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

**DATE:** 12 November 2013

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Department Operations Center  
Rhode Island Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-I</b>			
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, 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 Project Review Committee-I meeting of 5 November 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of six in favor with none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act due to the increase

in administrative burdens on staff. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Donahue, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo, Sgouros.

## 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. a Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Center located at 148 West River Street in Providence that provides endoscopic procedures. Staff reviewed the information provided for the meeting.

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

Comments were made by Rebecca Kislak, Policy Director and Counsel for the Rhode Island Health Center Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah and Mr. Donahue, and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo, and Sgouros.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Tri-Town Economic Opportunity Committee** for initial licensure to establish an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility at 33 Maple Street in North Providence. Staff reviewed the information provided for the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Donahue, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lonardo, and Sgouros.

## 3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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