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

**DATE:** 3 May 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
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, 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 2:32 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 22 March 2016 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) 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, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

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

The *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of SRC Providence, LLC for the Change in Effective Control of Epoch Senior Living and Senior Healthcare on Blackstone Boulevard, a 55-bed nursing facility in Providence* was not heard before the Committee due to lack of a quorum.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Royal Middletown Nursing Center, LLC for the Change in Effective Control of Forest Farm Health Care Center, a 50-bed nursing facility in Middletown*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Representatives of Royal Middletown answered Committee's questions.

No public comment was made

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Dr. Matrone and approved by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one recused (6-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Coia, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Ms. Provencal, and Mr. Racca. Those members recused included: Mr. Sepe.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of Royal Westerly, LLC for the Change in Effective Control of Westerly Nursing Home, Inc., a 66-bed nursing facility in Westerly*. Staff summarized the application and deliberations of the Committee on this matter. Representatives of Royal Westerly answered Committee's questions.

No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Dr. Matrone, seconded by Mr. Coia and Ms. Lasky and approved by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one recused (6-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Coia, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Ms. Provencal, and Mr. Racca. Those members recused included: Mr. Sepe.

## **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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