



Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

Acute Care Services Committee Minutes -DRAFT
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
MS Teams Event

Committee Members Present: Dr. Charul Haugan - Chair, Dr. Mary Braithwaite, Dr. Pam Oliver, Dr. Marcus Plescia, Dr. Siddhartha Rao, Dr. Cheryl Siegel, Dr. Jessie L. Tucker
Committee Members Absent: Mr. Brian Floyd
Non-Committee SHCC Members Present: Dr. Sandra Greene (ex officio, non-voting), Dr. Daniel Murrey
DHSR Healthcare Planning Staff Present: Ms. Lauren Barton, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Ms. Nirali Patel, Ms. Shanta Ricks
Other DHSR Staff Present: Ms. Cynthia Bradford, Ms. Gloria Hale, Ms. Yolanda Jackson, Ms. Crystal Kearney, Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Ms. Chalice Moore, Mr. Greg Yakaboski
Attorney General’s Office Representative(s) Present: Ms. Julie Faenza

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action	Motions	Votes	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome, Introductions & Announcements	Acute Care Services Committee Chair Dr. Charul Haugan welcomed members, staff, and the public to the first Acute Care Services Committee meeting of 2026. Dr. Haugan 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. Haugan stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the policies and methodologies to determine whether changes are needed for the <i>Proposed 2027 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i> and to vote on a recommendation to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.			
Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 331	Dr. Haugan reviewed Executive Orders 46 and 331 and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.			

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Approval of September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 9, 2025, meeting minutes.	Tucker Braithwaite	Ayes: Haugan, Braithwaite, Plescia, Rao, Siegel, Tucker Nays: None Non-voting: Oliver (not yet present)	Motion approved
Acute Care Hospital Beds – Chapter 5	<p>The Agency did not receive petitions or comments pertaining to Chapter 5.</p> <p><u>Policies and Need Methodology Review</u> Ms. Lauren Barton reviewed the general policies in Chapter 4 that apply to all health services. She then reviewed the policies and methodology specific to Chapter 5.</p> <p><u>Preliminary Data Review</u> Ms. Barton presented draft acute care bed need determinations based on preliminary data for the 2025 reporting year. Staff estimated total acute care bed need determinations in the <i>Proposed 2027 SMFP</i> will be similar to pre-pandemic need determinations.</p>			
Operating Rooms– Chapter 6	<p>The Agency did not receive petitions or comments pertaining to Chapter 6.</p> <p><u>Need Methodology Review</u> Ms. Barton reviewed the need methodology for operating rooms. There are no policies specific to this chapter.</p> <p><u>Drafted Table to Track Qualified Urban Ambulatory Surgical Facilities (QUASFs)</u> Ms. Barton presented a draft of the QUASF Inventory and Performance Table to be included in the <i>2027 SMFP</i>. QUASF metrics in the draft table included: County, License Number, QUASF Name, Surgical ORs, CON Adjustments, Total Ambulatory Cases, and Average Ambulatory Case Time (in minutes).</p>			
Other Acute Care Services – Chapter 7	<p>No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 7.</p> <p><u>Policy and Need Methodology Review</u> Ms. Barton reviewed the policy pertaining to this chapter and the need methodologies for Burn Intensive Care Services and Transplantation Services.</p>			

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Inpatient Rehabilitation Services – Chapter 8	No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 8. <u>Need Methodology Review</u> Ms. Barton reviewed the need determination methodology for Chapter 8. There are no policies specific to this chapter.			
End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facilities- Chapter 9	No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 9. <u>Policies and Need Methodologies Review</u> Ms. Elizabeth Brown reviewed the policies and the need methodologies regarding Chapter 9.			
Recommendations to SHCC for Chapters 5 - 9	Dr. Haugan asked the committee if there were any items anyone wanted to extract for a separate vote. A motion was made to extract the drafted table to track QUASFs and revisit it during the committee’s May meeting.	Plescia Tucker	Ayes: Haugan, Braithwaite, Oliver, Plescia, Rao, Tucker Nays: None Non-voting: Siegel (momentarily absent)	Motion approved
	Dr. Haugan requested a motion to recommend approval of the policies and methodologies in Chapters 5-9. Recommendations pertaining to all chapters will be forwarded to the SHCC for action at the June 3 rd meeting.	Braithwaite Plescia	Ayes: Haugan, Braithwaite, Oliver, Plescia, Rao, Siegel, Tucker Nays: None Non-voting: None	Motion approved
Other Business	Dr. Haugan reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Acute Care Services Committee will be held via MS Teams on Tuesday, May 12 th at 10:00 a.m. The next full SHCC meeting will be held on June 3 rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room 01110 at the Department of Health and Human Services building located at 1915 Health and Human Services Way in Raleigh.			
Adjournment	There being no further business, Dr. Haugan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Plescia Tucker	Ayes: Haugan, Braithwaite, Oliver, Plescia, Rao, Siegel, Tucker Nays: None Non-voting: None	Motion approved