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

**DATE:** 21 March 2017

**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		
Kathleen Hittner, MD	X		
Lisa Lasky, CPA	X		
Jeanette S. Matrone, RN, PhD (Vice Chair)	X		
Ralph F. Racca	X		
John Sepe	X		

**Staff:** Katelyn Chadwick, Michael K. Dexter, Morgan Enroth, Stephen Morris, Esq., Sarah Parker, Sullivan Roberts, Jeannette Torres (Intern)

**Public:** (Attached)

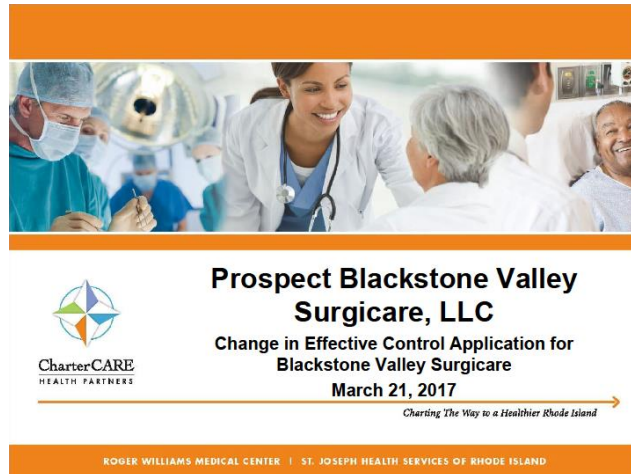
**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability**

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 13 December 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. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Hittner, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.



## 2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda the application of Prospect Blackstone Valley Surgicare Acquisition LP d/b/a Blackstone Valley Surgicare Located at 1526 Atwood Ave, Ste. 300, Johnston. Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, chaired meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Representatives of Prospect Blackstone Valley Surgicare Acquisition LP delivered a presentation and answered Council members' questions.



Public comment was made by Joseph Lubiner representing the United Nurses & Allied Professionals (UNAP). The representative of UNAP noted concerns with the completeness of the application, the financial health of the facility and Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc.'s licensure track record in its hospitals in California.

A motion was made by Dr. Hittner, seconded by Ms. Lasky and approved by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed and one recused (7-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Hittner, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe. Those members recused included: Ms. Almeida.

The next item on agenda was the application of Continuum Care of Rhode Island, LLC for a Certificate of Need to establish a Hospice Program located at 101 Plain Street, Providence. Representatives of the application delivered a presentation and answered Council members' questions.





Public Comment was made by Dr. Kenneth Walker, who spoke in support of the application.

Public comment was made by Jeffrey Chase Lubitz, Esq. representing Hope Hospice & Palliative Care of Rhode Island.

No formal action was taken by the Council on this application.

### 3. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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