



**Technology & Equipment Committee - Draft
Minutes**

September 16, 2015

10:00 am – 12 Noon

Brown Building, Room 104, Raleigh, N.C.

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| Members Present: Dr. Christopher Ullrich, Trey Adams, Kelly Hollis, Dr. Jeffrey Moore, Dr. Prashant Patel |
| Members Absent: Dr. Richard Akers, Senator Ralph Hise |
| Healthcare Planning Staff: Shelley Carraway, Paige Bennett, Elizabeth Brown, Amy Craddock, Tom Dickson |
| DHSR Staff Present: Drexdal Pratt, Martha Frisone, Gloria Hale, Fatima Wilson, |
| Attorney General’s Office: Jill Bryan |

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| Welcome & Introductions | <p>Dr. Ullrich welcomed members, staff and guests to the third and final Technology and Equipment Committee meeting scheduled for this year</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich stated the purpose of this meeting was to review petitions and comments received in response to the <i>Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan</i>. He stated the Committee would also review updated tables, reflecting changes since the <i>Proposed Plan</i> was published, in order to make the Committee’s recommendation to the State Health Coordinating Council for the <i>Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan</i>. Dr. Ullrich noted this meeting was open to the public. However, discussions, deliberations and recommendations are limited to the members of the Technology and Equipment Committee.</p> <p>He noted following the meeting, the Committee’s recommendations would be forwarded to the State Health Coordinating Council for consideration at the October 7, 2015 meeting.</p> | | |

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| Review of Executive Order No. 46: Reauthorizing the State Health Coordinating Council | Dr. Ullrich reviewed Executive Order No. 46: Reauthorizing the State Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Ullrich inquired if anyone had a conflict or needed to declare that they would derive a benefit from any matter on the agenda or intended to recuse themselves from voting on the matter. Mr. Adams recused from voting on the Harnett County petition, and Dr. Ullrich recused from voting on the Lincoln County petition. No other members recused from voting on any matter coming before the committee at the meeting. Dr. Ullrich asked members to declare conflicts as agenda items came up. | | |
| Approval of minutes from May 13, 2015 | A motion was made to approve the minutes. | Mr. Adams Ms. Hollis | Minutes approved |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) | <p>Ms. Bennett stated there were two general comments made about the MRI section of the SMFP.</p> <p>No comments were received regarding the first petition;</p> <p><u>Request:</u> Carolinas HealthCare System (CHS) requested the need for an additional fixed MRI scanner in Lincoln County be removed from the <i>North Carolina Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i>.</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended approving the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to approve the petition. The committee voted to approve the petition.</p> | | All in favor Dr. Ullrich recused from voting. |

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| | <p><u>Request:</u> Raleigh Radiology requests an adjusted need determination for one fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner in Wake County in the <i>North Carolina 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i>.</p> <p>This petition received two letters of support and two letters of opposition.</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended approving the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to approve the petition. The committee voted to approve the petition.</p> <p><u>Request:</u> J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital (Doshier), requests an adjusted need determination for one fixed MRI replacement scanner in Brunswick County; The applicant for the Brunswick Fixed MRI must be a licensed North Carolina acute care hospital with 24/7 emergency coverage that does not have current ownership of an MRI at the time the certificate of need application is filed. For purposes of the Special Need in Brunswick County, the Tiered Planning Threshold for a hospital replacement scanner is 1,716.</p> <p>This petition received 45 letters of support and one letter of opposition.</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended approving the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to approve the petition. The committee voted to approve the petition for an adjusted need determination with the following qualifying language for <i>Table 9R: Fixed MRI Scanner Need</i>:</p> <p><i>In response to a petition, the State Health Coordinating Council</i></p> | | <p>Motion approved</p> <p>Motion approved</p> |

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| | <p><i>approved the adjusted need determination for one additional fixed MRI scanner for Brunswick County. Applicants must be a licensed North Carolina acute care hospital with emergency care coverage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Due to the unique factors that impact access and value, the MRI scanner shall have a threshold capacity of 1,716 annual MRI procedures.</i></p> <p><u>Data Updates to Table 9P and Table 9R</u> Ms. Bennett noted there were updates to data in Cabarrus and Guilford Counties, which are seen in Table 9P. There is now a need determination in Guildford County shown in Table 9R.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made to forward the MRI section to the full SHCC.</p> | Dr. Moore Mr. Adams | Motion approved |
| Cardiac Catheterization: | <p>Ms. Bennett stated the agency received two petitions regarding the Cardiac Catheterization section of Chapter 9.</p> <p><u>Request:</u> Rex Healthcare (Rex) respectfully petitions the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) to create an adjusted need determination for one additional unit of fixed cardiac catheterization equipment in Wake County in the <i>North Carolina 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i>.</p> <p>One letter of support and two letters of opposition were received.</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended approving the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to approve the petition. The committee voted on the petition with results to 2-2, Dr. Ullrich abstained from voting. The</p> | | Motion died |

