



Department of Health

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MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 25 July 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		
Linda Johnson	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, Kendall Jerzyk (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 2:07 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 June 2017 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a vote of nine in favor and none opposed (9-0) 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. Johnson, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.



2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was to review and adopt the *Report of the Health Services Council on the Application of Amerita, Inc. for a Change in Effective Control of Care Resource, LLC f/k/a Infusion Resource, LLC, a Home Nursing Provider Agency in East Providence*. 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. Barry, seconded by Mr. Boyle and approved by a vote of eight in favor, none opposed, and one recused (8-0-1) 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. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe. Those members recused included: Ms. Almeida.

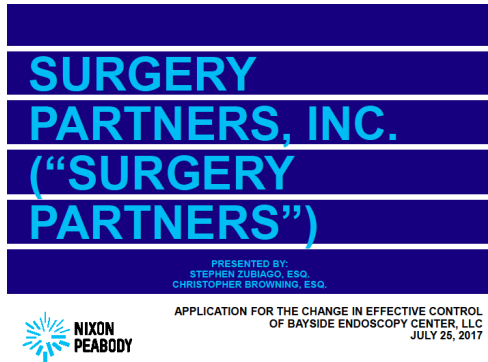
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The next item on agenda was the application of **BCPE Seminole Holdings LP, Bain Capital Private Equity LP, and Surgery Partners, Inc,** for the Change in Effective Control of Bayside Endoscopy Center, a Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center (FASC) located at 33 Staniford Street in Providence; East Greenwich Endoscopy Center, a FASC located at 1405 South County Trail in East Greenwich; and Ocean State Endoscopy Center, a FASC located at 148 West River Street, Suite 3 in Providence.

Representatives of the applicant delivered a presentation and answered Council members' questions.





Public comment neither in support or opposition to the application was made by Elizabeth Hartley Ward concerning the ownership structure of the applicant.

A motion was made by Dr. Matrone, seconded by Mr. Barry and Mr. Donahue and approved by a vote of nine in favor, and none opposed (9-0) 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. Johnson, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca, and Mr. Sepe.

The next item on agenda was the application of **HopeHealth f/k/a Home Care & Hospice of New England** for the Change in Effective Control of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care of Rhode Island (f/k/a Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island), a Hospice facility located at 1085 North Main Street in Providence Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth (f/k/a Visiting Nurse Home Care), a Home Nursing Care Provider located at 6 Blackstone Valley Place in Lincoln.

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Diana Franchitto, President & CEO
Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island
Visiting Nurse of HopeHealth
HopeHealth Massachusetts, Inc.



There was no public comment.

The next item on agenda was the application of **Nursing Placement Hospice & Palliative Care, LLC**, (whose members include NP Home Health & Hospice Management Services, LLC and Athena Rhode Island Hospice, LLC) for the Change in



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Effective Control of Hospice of Nursing Placement, Inc., a Hospice Provider located at 334 East Avenue 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.

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Public comment in opposition to the application was made by Elizabeth Hartley Ward. Ms. Ward discussed complaints filed against Hospice of Nursing Placement, Inc. and Athena Health Care Systems due to the services they had provided to Ms. Ward's husband.

Members of the Council requested further information regarding the criteria to determine deficiencies and information regarding the regulations of hospice care.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry to table any action on the application until the requested information was received, seconded by Mr. Donahue and approved by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed, and two recused (7-0-2). Those members in favor include Mr. Barry, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Lasky, Dr. Matrone, and Mr. Racca. The members recused include Ms. Almeida and Mr. Sepe.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Enroth".

Morgan Enroth
Health Economics Specialist
Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulation

