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**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 22 March 2016

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Department Operations Center  
Rhode Island Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Victoria M. Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III	X		
Stephen Boyle	X		
Donna Carris, CPA	X		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq. (Secretary)	X		
John X. Donahue	X		
Richard Glucksman, Esq.	X		
Lisa Lasky, CPA	X		
Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD (Vice Chair)	X		
Tarah Provencal, Esq.	X		
Ralph F. Racca	X		
John Sepe	X		

**Staff:** Michael K. Dexter, Morgan Enroth, Theodore Long, MD, Abigail Garrahan (Intern), Stephen Morris, Esq., Paula Pullano.

**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 16 February 2016 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of twelve in favor and none opposed (12-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Ms. Almeida,

Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Ms. Carris, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Glucksman, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

## **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 NEC Bristol Emergency Center, LP for Initial Licensure of a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility in Bristol*. Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, chaired meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Representatives of NEC Bristol provided a presentation and answered Committee's questions.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Norman Chartier, Director of Finance, Medical Associates of RI.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Leslie C. Mohlman, MD, Medical Associates of RI.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Michael Dacey, MD, President and COO, Kent Hospital.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Howard Schulman, MD, Medical Associates of RI.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Colleen Noseworthy, Director of Operations, Medical Associates of RI.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Ms. Lasky and Mr. Sepe and denied by a vote of five in favor, six opposed and one recused (5-6-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Mr. Coia, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe. Those members opposed included: Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Ms. Carris, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Glucksman, and Ms. Provencal. Those members recused included: Ms. Almeida.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of NEC West Warwick Emergency Center, LP for Initial Licensure of a Freestanding Emergency Care Facility in West Warwick*. Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, chaired meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Representatives of NEC West Warwick answered Committee's questions.

Michael Dacey, MD specified his public comment in opposition to the application of NEC Bristol Emergency Center, LP shall also apply to the application of NEC West Warwick Emergency Center, LP.

Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Herbert Brennan, DO.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Dr. Matrone and denied by a vote of five in favor, six opposed and one recused (5-6-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Mr. Coia, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe. Those members opposed included: Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Ms. Carris, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Glucksman, and Ms. Provencal. Those members recused included: Ms. Almeida.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of All is Well Home Care, Inc. for a Certificate of Need (CON) to establish a home care provider in Warwick*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Representatives of All is Well, Inc. answered Committee's questions.

No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Glucksman, seconded by Mr. Coia and Mr. Barry and approved by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Barry, Ms. Carris, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Mr. Glucksman, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Enroth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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