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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**  
**PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II**

**DATE:** 12 February 2015

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Department Operations Center (DOC)  
Rhode Island Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-II</b>			
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:** Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Jane Morgan, Esq., Paula Pullano, MPA, Sullivan Roberts, Jacqui Amenta and Leslie Smith

**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 2:45 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made and passed by a vote of seven in favor and 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, Barry, DeToy, Dr. Dowling, Graziano, Hamel, and Rev. Shire.

## **2. General Order of Business**

The next item on the agenda was “Reassessing the Concept of Need for Home Nursing Care Providers” presented by Gerard R. Goulet of Health Policy Analytics, Inc. and the applications of Ocean State Home Health Care, Inc. for certificate of need to establish a home nursing care provider agency in Warwick and Quality Care of New England, Inc. for certificate of need to establish a home nursing care provider agency in West Greenwich.

Mr. Goulet presented a PowerPoint and, among other things, provided a comprehensive background on the licensing and certificate of need requirements for home health agencies since the 1970s. Mr. Goulet suggested that the “2014 Recommended Criteria” be utilized in assessing need for these two home nursing care provider certificate of need applications.

Nicholas Oliver, Executive Director, Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care, Inc. provided comments at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Detoy, seconded by Mr. Barry, and passed by a vote of four in favor, and two opposed, and one recusal (4-2-1) to recommend to the full Health Services Council to adopt the “2014 Recommended Criteria.” Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, DeToy, and Hamel. Dowling and Graziano opposed and Rev. Shire recused.

A motion was made by Mr. Detoy, seconded by Ms. Almeida, and passed by a vote of four in favor, and one opposed and one abstention, and one recusal (4-1-1-1) to recommend that the application of Ocean State Home Health Care, Inc. be approved. The members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, Detoy, and Hamel. Graziano opposed, Dr. Dowling abstained and Rev. Shire recused.

No action was taken on the application of Quality Care of New England, Inc.

## **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael K. Dexter  
Chief  
Office of Health Systems Development