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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 19 November 2013

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Rhode Island Department of Administration

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, 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 Health Services Council meeting of 29 October 2013 were adopted as submitted.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of **Bayside Endoscopy Center, LLC** for a Change in Effective Control of Ocean State Endoscopy, Inc. a Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center in Providence*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

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

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of **Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee** for Initial Licensure as an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in North Providence*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

A motion was made by Rev. Shire, seconded by Sen. Graziano and Mr. Madden, and passed by a vote of fifteen in favor, and none opposed (15-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Madden, Panichas, Sgouros, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of **B & B Consulting, LLC** for Initial Licensure to Establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility in Warwick*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

Comments were made in support of the application by Peter Benso and JoAnne Leppanen, representative of the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition.

A motion was made by Dr. Feather, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, Mr. Hamel, Mr. Gernt, Mr. Barry, and Ms. Gil, and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor, and two opposed (13-2) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Gil, Hamel, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Panichas, Sgouros, Shire. Those members voting in opposition included: Graziano, Madden.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of **Premium Home Health Care, LLC** for a Certificate of Need to Establish a Home Nursing Care Provider in Cranston*. Reverend Shire, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Dr. Dowling also recused from this matter. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Sen. Graziano, and passed by a vote of seven in favor, five opposed, and two recusals (7-5-2) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor included: Barry, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Sgouros. Those members voting in opposition included: Donahue, Feather, Lonardo, Madden, Shire. Those members recused included: Almeida, Dowling.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valentina D. Adamova". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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