



Department of Health

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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 20 June 2017

TIME: 2:00 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: Michael K. Dexter, Morgan Enroth, 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 2:08 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 30 May 2017 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 was to review and the *Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of **Prime Healthcare Services – Landmark, LLC** for a Certificate of Need to establish a certified Level III Trauma Center located at 115 Cass Avenue in Woonsocket*. Staff summarized the Report and the vote of the Council on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Dr. Matrone and approved by a vote of eight in favor, none opposed (8-0) to recommend that the Report be adopted as written, which recommended approval of the application subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Hittner, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.

The next item on the agenda was to review and the *Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of **Oak Hill Operations Associates, LLC** d/b/a Oak Hill Center for Rehabilitation & Health Care (whose members have common ownership with Centers for Care LLC d/b/a Centers Health Care) for Change in Effective Control of NSL Oak Hill, LLC d/b/a Oak Hill Health & Rehabilitation Center, a 129-bed Nursing Facility in Pawtucket*. Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, Chaired meeting on this matter as Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Staff summarized the Report and the vote of the Council on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Mr. Donohue, Mr. Racca, and Ms. Lasky and approved by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed, and one recused (7-0-1) to recommend that the Report be adopted as written, which recommended approval of the application 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 the agenda was to review and the *Report of the Health Services Council **Bio-Medical Applications of Rhode Island, Inc.** d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care Lincoln for Initial Licensure of an Outpatient Kidney Treatment Center in Lincoln*. Staff summarized the Report and the vote of the Council on this matter.

A motion was made by Dr. Matrone, seconded by Mr. Sepe and approved by a vote of eight in favor, none opposed (8-0) to recommend that the Report be adopted as written, which recommended approval of the application subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Hittner, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.

The next item on agenda was the application of **Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island** for a Certificate of Need to renovate its existing 20-bed birth center located at 101 Dudley Street in Providence. Dr. Matrone, Vice-Chair, chaired meeting on this matter as



Ms. Almeida, Chair, recused. Representatives of the applicant delivered a presentation and answered Council members' questions.



Public comment in support of the application was made by Patrick Quinn, Executive Vice-President of SEIU Healthcare 1199NE.

Public comment in support of the application was made by Rosario Parente, RN, in the Women & Infants birth center.

Public comment regarding the application was made by Jodi Bourque, Associate General Counsel of Lifespan Corporation.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Dr. Hittner, Mr. Donohue and Mr. Sepe 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.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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