



**State Health Coordinating Council Minutes - *DRAFT***

**September 2, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**

**Brown Building Room 104, Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Healthcare Planning & Certificate of Need Section**

**Members Present :** Dr. Christopher Ullrich; Trey Adams; Dr. Richard Akers; Christina Apperson; Don Beaver; Peter Brunnick; Stephen DeBiasi; Dr. Mark Ellis; Dr. Sandra Greene; Kurt Jakusz; Kelly Hollis; Kenneth Lewis; Stephen Lawler; Denise Michaud; Dr. Jeffrey Moore; Dr. Jaylan Parikh; Dr. Prashant Patel; Dr. T.J. Pulliam; Jim Burgin

**Members Absent :** Senator Ralph Hise; Representative Donny Lambeth; Dr. Robert McBride; Gloria Whisenhunt

**Healthcare Planning Staff Present:** Shelley Carraway; Paige Bennett; Elizabeth Brown; Amy Craddock; Tom Dickson; Kelli Fisk

**DHSR Staff Present:** Martha Frisone; Gloria Hale; Lisa Pittman; Fatima Wilson

**Attorney General’s Office:** Bethany Burgon; Derek Hunter

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<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	Dr. Ullrich welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the third meeting of the planning cycle for the <i>N.C. 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan</i> . He acknowledged this meeting was open to the public but was not a public hearing. Dr. Ullrich stated that the focus of the meeting was an overview of the public hearings and statements from each committee chair on petitions and comments received during the public hearings.		
<b>Introductions</b>	Dr. Ullrich asked the council members and staff for a brief introduction.		
<b>Review of Executive Order No. 46 Reauthorizing the State Health Coordinating Council</b>	Dr. Ullrich gave an overview of the procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting, as outlined in Executive Order 46. Dr. Ullrich inquired if any member had a conflict of interest, needed to declare if they were deriving a financial benefit from any agenda matter, or if any members intended to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item. Dr. Ullrich asked members to declare conflicts as agenda items came up.  There were no recusals.		

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<b>Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2015</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 3, 2015.	Dr. Moore Dr. Greene	Motion approved
<b>Overview of Public Hearings</b>	<p>Ms. Carraway gave a brief overview of the public hearings that took place in July. Ms. Carraway stated there were six public hearings across the state. Each were attended by various staff of the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 7, 2015, Wilmington, New Hanover Regional Medical Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 SHCC members attended; Mr. Lawler presided</li> <li>○ 13 members of the public attended; 4 speakers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July 10, 2015, Greensboro, The Women’s Hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 SHCC members attended; Ms. Michaud presided</li> <li>○ 13 members of the public attended; 5 speakers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July 14, 2015, Asheville, Mountain Area Health Education Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 SHCC members attended; Dr. Pulliam presided</li> <li>○ 15 members of the public attended; 6 speakers presented</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July 17, 2015, Concord, Carolinas Medical Center - NorthEast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 SHCC members attended; Dr. Ullrich presided</li> <li>○ 13 members of the public attended; 5 speakers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July 22, 2015, Greenville, Pitt County Office Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5 SHCC members attended; Mr. Adams presided</li> <li>○ 13 members of the public attended; 5 speakers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• July 29, 2015, Dorothea Dix Campus, Brown Building, Raleigh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 SHCC members attended; Dr. Greene presided</li> <li>○ 36 members of the public attended; 8 speakers presented</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Overall 15 out of 23 SHCC members were able to attend at least one public hearing.</p>		

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<p><b>Acute Care Services Committee Statement of Petitions and Comments</b></p>	<p>Dr. Greene provided a brief summary of the petitions and comments the Acute Care Committee received.</p> <p>The following was a brief rundown of the petitions and comments received during the public hearings in July 2015, and the comments received by the August 14 deadline.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5, ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BEDS:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6, OPERATING ROOMS:</b> Three petitions were received for operating rooms.</p> <p>The first petition received was from Blue Ridge Bone and Joint. This facility submitted a petition requesting a demonstration project for a single specialty, two operating room, ambulatory surgical facility in Buncombe, Madison, and Yancey Counties. Dr. Greene reported three comments were received on this petition.</p> <p>The second petition received was from Knowles, Smith and Associates (doing business as Village Family Dental). This was a petition requesting one operating room in Cumberland County to be included in a demonstration dental-only ambulatory surgical center. Dr. Greene reported ten comments were received on this petition.</p> <p><i>Correction: Eight comments, including two by the petitioner, were submitted. Five comments were in support, and one was opposed. Three letters of support were received.</i></p> <p>The third petition was received from Triangle Implant Center. This was a petition requesting one operating room in Wake County to be included in a demonstration dental-only ambulatory surgical center. Dr. Greene reported thirteen comments and 26 letters of support were received regarding this petition.</p> <p><i>Correction: Twelve comments, including two by the petitioner, were submitted. Seven comments were in opposition, two were in support, and one was neutral. There were 26 letters of support submitted.</i></p>		

