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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II

DATE: 20 February 2014

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), 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 2:32 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 16 January 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of six in favor and 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, DeToy, Dowling, Graziano, Matrone, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Heatherwood RI, LLC d/b/a Heatherwood Rehabilitation and Care Center** [Lawrence G. Santilli (52%), and others] for change in effective control of Heatherwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 114-bed nursing facility at 398 Bellevue Avenue in Newport. Staff reviewed the information distributed for this application and read into the record the advisory memo from the Office of Facilities Regulation.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation and answered the Committee's questions. The applicant handed out a copy of the presentation.

A motion was made by Dr. DeToy, seconded by Dr. Dowling and Sen. Graziano, and passed by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, DeToy, Dowling, Graziano, Matrone, Orgel, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the application of **Athena Hospice Services of Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a Hospice Services of Massachusetts** [Lawrence G. Santilli (38%), and others] for certificate of need to establish a hospice provider at 99 Hillside Avenue in Providence to provide outpatient hospice services. Staff reviewed the information distributed for this application and noted the letter of opposition from Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation and answered the Committee's questions. The applicant handed out a copy of the presentation.

Comments were made in opposition of the application by Charles Iacono, Vice President of Philanthropy at Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

No formal action was taken on this application.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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