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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 4 March 2014

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room B
Rhode Island Department of Administration

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
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, Krista Seigny (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 2:37 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 11 February 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of five in favor with none opposed (5-0) 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, Feather, Sgouros, Shire.

2. **General Order of Business**

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Prime Healthcare Services - Landmark, LLC d/b/a New England Specialty Hospital** [Prime Healthcare Services, Inc., Prime Healthcare Holdings, Inc.] for Certificate of Need to establish a 41-bed Long Term Acute Care Hospital on the second floor of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island in North Smithfield. Staff reviewed the information provided for this meeting.

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

The following representatives of Eleanor Slater Hospital voiced concerns in opposition to the application: Paul Despres, Chief Executive Officer, Charlene Tate, MD, Chief of Medical Staff and Clinical Services and Daniel Ballirano, legal counsel to Eleanor Slater Hospital.

No formal action was taken by the Committee on this application.

3. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Dexter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael. K. Dexter, MPA
Chief
Office of Health Systems Development