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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 14 June 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 2:33 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 07 June 2016 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) 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, Ms. Carris, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Lasky, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was to Review and Accept the *Report of the Health Services Council on the application of Prospect CharterCARE SJHSRI, LLC d/b/a Our Lady of Fatima Hospital for a Certificate of Need to provide cardiac catheterization services including construction of a laboratory for diagnostic catheterization and primary and elective angioplasty in North Providence* (“Council Report”). Ms. Almeida, Chair, appointed Mr. Sepe to chair meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused, Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, was excused and Mr. Coia, Secretary, was excused.

Legal counsel of the Department explained under the new process of the Health Services Council the function of this item of the agenda is for the Council to determine whether the Council Report is accurate and properly reflects the vote of the Council.

Staff summarized the Council Report and vote of the Council. Representatives of Prospect CharterCARE requested that the Council reconsider the Council Report due the procedural changes during the course of review of the application.

Public comment was made by Cynthia Warren representing Landmark Medical Center.

Public comment was made by Jodi Bourque representing Rhode Island Hospital and the Miriam Hospital.

A motion was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Ms. Lasky and approved by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and two recused (6-0-2) to adopt the Council Report as written which failed to recommend approval of the application. Those members voting in favor included Mr. Barry, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Lasky, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe. Those members recused included: Ms. Almeida and Ms. Carris.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Cardea Healthcare, LLC for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Nursing Care Provider agency in Providence. Representatives of Cardea Healthcare, LLC delivered a presentation and answered Council members’ questions.

Affordability

- Applicant provides services in a lower costs setting and will provide high quality, efficient and affordable services.
- Using technology – we will provide a more robust service than is being provided today.
- Capital costs are minor and Applicant will pay all costs incurred in connection with this proposal from its own funds.
- The proposal will decrease costs to patients and Medicare, Medicaid and other third party payors.

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No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Sepe, seconded by Mr. Barry and approved by a vote of eight in favor and none opposed (8-0) 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. Donahue, Ms. Lasky, Ms. Provencal, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

3. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Enroth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'h'.

Morgan Enroth
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