



Acute Care Services Committee Minutes

May 6, 2009

10:00 am – 12 Noon

The Jane S. McKimmon Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Tarwater; Bill Bedsole; Greg Beier; Dr. Don Bradley; Dr. Dana Copeland; Dr. Lawrence Cutchin; Dr. Sandra Greene; Daniel Hoffmann; Jack Nichols; Dr. Zane Walsh (via phone); Dr. Dan Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEDICAL FACILITIES PLANNING SECTION STAFF PRESENT: Victoria McClanahan; Floyd Cogley; Kelli Fisk

DHSR STAFF PRESENT: Lee Hoffman

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT: Marc Lodge

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Mr. Tarwater welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Mr. Tarwater noted that the meeting was open to the public but was not a Public Hearing; therefore, discussion was limited to members of the Committee and staff, unless a Committee member addressed someone in the audience.		
Review of Executive Order No. 10: Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council	Mr. Tarwater reviewed Executive Order No. 10, "Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council". He then read the "Guide to Executive Order Number 10" and asked all members to state as they introduced themselves, if they would be recusing themselves from any items on today's agenda.		
Introductions: Recusals	All members introduced themselves, identified their workplace and their position on the Council and addressed if they or any member of their family would derive a financial benefit from any item on today's agenda. No member affirmed that he or she or any member of their family would derive a financial benefit from any item on today's agenda and no member recused himself or herself from any item on today's agenda.		
Approval of minutes from the April 8, 2009 Meeting	Motion to approve the minutes.	Dr. Copeland Dr. Bradley	Minutes approved
Review of Draft Acute Care Bed Need Projections	Victoria McClanahan reviewed the draft Acute Care Bed Need Projections, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2009 Mecklenburg County need determination for 30 beds was reduced to 20 beds as a result of Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville meeting a condition of their 1999 CON that allowed the hospital to convert 10 observation beds to licensed acute care beds. 		

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three year average growth rate used to project acute care bed need for the 2010 Plan is .02%. • Eighteen hospitals had a 5% or greater discrepancy between their Thomson Reuters days and their Licensure days. • Application of the standard methodology showed need for 36 additional beds in Orange County. <p>Discussion: Dr. Greene noted that the acute care data is improving over time. She noted that recent Proposed Plans are no longer showing need for acute care beds due to incorrect data.</p>		
Acute Care Bed Need Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Motion to accept the Acute Care Bed Data and Need Projections, with the understanding that staff will make necessary corrections and updates.	Dr. Bradley Dr. Greene	Motion unanimously approved
Review of Draft Operating Room Data and Need Projections	<p>Ms. McClanahan reviewed the draft Operating Room Data and Need Projections, noting that application of the standard methodology showed need for 3 additional ORs in Wake County and 1 additional OR in Watauga County.</p> <p>Discussion: Committee discussed criteria used to identify underutilized surgical facilities. Concern expressed that allowing facilities a startup period corresponding to submission of 2 license renewal applications may not be a long enough period, particularly if the first submission occurs soon after the facility opens. Suggestion that the startup period be extended to 3 years of operation or 3 license renewal applications or another appropriate longer time period.</p>		Ms. McClanahan to model a 3 year or other appropriate longer startup period to use when identifying underutilized surgical facilities.
Operating Room Need Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Motion to accept the Operating Room Data and Need Projections, with the understanding that staff will make necessary corrections and updates.	Dr. Bradley Mr. Beier	Motion unanimously approved
Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Workgroup Demonstration Project Update	<p>Dr. Cutchin reviewed the Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Demonstration Project. Discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed giving priority to facilities owned wholly or in part by physicians. • Time limited CONs problematic because CONs would expire regardless of facilities' performance. • Suggestion to condition the demonstration project CONs such that if a CON holder does not meet the indigent care requirements, the CON holder must pay Medicaid or some other entity. The Agency responded that the Agency does not have authority to require a noncompliant CON holder to make such a payment. Committee may want to consider requesting legislative changes some time in the future to strengthen enforcement. • Suggestion to require demonstration project facility MDs to provide on call for at least one hospital and provide call data. Consensus was to add these two items to the demonstration project criteria. • Suggestion to apply the same criteria applied to the original demonstration 		<p>Ms. McClanahan to modify demonstration project criteria as recommended by the Committee.</p> <p>Ms. McClanahan to make a note in the Proposed 2010 Plan asking for comments on the demonstration project.</p>

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
	<p>project facilities to any new facilities if the SHCC decides to expand the demonstration project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed how to address non-compliance with conditions of demonstration project certificates of need. Consensus was that the best way to address non-compliance was through the judicial process. 		
Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Workgroup Demonstration Project Recommendations	Motion to submit to the SHCC the Single Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Workgroup Demonstration Project recommendations, as modified today.	Dr. Cutchin Dr. Bradley	Motion unanimously approved
Review of Other Acute Care Services Data and Need Recommendations	Ms. McClanahan reviewed the draft open heart surgery and heart lung by-pass machines, draft burn intensive care services data and need projections, draft transplantation services data and need projections and other acute care services projections.		
Other Acute Care Services Need Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Motion to accept the Other Acute Care Services Data and Need Projections, with the understanding that staff will make necessary corrections and updates.	Dr. Greene Dr. Cutchin	Motion unanimously approved
Inpatient Rehabilitation Services Need Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Ms. McClanahan reviewed the draft Inpatient Rehabilitation Services bed data and need recommendations.		
Inpatient Rehabilitation Services Need Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Motion to accept the Inpatient Rehabilitation Services need projections, with the understanding that staff will make necessary corrections and updates	Dr. Bradley Dr. Copeland	Motion unanimously approved
Recommendations to the Council for the Proposed 2010 Plan	Dr. Bradley made a motion to forward to the Council all of today's recommendations for the Proposed 2010 plan.	Dr. Bradley Dr. Cutchin	Motion unanimously approved
Other Business	There was no other business		
Adjournment	Mr. Tarwater adjourned the meeting.		