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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 10 September 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		
Tom Sgouros	X		
Robert Ricci			X
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	

Staff: Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, 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 2:33 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 meetings of 20 August 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of eight in favor with none opposed (8-0) 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, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, Sgouros, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda were the applications of **Prime Healthcare Services – Landmark, LLC, Prime Healthcare Services, Inc., Prime Healthcare Holdings, Inc., and Prime Healthcare Management, Inc.** for changes in effective control of (1) Landmark Medical Center, a 214-bed hospital located at 115 Cass Avenue in Woonsocket, and (2) Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island (Northern Rhode Island Rehab Management Associates, LP) an 82-bed rehabilitation hospital center located at 116 Eddie Dowling Highway in North Smithfield. Staff reviewed the information provided for this meeting.

The Committee heard presentations from consultants to the Rhode Island Department of Health: Erica E. Ferdinandi, Esq., Ferdinandi & Mastrati, LLP presented a PowerPoint report that examined the status of various legal, regulatory and investigatory issues regarding Prime, and Kristen L. Maymon, RN presented a PowerPoint that examined Prime's state licensure records at a select group of Prime's hospitals in California. Ms. Maymon also reported on Joint Commission recognized achievements awarded to Prime and patient satisfaction survey results of Prime hospitals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality CAHPS reports.

Harsha Upadhyay, MBA, MS, CSHA, CPHQ, Prime's Vice President for Clinical Operations, presented a PowerPoint that provided information in response to Ms. Maymon's presentation that questioned the consultant's analysis, specifically regarding the survey and patient satisfaction data.

The next meeting on these applications was scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

No formal action was taken by the Committee on these applications.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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