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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-I

DATE: 6 May 2014

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center
Rhode Island Department of Health

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: Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Sarah Mancone, 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-I meeting of 8 April 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of seven in favor with none opposed (7-0) 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, Lapierre, Sgouros, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda were the applications of **Prospect CharterCARE SJHSRI, LLC, Prospect CharterCARE RWMC, LLC, Prospect CharterCARE Elmhurst, LLC, Prospect CharterCARE, LLC, CharterCARE Health Partners, Prospect East Holdings, Inc. and Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc.** for changes in effective control of Roger Williams Medical Center, a 220-bed hospital located at 825 Chalkstone Avenue in Providence; Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, a 278-bed hospital located at 200 High Service Road in North Providence; Elmhurst Extended Care Facilities, Inc. a 194-bed nursing facility located at 50 Maude Street in Providence; Roger Williams Sleep Disorders Center, an Organized Ambulatory Care Facility at 1539 Atwood Avenue in Johnston; and CharterCARE Home Health Services, a Home Nursing Care Provider at 50 Maude Street in Providence. Reverend Shire, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Staff reviewed the information provided for this meeting.

The Committee heard a presentation from a consultant to the Rhode Island Department of Health: John J. Schibler, PhD, CPA, presented as a PowerPoint, "*CharterCARE/Prospect Acquisition Analysis*." The consultant answered the Committee's questions.

Legal counsel for Prime Healthcare Services, Inc. presented oral commentary to the Committee urging rejection of the application and presented to the Committee a document entitled *Prime Healthcare vs Prospect Medical Holdings*. Legal counsel for Prime Healthcare responded to a number of questions from Committee Members.

Counsel for CharterCARE Health Partners presented a letter to the Committee dated 5 May 2014. In addition, legal counsel for CharterCARE Health Partners presented oral commentary to rebut the commentary presented by counsel for Prime Healthcare Services, Inc.

The CEO of CharterCARE Health Partners also presented commentary in support of the actions of CharterCARE Health Partners and the Board of Trustees, and to rebut the commentary made by legal counsel for Prime Healthcare Services, Inc. Also, members of the Board of Trustees, including its Chairman, presented oral commentary in support of the actions of the Board of Trustees and to rebut the commentary by counsel for Prime Healthcare Services, Inc.

Mr. Sgouros introduced into the record the 7 May 2013 Report to the General Assembly of the Rhode Island Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council for consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Sgouros, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, and passed by a vote of six in favor, none opposed, and one recusal (6-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Donahue, Gernt, Jeremiah, Lapierre, Sgouros, Shire. Those members recused included: Almeida.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Dexter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'D'.

Michael K. Dexter
Chief
Office of Health Systems Development