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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II

DATE: 28 February 2013

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Rhode Island Department of Administration

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III		X	
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.	X		
Joseph L. Dowling, MD			X
Maria R. Gil (Secretary)			X
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN	X		
Jeanette Matrone, RN, PhD	X		
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas	X		
Reverend David Shire (Vice Chair)	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Amy DiFilippo, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Elizabeth Shelov, MBA/MSSW

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 2:30 PM. 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 of six in favor and 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, Graziano, Matrone, Orgel, Panichas, and Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Lawrence & Memorial Corporation** for change in effective control of The Westerly Hospital, a 125-bed hospital located at 25 Wells Street in Westerly.

Sherry Strammiello, Chief Quality & Patient Safety Officer, Director of Risk Management at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, gave a power point presentation. Special Master, Mark Russo, reviewed the Westerly Hospital's responses to Committee inquires raised at the PRC-II meeting of February 14, 2013.

Public comment was made by Dr. Pamela Connors, Gastroenterologist at The Westerly Hospital. She voiced her support for the acquisition of the Westerly Hospital by Lawrence & Memorial, noting that closure of The Westerly Hospital would be "devastating" to the community.

Public comment was made by Ole Hermanson, of AFT Connecticut. He noted that there are many additional unanswered questions that need comment.

The next meeting on this matter is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013.

No formal action was taken by the Committee on this application.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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