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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 28 October 2014

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room C
Rhode Island Department of Administration

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: Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Krista Sevigny (Intern), Amy Coleman, 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 2:33 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 29 July 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, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Matrone, Ross, Sgouros.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the **Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Episcopal Housing Foundation of Rhode Island** for initial licensure of an organized ambulatory care facility in Providence. Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt, seconded by Mr. Bary and Mr. Dowling, and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, and none opposed (12-0) to recommend that the initial licensure be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Ross, Sgouros.

The next item on the agenda was the **Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Surgery Center Holdings, Inc. and Bayside Endoscopy Center, LLC** for changes in effective control of (1) Ocean State Endoscopy Center in Providence, (2) Bayside Endoscopy Center in Providence, and (3) East Greenwich Endoscopy Center in East Greenwich. Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross that the condition requiring "that the applicant shall establish and maintain a formal outreach program and strategy directed to reaching and providing notice to the uninsured and the underinsured and providers in the applicant's service area of the availability of charity care as its facilities" be removed from this application. The committee discussed the motion, which was passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the condition be removed from the application. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Panichas, Ross, Sgouros.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross seconded by Mr. Barry, and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, and none opposed and one abstention (12-0-1) to recommend that the change in effective control be approved as amended. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Panichas, Ross. Mr. Sguoros abstained.

The next item on the agenda was the **Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of LHC Group, Inc. and LHGC LIX, LLC** for a change in effective control of Life Care at Home of Rhode Island, Inc., a home nursing care provider in Cranston. Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross that the condition requiring "that the applicant shall establish and maintain a formal outreach program and strategy directed to reaching and providing notice to the uninsured and the underinsured and providers in the applicant's service area of the

availability of charity care as its facilities” be removed from this application. The committee discussed the motion, which was passed by a vote of seven in favor and six opposed (7-6) that the condition be removed from the application. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Graziano, Hamel, Panichas, Ross, Sgouros. Those who opposed were: Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Feather, Gernt, Matrone.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamel seconded by Ms. Feather, and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and one opposed (13-0) to recommend that change in effective control be approved as amended. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Panichas, Ross, Sgouros.

The next item on the agenda was the **Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of CVS Health Corporation and Ocean Acquisition Sub, LLC** for a change in effective control of Coram Health Care Corporation of Massachusetts, a home nursing care provider in East Providence. Representatives of the applicant reviewed the request and answered the Committee’s questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Gernt seconded by Mr. Ross, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed and two abstentions (11-0-2) to recommend that the change in effective control be approved and “incorporate the comment period ending 15 November 2014, subject to re-review if necessary.” Those voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, Donahue, Dowling, Feather, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Matrone, Panichas, Ross. Mr. DeToy and Mr. Sgouros abstained.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a presentation to answer questions about general policy process for conditions that may need to be removed from applications.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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