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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 16 July 2013

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center
Rhode Island Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-I			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
Roberta Feather, CNS, PhD, JD	X		
Wallace Gernt		X	
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre			X
Steven Lonardo	X		
Thomas M. Madden, Esq.	X		
Robert Ricci		X	
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Tom Sgouros			X
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Amy DiFilippo, Sarah Mancone (Intern), Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Steve Morris, Esq.

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-I meeting of 9 July 2013 were adopted as submitted. 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, Donahue, Feather, Jeremiah, Madden, and Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Endoscopy Associates, Inc.** for a Certificate of Need to establish a Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center to provide gastroenterological endoscopy procedures at 44 West River Street in Providence.

The applicant reviewed responses to follow-up questions and answered the Committee's questions.

Comments in opposition to the proposal were made by Pat Rocha, legal counsel to Blackstone Valley Surgicare.

A motion was made by Mr. Madden, seconded by Dr. Feather, and passed by a vote of five in favor, one opposed, and one recused (5-1-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval including that there be no increase in existing number of endoscopy rooms in the facility, and that procedures be limited to endoscopy and reasonable substitutes and advances therefore. Those members voting in favor included: Feather, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, and Shire. Those members opposed included: Donahue. Mr. Donahue stated that he opposes the motion on the basis that there was no independent analysis to assess the need for this facility. Those members recused included: Almeida.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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