

Planning Commission Meeting
January 10, 2013
Verbatim Excerpt

RZ/FDP 2012-SU-010 – NORTHERN VIRGINIA HEALTH INVESTORS, LLC

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on December 5, 2012)

Chairman Murphy: All right, we'll do Commission business. Mr. Litzenberger, please.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a decision only tonight.

Chairman Murphy: Mic.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Sorry, I have a decision only tonight on a health care facility. Would Ms. Strobel please come down? What happened with this is that it was deferred to tonight due to a number of issues. And the main issue was the Health Care Advisory Board asking for a number of proffers, some of which we can do – some of which we can't. I'm going to ask Lynne Strobel a few questions here. Does your applicant, Northern Virginia Health Care Investors, agree to a proffer to strive to attain three stars in this facility?

Lynne Strobel, Esquire, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC: Yes, and that is included in the current set of proffers.

Commissioner Litzenberger: All right. And secondly, I understand you have two other facilities in Virginia. Could you describe those to me?

Ms. Strobel: I would be happy to. If I could, what I would like to do – if I may – is turn it to a representative of the applicant.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Okay.

Ms. Strobel: I think that she can talk about – I think you're referring to a couple of facilities that have been in long-term ownership and operation by the applicant. And I think she can address that.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Okay, one last question before she comes up.

Ms. Strobel: Yes.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Now I understand that the facility in Fairfax City that the Health Care Advisory Board was concerned about really isn't under our jurisdiction and that we cannot really link the two facilities. Consequently, as I understand it, your applicant did not – did not build that facility. They recently purchased it from another health company, is that correct?

Ms. Strobel: That is correct.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Okay. I guess your speaker can address that also. Thank you.

Ms. Strobel: Thank you.

Wendy Walter, Regional Director of Operations, Commonwealth Care of Roanoke: Good evening.

Chairman Murphy: Could you identify yourself for the record? And I presume that your name is on the affidavit?

Jonathan Puvak, Esquire, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, PC: Yes.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you very much.

Ms. Walter: My name is Wendy Walter. I'm the Regional Director of Operations for CCR.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you very much; Mr. Litzenberger.

Commissioner Litzenberger: I have a question that – where are the two other facilities in Virginia that your company manages?

Ms. Walter: We actually manage 12 facilities located throughout the Commonwealth that have been under our operation for various timeframes. Our two most long-standing operating facilities are south of the Roanoke area. We have one in Radford and then one just outside of Roanoke. And it's called the Woodlands near Clifton Forge.

Commissioner Litzenberger: And both of those, I believe, received four-star ratings? Is that correct? From the Medicare inspection?

Ms. Walter: Yes.

Commissioner Litzenberger: And would your – would your company agree to use the same type of management structure at this new facility as in those four-star facilities?

Ms. Walter: Yes sir.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Okay, thank you very much. That's my last question.

Ms. Walter: Your welcome.

Chairman Murphy: Thank you.

Commissioner Litzenberger: With that, Mr. Chairman. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TONIGHT THAT WE DEFER THE DECISION ONLY (FURTHER) ON RZ/FDP 2012-SU-010 TO A DATE CERTAIN OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to defer decision only on RZ/FDP 2012-SU-010 to a date certain of February 7, with the record remaining open for comments, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Commissioner Hedetniemi: Abstain.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you very much.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 11-0-1 with Commissioner Hedetniemi abstaining.)

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