



Department of Health

Three Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5097

TTY: 711
www.health.ri.gov

MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 3 March 2015

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center (DOC)
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: Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Paula Pullano, MPA, Jane Morgan, Esq.
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 2:35 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 3 February 2015 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and 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, Dr. Dowling, Feather, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Panichas, Ross, Rev. Shire.

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 Home Care Assistance of Rhode Island, LLC** for Certificate of Need to establish a Home Care Provider Agency in South Kingstown.

Staff reported that Project Review Committee-II by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) recommended approval of this Certificate of Need Application. The Committee reviewed this application on November 13, 2014 and February 19, 2015 with the applicant and its legal counsel in attendance at both meetings and the Committee recommended that this application be approved.

The consultant, Gerard Goulet, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. As a result of Mr. Goulet's research and analysis with respect to home health agencies, he updated some criteria that he recommended that any approval that an applicant be able to meet these criteria. The applicant agreed to meet these criteria.

The Committee adopted these criteria as a recommendation that the full Health Services Council adopt them in order to recommend approval and also as conditions of approval of any recommendations that the full health services council may make. The standard conditions are that the application be implemented as approved and that data be furnished to the state agency upon request.

Detoy made a motion to adopt these criteria as a way to be able to give each applicant that comes under the current certificate of need laws a standard that the Council has to judge them consistently. Reverend Shire seconded that motion. The motion passed by a vote of nine in favor and four opposed (9-4) that these criteria will be used in assessing this application. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Barry, Detoy, Dr. Dowling, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Rev. Shire. Those opposed: Donahue, Feather, Panichas, Ross.

Sen. Graziano made a motion to approve the application with the 2014 Home Care Criteria as conditions of approval. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed and one abstention (12-0-1). Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Barry, Detoy, Dr. Dowling, Feather, Graziano, Hamel, Jeremiah, Matrone, Panichas, Ross, Rev. Shire. Donahue abstained.

The next item on the agenda was the **Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Ocean State Home Care, Inc.** for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Warwick.

Staff reported that Project Review Committee-II by a vote of four in favor and one opposed and one abstaining (4-1-1) recommended approval of this Certificate of Need Application. The Committee reviewed this application on September 25, 2014 and February 12, 2015 with the applicant and its legal counsel in attendance at both meetings and the Committee recommended that this application be approved.

DeToy made a motion to adopt the "2014 Recommended Criteria" as a way to be able to give each applicant that comes under the current certificate of need laws a standard that the Council has to judge them consistently. Barry seconded that motion. The motion passed by a vote of seven in favor and four opposed and one abstaining and one recusing (7-4-1-1) that these criteria will be used in assessing this application.

DeToy made a motion to approve the application with the 2014 Home Care Criteria as conditions of approval. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of ten in favor and none opposed and two abstentions and one recusal (10-0-2-1).

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Dexter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael K. Dexter
Chief
Office of Health Systems Development