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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 3 June 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 | | |
| Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD | X | | |
| Daniel Orgel, MPA | X | | |
| Denise Panichas | | | X |
| Robert Ricci | | X | |
| Larry Ross | X | | |
| Tom Sgouros | X | | |
| Reverend Shire (Vice-Chair) | X | | |
| Robert Whiteside | | X | |

Staff: Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Krista Sevigny (Intern), 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 Health Services Council meeting of 13 May 2014 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) 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, Graziano, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Ross, Sgouros, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was **Addendum-I to the Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of Eleanor Slater Hospital for a Certificate of Need to Consolidate Building Operations on the Pastore Campus in Cranston**. Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee's questions

A motion was made by Rev. Shire, seconded by Mr. Detoy, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the change order request be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Graziano, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Ross, Sgouros, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the expeditious review request of **Home Care Assistance of RI, LLC** for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Care Provider at 6500 Post Road in North Kingstown.

Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Detoy seconded by Mr. Sogouros, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor, and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the expeditious review request be denied. The following reasons were provided: Mr. Ross stated, *"I go back to the requirements for an expeditious review in terms of an immediate and documented public health urgency, and despite the fact that these types of services are a very important component in delivering quality health care to people in their home as opposed to a more expensive setting, I'm not sure that you can appease for what's immediate about this."* Mr. Detoy stated, *"I too have not seen the immediate public urgency,"* and Mr. Sgouros said, *"I'd echo the same comment about not seeing the urgency."* Ms. Almeida added, *"Public health emergency that's documented and that it's really clear and convincing evidence is our standard...and I agree with my colleagues that that hasn't been demonstrated."* Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Graziano, Jeremiah, Matrone, Orgel, Ross, Sgouros, Shire.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 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