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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 25 March 2014

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center
 Rhode Island Department of Health

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	
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN	X		
Theresa Jeremiah	X		
Amy Lapierre		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: Michael K. Dexter, MPA, 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 2:37 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 25 February 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor with none opposed (13-0) 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, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Sgouros, and Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the election of Health Services Council Officers. Ms. Jeremiah, Chair of the Nominating Committee noted that the Committee met and proposed that Sen. Graziano be added to the slate in place of Maria Gil. The Chair asked the Council to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Maria Gil and her commitment to public service. Member Donahue noted that he had attended the funeral service and that speakers at the service noted Ms. Gil's commitment to community service, including anonymous donations to her church. Thirteen members of the council were in attendance and thirteen voted. Staff tallied the ballots. Victoria Almeida was voted Chair with thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0), Reverend Shire was voted Vice-Chair with thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0), and Catherine E. Graziano was voted Secretary with thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Sgouros, and Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of **Heatherwood RI LLC** for change in effective control of Heatherwood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Newport. A motion was made and seconded to recommend that this application be approved as conditioned in the Committee Report. The motion passed unanimously with thirteen voting in favor and none opposed (13-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Sgouros, and Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of "CurrentCare – A New RI Standard of Care" by Jonathan Leviss, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Rhode Island Quality Institute. Dr. Leviss presented a PowerPoint and responded to questions of the members of the Council. The Chair thanked Dr. Leviss for the presentation.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of "Rhode Island's Approach to Global Implementation of CLAS Standards in Public Health Settings" by Angela Ankoma, MPH, MSW, Chief of Minority Health, Rhode Island Department of Health. Ms. Ankoma presented a PowerPoint and responded to questions of the members of the Council. The Chair thanked Ms. Ankoma for the presentation.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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