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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**  
**PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II**

**DATE:** 14 March 2013

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-II</b>			
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, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Steve Morris, 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. Minutes of the Project Review Committee-II meetings of 24 January, 7 February, and 14 February 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) 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, Barry, Gil, 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.

Dennis Algieri, RI Senate Minority Leader, addressed the Committee and spoke in favor of the proposal.

Dr. Christopher Lehrach, (Interim) Chief Transformation Officer, presented a power point presentation. Legal counsel to the applicant handed out an e-mail confirming that the consent order was lifted. The Special Master reviewed responses to follow up questions.

Public comments were made by Ole Kushner Harmanson of AFT Connecticut, Greg Kotecki of AFT Connecticut, and Steven T. Hartford of the Westerly Hospital Area Residents Committee.

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

## **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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