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	<p><b>CHAPTER 7, OTHER ACUTE CARE SERVICES:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 8, INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p>Dr. Greene stated the Acute Care Services Committee would meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. The committee will review and discuss several petitions for adjusted need determinations at this meeting. Materials related to this report will be posted online on the Healthcare Planning website</p> <p>Dr. Greene stated the committee will provide recommendations to the State Health Coordination Council in preparation for the <i>Proposed 2016 SMFP</i> at the October 7, 2015 meeting.</p>		
<p><b>Long-Term &amp; Behavioral Health Committee Statement of Petitions and Comments</b></p>	<p>Mr. Kurt Jakusz provided a brief summary of the petitions and comments the Long-Term &amp; Behavioral Health Committee received.</p> <p>The following was a brief rundown of the petitions and comments received during the public hearings in July 2015, and the comments received by the August 14 deadline.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 10, NURSING CARE FACILITIES:</b> One petition related to nursing home beds was received. LifeCare Hospitals of North Carolina requested an adjusted need determination for 40 nursing home beds available to patients in the following categories of conditions/needs: ventilator-dependency; tracheostomies; tracheostomies with bi-level positive airway pressure; bariatric status with tracheostomies; bariatric status over 300 pounds; IV antibiotics administered more than once daily; total parenteral nutrition; complex wounds; dialysis; ventilator dependency and/or tracheostomies combined with dialysis in Nash County. Mr. Jakusz reported seventy letters of support were received.</p> <p><i>Correction: Sixteen letters of support and six comments in support, including two by the petitioner, were submitted.</i></p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 11, ADULT CARE HOMES:</b> One petition related to adult care homes was received. Mr. Alvin B. Harmon requested a special need adjustment to the <i>Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan</i> for a midsized</p>		

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	<p>Adult Care Home Facility in Halifax County, specifically Enfield, North Carolina. Mr. Jakusz reported eleven letters of support were received.</p> <p><i>Correction: No comments were submitted.</i></p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 12, HOME HEALTH SERVICES:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 13, HOSPICE SERVICES:</b> One petition related to hospice services was received. Hospice of Davidson County requested an adjusted need determination for four hospice inpatient beds in Davidson County. No comments were received and 48 letters of support were submitted.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 14, END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE DIALYSIS FACILITIES:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 15, PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT SERVICES:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>FOR CHAPTER 16, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>REGARDING CHAPTER 17, ICF/IID:</b> No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p>Mr. Jakusz stated the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee will meet on September 4, 2015. The committee will review and discuss several petitions for adjusted need determinations at this meeting. Materials related to this report are posted online on the Healthcare Planning's website.</p> <p>Mr. Jakusz noted the committee would provide recommendations to the State Health Coordination Council in preparation for the <i>Proposed 2016 SMFP</i> at the October 7, 2015 meeting.</p>		

<p><b>Technology and Equipment Committee Statement of Petitions and Comments</b></p>	<p>Dr. Ullrich provided a brief summary of the petitions and comments the Technology and Equipment Committee received.</p> <p>The following was a brief rundown of the petitions and comments received during the public hearings in July 2015.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNER (PET):</b></p> <p>One petition was received from Alliance Healthcare Services. They requested an adjusted need determination for zero conversions through Policy TE-1 of fixed to mobile PET scanners in the <i>North Carolina 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i>. Two comments were received in opposition.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI):</b></p> <p>Three petitions were received on this section. One petition was received from Carolinas HealthCare System requesting the need determination for one fixed MRI Scanner in Lincoln County be removed from the <i>Proposed 2016 SMFP</i>.</p> <p>No comments were received on this petition.</p> <p>The second petition, from J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, requested an adjusted need determination for one fixed MRI scanner in Brunswick County with a lowered tiered planning threshold of 1,716 weighted procedures for applicants.</p> <p>This petition received 45 letters of support and one letter of opposition.</p> <p>The third petition, from Raleigh Radiology, requested an adjusted need determination for one fixed MRI scanner in Wake County.</p> <p>Two letters of support, two letters in opposition, and one comment were received.</p> <p>In addition, two comments were received concerning MRI scanners. The first, related to <i>Policy TE-2: Intraoperative Magnetic Resonance Scanners</i> and requested for consideration the following wording change for clarification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Performed at least 500 <b>intracranial</b> neurosurgical cases during the 12 months immediately preceding submission of the application; and</i></li> </ol>		
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	<p>The second comment was in opposition to using MRI CPT codes for utilization data for planning purposes because it may be unreliable. The commenter requested for consideration the discontinuation of collecting CPT code procedure volumes.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION:</b>  Two petitions were received on this section. The first, from Rex Healthcare, requested an adjusted need determination in Wake County for one fixed cardiac catheterization machine.</p> <p>One letter of support and two letters of opposition were received.</p> <p>The second petition, from Harnett Health, requested an adjusted need determination in Harnett County for one shared fixed cardiac catheterization machine.</p> <p>Nine letters of support were received.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, LITHOTRIPSY:</b>  No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, GAMMA KNIFE:</b>  No petitions or comments were received.</p> <p><b>WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, LINEAR ACCELERATORS:</b>  There was one comment received that included several recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updating ESTVs based on new information from the American College of Radiology;</li> <li>2. Sending a survey to all cancer centers in NC collect data on time associated with each type of case; or</li> <li>3. Convene a discussion group to review all codes and determining time between cases to redefine weighting of cases.</li> </ol> <p>Dr. Ullrich stated the Technology and Equipment Committee will meet next on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The committee will review and discuss several petitions for adjusted need determinations at this meeting. Materials related to this report will be posted online on the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section’s website.</p>		
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	In conclusion, the committee will provide recommendations to the State Health Coordination Council in preparation for the <i>Proposed 2016 SMFP</i> at the October 7, 2015 meeting.		
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Dr. Ullrich reviewed the remaining meetings for 2015;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Term and Behavioral Health Committee, Friday, September 4, 2015</li> <li>• Acute Care Services Committee, Tuesday, September 8, 2015</li> <li>• Technology and Equipment Committee, Wednesday, September 16, 2015</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Ullrich reminded everyone these meeting would be held in the Brown Building in conference room 104, beginning at 10:00 am.</p> <p>The next full SHCC meeting is Wednesday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	Dr. Ullrich asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.		