposed included: Jeremiah. Those members recusing included: Lapierre.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova, MBA
(Acting) Chief Health Program Evaluator