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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 1 October 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: Valentina D. Adamova, MBA, Edward D'Arezzo, 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 2:31 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 10 September 2013 and 17 September 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of nine in favor with none opposed (9-0) 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 was the application of **Bayside Endoscopy Center, LLC [owned by SARC/Kent, LLC, Pinetree Endoscopy, Inc., GI Med Endoscopy, LLC, Bayside Endoscopy Group, Inc., SARC/Providence, LLC, Symbion, Inc., Ocean State Endoscopy, Inc., Center City Endoscopy, LLC and various physicians]** for change in effective control of Ocean State Endoscopy, Inc. an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility located at 148 West River Street in Providence that provides endoscopic procedures. Staff reviewed the information provided for the meeting and noted a written comment from the Rhode Island Health Center Association handed out at the meeting.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation and answered the Committee's questions. The Committee requested that the applicant provide financial statements and quality metrics. The applicant agreed.

Comments were made by Rebecca Kislak, Policy Director and Counsel for Rhode Island Health Center Association ("RIHCA") regarding the charity care policies of the applicant. The applicant agreed to meet with the RIHCA and report back on progress to the Health Services Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Dr. Feather, and passed by a vote of nine in favor and none opposed (9-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval and contingent upon provision of financial statements, quality metrics, and reporting to the Health Services Council on progress with the RIHCA. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Feather, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, Sgouros, and Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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