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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II

DATE: 10 October 2013

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center
Rhode Island Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
Steven DeToy			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, Sarah Mancone (Intern), James V. McDonald, MD, MPH, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Steve Morris, Esq., Raymond Russin

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-II meeting of 4 October 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of ten in favor and none opposed (10-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be

extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act Act due to the increase in administrative burdens on staff. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, Dowling, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Orgel, Panichas, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **B & B Consulting, LLC** d/b/a B & B Medical Marijuana Evaluation Center [Jessica Cotton] for initial licensure to establish an organized ambulatory care facility at 300 Toll Gate Road in Warwick to perform medical marijuana certification evaluations. Staff reviewed the information provided for the meeting including memos from James V. MacDonald, MD, MPH, Chief Administrative Office, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, and Raymond Russin, Chief of the Office of Facilities Regulation.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation and answered the Committee's questions.

State representative Scott A. Slater (District 10 – Providence) spoke in support of this application. Additional comments in support were made by Jessica Leppanen, representative of the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition, and Peter Benson.

It was noted that follow up questions will be sent to the applicant. No formal action was taken by the Committee on this application.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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