

## **Minutes of Meeting**

### **Landmark Medical Center Work Group**

**DATE: 20 March 2008      TIME: 7:30 AM**

**LOCATION: Conference Room 401**

**Department of Health**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Members: Present: David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, (Chair), Margaret Coughlin, Thomas R. Miller, PhD, MBA, Maria Montanaro, MSW, Harold A. Pickens, MD, MPH, Greigstone Yearwood, MD**

**Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Fernanda da Costa, MPH, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.**

**Public: (Attached)**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have**

**a conflict. The Chair requested and the motion was passed for the extension of the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings beyond the provided for time frame.**

## **2. General Order of Business**

**The Chair passed out and reviewed the charge to the members of the work group. The minimum regulatory volume requirements of 400 for angioplasty and of 500 for open-heart surgery program were noted. There was discussion regarding the scope of the review by the work group.**

**A member raised questions regarding the impact of cardiac surgery closure at Landmark Medical Center (LMC) on the care of Rhode Islanders. Mr. Gaube, President of LMC, noted the financial and volume aspects facing the cardiac surgery program. Mr. Goulet, legal counsel to LMC, noted that the program would operate at a break-even point at 150-200 procedures (based on the business model provided in the Certificate of Need application). Another member asked about impacts of the closure of cardiac surgery on other cost centers of the hospital, specifically on the PCI cost center. Mr. Charest, CEO of LMC, stated that the expenses of the cardiac surgery program do not impact angioplasty program.**

**There was discussion regarding the current ACC/AHA Guidelines that**

**recommend having onsite cardiac backup for an angioplasty program. There was discussion regarding any regulatory review requirements that may be related to the advice of the work group.**

**A member noted that a trend analysis of the ratio of caths, PCIs, and open-heart surgeries would be of interest.**

**Mr. Gaube requested that Dr. Samuel Shubrooks of LMC be permitted to present at the next meeting. The Chair approved this request.**

**The Chair requested that members provide him with recommendations for additional data requests to be submitted to LMC.**

**The next meeting was scheduled for 3 April 2008 at 7:30 AM at the Department of Health.**

**There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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