



MINUTES OF MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 12 September 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, Stephen Morris, Esq., Morgan Enroth, 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 2:20 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 18 August 2017 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. Coia, Mr. Donahue, 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 **CKRI Incorporated d/b/a Comfort Keepers for the Change in Effective Control of DPB Enterprises Incorporated d/b/a Comfort Keepers, a Home Care Provider located in Lincoln.*** Staff summarized the Report and the vote of the Council on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Dr. Matrone and approved by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed (7-0) 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. Barry, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

The next item on the agenda was to review and adopt the *Report of the Health Services Council on the application of **Nova Leap Health RI, Inc. d/b/a All About Home Care for the Change in Effective Control of All About Home Care, LLC, a Home Nursing Care Provider located in Middletown.*** Staff summarized the Report and the vote of the Council on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Coia, seconded by Mr. Barry and Mr. Sepe and approved by a vote of seven in favor, none opposed (7-0) 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. Barry, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

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

Due to recusals, a quorum was not met for this item and the Council did not take any action.

The next item on agenda was the application of **Care at Home, LLC** for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Care Provider located at One Chamber Way in Westerly.

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



Care at Home policy and procedures

- Care at Home will meet quarterly to review the Quality Assurance Program and make modifications of care as needed. This committee will be overseen by a Registered Nurse see QAPI Policy.
- Employee records and Client records will be kept in the office per record keeping policy.
- Admissions and Discharge of clients will be completed per policy
- All Cases will be overseen and assessed by a Registered Nurse and spot checks of caregivers will be made.
- All staff will be screened, undergo background check and reference checks, they will be on boarded and be required to do numerous mandatory in-servicing throughout their employment with CAH.
- Care at Home will provide 1% of the net client revenue earned to assist qualifying clients who are unable to pay for some or all of their services. - See Uncompensated Policy
- All Staff will adhere to CAH handbook and policy and procedures. Our office will be open for business hours Monday - Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM however there will be 24 hour on-call coverage during off office hours. (24 hours a day 7 days a week coverage)

Public comment, neither in opposition nor in favor of the application, was made by Nicholas Oliver, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Partnerships for Home Care. Mr. Oliver noted there are currently three home health agencies providing services in the Westerly area and encouraged the Council to confer with data from the 2015 Statewide Health Inventory prior to making decisions on adding services in the Westerly area.

Public comment in favor of the application was made by Bob Haigh. Mr. Haigh stated there is a desperate need for home care services in the Westerly area.

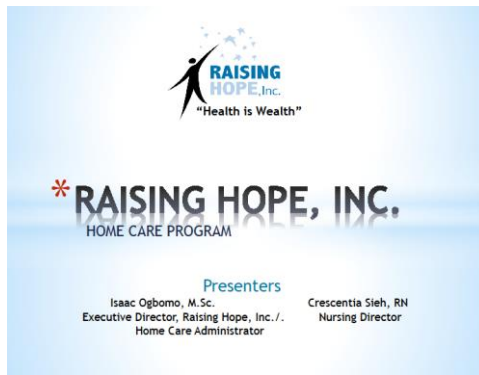
A motion was made by Dr. Matrone, seconded by Mr. Donahue and Mr. Sepe and approved by a vote of six in favor and one opposed (6-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe. Those members in opposition included: Mr. Barry.

Mr. Barry stated that moving forward the Council will need more information regarding existing home care services in the area to prevent over-saturation of services in one geographic location.

The next item on agenda was the application of **Raising Hope, Inc.** for a Certificate of Need to establish a Home Care Provider located in Providence.

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





Public Comment, neither in opposition nor in favor to the application, was made by Nicholas Oliver, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Partnerships for Home Care. Mr. Oliver noted there are currently two home health agencies providing similar services to the proposed service population of the applicant and encouraged the Council to confer with data from the 2015 Statewide Health Inventory prior to making decisions on adding services to the state.

Members of the Council requested that the state provide data from the 2015 Statewide Health Inventory regarding existing services available to that particular service population in the Providence and Cranston areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Barry to table any action on the application until the requested information was received, seconded by Mr. Coia and Mr. Donahue and approved by a vote of seven in favor, and none opposed (7-0). Those members voting in favor included: Ms. Almeida, Mr. Barry, Mr. Coia, Mr. Donahue, Dr. Matrone, Mr. Racca and Mr. Sepe.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 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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