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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II

DATE: 27 March 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
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: Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Sarah Mancone, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Steve Morris, Esq., Krista Sevigny (Intern)

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-II meeting of 20 February 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) 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, Barry, DeToy, Graziano, Matrone, Orgel, Panichas, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the applications of **MinuteClinic Diagnostic of Rhode Island, LLC [CVS Caremark Corporation]** for initial licensure for 7 Organized Ambulatory Care Facilities at: 1054 Cass Avenue in Woonsocket, 681 Reservoir Avenue in Cranston, 120 Eddie Dowling Highway in North Smithfield, 1285 South County Trail in East Greenwich, 799 Hope Street in Providence, 11 Main Street in Wakefield, and 151 Franklin Street in Westerly. Reverend Shire, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Mr. DeToy recused. Staff reviewed the information distributed for this application and noted the letters of support from the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and opposition from Robert S. Crausman, MD. Staff also noted letters offering comment from the Rhode Island Medical Society, Rhode Island Chapter of the American Academy of Physicians, and Rhode Island Primary Care Physician Advisory Committee.

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

Written and oral comments were made in support of the application by Marie Ghazal, RN, MS, CEO of the Rhode Island Free Clinic. Ms. Ghazal noted that MinuteClinic and RIFC have a partnership in which RIFC patients will receive free care at MinuteClinic facilities in Rhode Island, and MinuteClinic facilities will refer uninsured patients to RIFC after they are seen.

Comments were made in opposition of the application by Elizabeth Lange, MD, a primary care physician in Rhode Island.

Written and oral comments were made by Rebecca Kislak, legal counsel for the Rhode Island Health Center Association. Ms. Kislak noted that RIHCA did not support or oppose the application.

No formal action was taken on this application.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Michael K. Dexter
Chief
Office of Health Systems Development

