



**Technology & Equipment Committee - DRAFT**  
**Minutes**

September 13, 2023  
 10:00 am – 12 Noon  
 WebEx

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Dr. Lyndon Jordan III (Chair), Dr. Satish Mathan, Ms. Kelli Collins, Dr. Pamela Oliver, Hon. Barbara McKoy, Dr. Sandra Greene ( <i>ex officio</i> )
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Mr. Mark Werner
<b>Healthcare Planning Staff:</b> Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Ms. Elizabeth Brown Dr. Bradford James, Ms. Denise Lee, Ms. Kimberly Torres
<b>DHSR Staff Present:</b> Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Ms. Lisa Pittman, Mr. Mike McKillip
<b>Attorney General’s Office:</b> Special Deputy AG Derek Hunter

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<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p>Dr. Lyndon Jordan welcomed members, staff, and the public to the third Technology &amp; Equipment Committee meeting of 2023.</p> <p>This meeting was held remotely via WebEx. Dr. Jordan explained that the meeting was open to the public, but discussions, deliberations and recommendations would be limited to members of the Committee and staff. Dr. Jordan stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the agency reports, data tables and need determinations Chapter 15 for the final 2024 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) and to vote on a recommendation to the SHCC. Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.</p>			
<b>Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 187</b>	<p>Dr. Jordan reviewed Executive Orders 46 and 187 and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.</p>			
	<p>Dr. Jordan announced that due to the requirement that all votes be done by roll call, recommendations would not be made separately for each section of the chapter. Rather, in the interest of time, there would be one vote once all reviews are complete. At that time, anyone could move to extract a specific section for separate consideration.</p>			
	<p><b><u>Recusal</u></b>            Dr. Jordan recused himself from the Carteret petition.</p>			

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<b>Approval of May 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 17, 2023 minutes.	Oliver Mathan	Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None	Motion Approved
<b>Cardiac Catheterization Equipment</b>	The Agency received no petitions or comments for cardiac catheterization.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the Cardiac Catheterization section of Chapter 15.			
<b>Gamma Knives</b>	The Agency received no petitions or comments for gamma knife.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the Gamma Knife section of Chapter 15.			
<b>Linear Accelerators</b>	Dr. James reviewed the Agency Report for the petition the Agency received regarding linear accelerators.  <b>Petitioner:</b> FirstHealth of the Carolinas requested a need determination for one additional linear accelerator in Service Area 17 in the 2024 SMFP. The Agency recommended approval of the petition.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the LINAC section of Chapter 15.	Mathan Oliver	Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None	Motion Approved
<b>Lithotriptors</b>	Dr. James reviewed the Agency Report for the petition the Agency received regarding lithotripsy.  <b>Petition:</b> Piedmont Stone Center, The Stone Institute of the Carolinas, and HealthTronics requested removal of the need determination for two lithotripters from the 2024 SMFP. The Agency recommended denial of the petition.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the Lithotripsy section of Chapter 15.	Oliver Collins	Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None	Motion Approved
<b>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanners</b>	Dr. James reviewed the Agency Report for the petition the Agency received regarding MRIs.  <b>Petition:</b> Appalachian Regional Healthcare System (ARHS) requested an adjusted need determination for the conversion of an approved or existing fixed MRI scanner in Watauga County to a mobile MRI scanner	Collins Oliver	Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None	Motion Approved

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	<p>in the proposed 2024 SMFP. The Agency recommended approval of the petition.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the MRI section of Chapter 15.</p>			
<p><b>Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners</b></p>	<p>Dr. James reviewed the Agency Report for the petition the Agency received regarding PET scanners.</p> <p><b>Petitioner:</b> Carteret Health Care (“CHC”) requested an adjusted need determination in the 2024 SMFP for one additional fixed PET Scanner that would function in a dual role as a linear accelerator simulator, to be designated for a licensed acute care hospital in Carteret County in Health Service Area VI. CHC also requested an adjustment in the performance standard for the third year of operation from 2,080 PET scans to 1,040 scans. The Agency recommended denial of the petition.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Dr. James provided a review of the data regarding the PET section of Chapter 15.</p>	<p>Mathan Oliver</p>	<p>Ayes: Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None Recusal: Jordan</p>	<p>Motion Approved</p>
<p><b>Recommendation to SHCC for Chapter 15</b></p>	<p>Dr. Jordan requested a motion to recommend approval of the draft data and need determinations and to forward that recommendation to the SHCC. This motion included the understanding that staff will continue to update data and make necessary corrections and changes. Recommendations pertaining to all sections will be forwarded to the SHCC for action at the October 4th meeting.</p>	<p>Oliver Collins</p>	<p>Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, Mckoy, Oliver Nays: None</p>	<p>Motion Approved</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>Dr. Jordan reminded everyone that the SHCC would next meet on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in person on the Dorothea Dix Campus in Room 104 of the Brown Building</p>			
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>There being no further business, Dr. Jordan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p>	<p>Collins McKoy</p>	<p>Ayes: Jordan, Collins, Mathan, McKoy, Oliver Nays: None</p>	<p>Motion Approved</p>