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| | <p>motion died.</p> <p><u>Request:</u> Harnett Health requests an adjusted need determination for one unit of shared fixed cardiac catheterization equipment for Harnett County for the <i>North Carolina 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan</i> (SMFP).</p> <p>Nine letters of support were received.</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended approving the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to approve the petition. The committee voted to approve the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich entertained a motion to forward the Cardiac Catheterization section to the full SHCC.</p> | <p>Dr. Patel Mr. Adams</p> | <p>Motion approved (Mr. Adams recused from voting)</p> <p>Motion approved</p> |
| <p>Positron Emission Tomography (PET)</p> | <p>Ms. Bennett stated the agency received one petition submission for changes to the Policy TE-1:</p> <p><u>Request:</u> Petition for an Adjusted Need Determination for No Conversions of Fixed PET Scanners to Mobile PET Scanners in the 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan pursuant to Policy TE-1. Two comments were received in opposition to the petition</p> <p>The Agency Report was summarized by Ms. Bennett. The agency recommended denying the petition.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich made a motion to deny the petition. The committee voted to deny the petition.</p> | | <p>Motion approved</p> |

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| | <p><u>Policy TE-1 Update</u> Presentation of update by Ms. Martha Frisone</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made to forward the PET section to the full SHCC.</p> | <p>Dr. Moore Dr. Patel</p> | <p>Motion approved</p> |
| <p>Linear Accelerator</p> | <p>Ms. Bennett stated no petitions were received, but one comment was received regarding the Linear Accelerator section.</p> <p><u>The Prostate Health Center Demonstration Project</u> Ms. Bennett provided an update on the demonstration project. History: In 2009, SMFP there was a statewide need determination for one dedicated linear accelerator that shall be part of a demonstration project for a model multidisciplinary prostate health center focused on the treatment of prostate cancer particularly in African American men. The CON was awarded to The Prostate Health Center in Wake County. The CON was issued 2/23/11 and the project was complete 5/1/13. The applicant, as one of the conditions on the CON, is to provide annual reports for the first three years that includes data the number of patients treated, the number of African Americans treated, the number of other minorities treated, the number of insured, underinsured and uninsured patients served by payment category.</p> <p>The 2013 report should have been presented last year; it was an oversight to have left it off the agenda.</p> <p>2013 227 Total; 83 AA; 8 other minority; 206 insured; 46 underinsured; 3 uninsured.</p> <p>2014 339 Total; 95 AA; 19 other minatory; 306 insured; 18 underinsured; 15 uninsured;</p> | | |

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| | <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich entertained a motion forward the Linear Accelerator section to the full SHCC.</p> | Dr. Patel Mr. Adams | Motion approved |
| Lithotripsy | <p>Ms. Bennett reported that there were no petitions or comments received regarding the lithotripsy section of the Proposed 2016 SMFP. There were no substantive changes and the standard methodology continues to show no need for additional lithotripters anywhere in the State.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich entertained a motion and a vote was taken to forward the Lithotripsy section to the full SHCC.</p> | Mr. Adams Dr. Patel | Motion approved |
| Gamma Knife | <p>Ms. Bennett reported that there were no petitions or comments received regarding the Gamma Knife section of the Proposed 2016 SMFP. There were no substantive changes and the standard methodology continues to show no need for additional gamma knife equipment anywhere in the State.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> Dr. Ullrich entertained a motion and a vote was taken to forward the Gamma Knife section to the full SHCC.</p> | Dr. Moore Mr. Adams | Motion approved |
| Other Business | <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made and seconded to forward committee recommendations to the October 7th SHCC regarding Chapter 9 data and need determinations with the understanding that staff would continue to make necessary updates to narratives, tables and need determinations.</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich asked if there was any old business, concerns or comments.</p> <p>Mr. Adams asked that the Committee continue to work with staff with the MRI</p> | Dr. Patel Mr. Adams | Motion approved |

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| | <p>policy. Mr. Adams stated he would like to see all the small and new hospitals be provided with a MRI.</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich expressed his appreciation to staff for all the work. Dr. Ullrich stated the staff has done a lot of background work over time and they put an incredible amount of personal commitment this year to make things right. Dr. Ullrich stated her personally wanted to give them a round of applause.</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Drexdal Pratt. Dr. Ullrich stated Mr. Pratt has been an incredible mentor and counselor to work with dealing with the entire SHCC process. Dr. Ullrich asked for it to be on record that he was personally very appreciated of all Dr. Pratt has done.</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich reminded all members of the October 7, 2015, SHCC meeting.</p> | | |
| Adjournment | There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. | | |