



Department of Health

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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 4 October 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		
Raymond C. Coia, Esq. (Secretary)			X
John X. Donahue	X		
Lisa Lasky, CPA	X		
Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD (Vice Chair)			X
Ralph F. Racca	X		
John Sepe	X		

Staff: Michael K. Dexter, Morgan Enroth, Stephen Morris, Esq., Paula Pullano, Sullivan Roberts.

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 2:39 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 20 September 2016 were adopted as submitted. 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. Those members voting in favor were: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Lasky, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

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2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of The Miriam Hospital for a Certificate of Need to re-commission a CT unit previously taken out of service at 164 Summit Avenue (Miriam Hospital), Providence. In response to a request made by a Council member at the 20 September meeting, staff from the Rhode Island Department of Health Radiological Health Program submitted a memo to the Council. The memo stated that the Radiological Health Program does not believe that returning the Toshiba Medical Aquilion 16 Slice CT will negatively impact patient safety (see attachment).

No public comment was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Barry and Ms. Lasky approved by a vote of seven in favor and none opposed (7-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included Ms. Almeida, Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Lasky, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Elderwood Home Care of Rhode Island, LLC for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Nursing Care Provider agency in Wakefield. Representatives of the application delivered a presentation and answered Council members' questions.



Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Mary Lou Rhodes, President and CEO of South County Home Health.

A motion was made by Mr. Sepe, seconded by Mr. Boyle and Mr. Barry approved by a vote of five in favor, one abstained, and one opposed (5-1-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members



voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe. Those members abstaining included: Mr. Donahue. Those members opposed included: Ms. Lasky.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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