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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 5 November 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, 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 2:31 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 meeting of 1 October 2013 were adopted as submitted.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Premium Home Health Care, LLC** [William F. Holt and Stacy Scarduzio] for certificate of need to establish a home nursing care provider at 1215 Reservoir Avenue in Cranston. Reverend Shire, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Staff reviewed the information handed out for this meeting and summarized the Certificate of Need review criteria.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation.

Susan M. Allen, PhD, a consultant to the Rhode Island Department of Health, made a presentation "*Assessment of Need for Home Nursing Care Providers in Rhode Island*".

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt to approve the application based on an unmet need in the community and as a result of policies that the state has put forth and will be putting forth over the next several years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jeremiah. The motion to approve the application failed by a vote of two in favor and five opposed (2-5); the Committee failed to recommend approval of the application. Those members voting in favor included: Gernt and Jeremiah. Those members voting in opposition included: Donahue, Feather, Lonardo, Madden, and Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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