

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 26 June 2012

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Department Operations Center  
Rhode Island Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
John X. Donahue	X		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Roberta Feather, CNS, PhD, JD			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
Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD	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., Jennifer Sternick, 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 2:33 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 8 May 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 fifteen in favor and none opposed (15-0) 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, Barry, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Matrone, Orgel, Panichas, Ricci, Shire.

The Chair introduced three new members of the Health Services Council: John J. Barry III, Roberta Feather, CNS, PhD, JD and Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD

## **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 **KAR Little Box, LLC** d/b/a Silver Creek Manor for change in effective control of Silver Creek Manor, Inc. a nursing facility in Bristol.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Dr. Dowling and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor, none opposed and two abstentions (13-0-2) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Orgel, Panichas, Ricci, Shire. Those members abstained included: Barry, Matrone.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Rhode Island Hospital** for a certificate of need to acquire a 1.5T MRI for the Emergency Department.* Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Ms. Lapierre, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor, none opposed and one abstention (14-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Dowling, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Orgel, Panichas, Ricci, Shire. Those members abstaining included: Matrone.

The next item on the agenda was the request for an expeditious review by the **Westerly Hospital** of its certificate of need application to establish a 15-bed geriatric psychiatric unit and an outpatient program.

A motion was made Sen. Graziano, seconded by Mr. Hamel and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, one opposed and three recusals (11-1-3) to recommend that the request for expeditious review be approved. Those members voting in favor included: Barry, Donahue, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Lonardo, Orgel, Panichas, Ricci, Shire. Those members opposing included: Matrone. Those members recusing included: Almeida, Dowling, Gernt.

## **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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