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

**DATE:** 24 September 2013

**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
Steven R. DeToy			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		
Tom Sgouros			X
Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair)	X		
Robert Whiteside		X	

**Staff:** Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, 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 2:34 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 30 July 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor with none opposed (14-0) 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, Donahue, Feather, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, Matrone, Panichas, Ricci, Shire.

**2. General Order of Business**

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Applications of Prime Healthcare Services, Inc., Prime Healthcare Management, Inc., Prime Healthcare Holdings, Inc. and Prime Healthcare Services – Landmark, LLC for Changes in Effective Control of Landmark Medical Center and Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island*. Staff summarized the applications and deliberations of the Committee on these matters.

Comments in support of the proposal were made by state senator Roger A. Picard (District 20 – Woonsocket, Cumberland).

A motion to approve the application subject to the conditions of approval was made by Mr. Gernt. He stated that he bases his recommendation on the evidence presented that he believes has been overwhelming in the support of the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ricci, and Ms. Jeremiah.

The Chair thanked the applicant and their representatives for their preparation and presentation. She concurred with Mr. Gernt's statement that the evidence is overwhelming and it's uncontroverted. She noted that there were some things raised that were inconclusive, and did not weigh heavily in the deliberations as far as she is concerned. She stated that Landmark has always been a diamond in the rough worth preserving, worth protecting. She further stated, that more importantly, the people in that population are worth preserving and worth protecting, and the Health Services Council is not about to turn their back on them. She thanked Prime for accepting this responsibility ethically and morally, and for their commitment to the community. She thanked superior court Justice Silverstein for his tireless effort. She noted that this is a historic moment for Landmark and for our community.

The motion passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed, and two abstentions (12-0-2) to recommend that the applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Madden, Matrone, Panichas, Ricci, and Shire. Those members abstaining included: Feather, Lonardo.

The next items on the agenda were the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Seven Hills Rhode Island** for Initial Licensure to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in Woonsocket* and the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **AccessPoint RI** for Initial Licensure to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in Cranston*. Staff summarized the applications and deliberations of the Committee on these matters. Staff noted that comments were received from Joshua Joyal in support and from Maureen Glynn requesting conditional approval.

Comments in support of the proposal were made by Donna Martin, Director of Community Provider Network of Rhode Island, and Raymond Memery, Director of Resources for Human Development.

Mr. Madden stated that as a condition of approval be added requiring the facilities to report on the cost savings.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, and passed by a vote of fourteen in favor and none opposed (14-0) to recommend that these applications be approved subject to the conditions of approval as amended. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Feather, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, Matrone, Panichas, Ricci, and Shire.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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