



Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

**Acute Care Services Committee Minutes - DRAFT**  
**September 9, 2025**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**MS Teams Event**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Mr. John Young - Chair, Dr. Mary Braithwaite, Mr. Brian Floyd, Dr. Sandra Greene (ex officio – non-voting), Dr. Charul Haugan, Ms. Denise Mihal, Dr. Jessie L. Tucker
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Dr. Sachin Patel
<b>DHSR Healthcare Planning Staff Present:</b> Ms. Lauren Barton, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Ms. Nirali Patel
<b>Other DHSR Staff Present:</b> Ms. Gloria Hale, Ms. Crystal Kearney, Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Ms. Chalice Moore, Ms. Lisa Pittman, Mr. Greg Yakaboski
<b>Attorney General’s Office Representative(s) Present:</b> Ms. Ashley Council, Ms. Julie Faenza, Ms. Farrah Raja

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action	Motions	Votes	Recommendations /Actions
<b>Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</b>	<p>Mr. John Young welcomed members, staff, and the public to the third Acute Care Services Committee meeting of 2025.</p> <p>This meeting was held virtually via MS Teams. Mr. Young explained that the meeting was open to the public, but discussions, deliberations and recommendations would be limited to members of the Committee and staff. Mr. Young stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the agency reports, data tables and need determinations for Chapters 5 – 9 for the final 2026 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) and to vote on a recommendation to the State Health Coordinating Committee (SHCC). Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.</p>			
<b>Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 331</b>	<p>Mr. Young reviewed Executive Orders 46 and 331 and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Young announced that because this is an MS Teams meeting, all votes must be by roll call. There would be votes for each Agency report on petitions. However, in the interest of time, votes on chapter recommendations would not be made separately for each chapter. Rather, there would be one vote after all chapter reviews were completed. At that time, anyone could move to extract a specific section for separate consideration.</p>			

<p><b>Approval of May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 13, 2025 minutes.</p>	<p>Mihal Haugan</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Haugan, Floyd, Mihal <b>Abstain:</b> Young <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>
<p><b>Acute Care Hospital Beds – Chapter 5<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<p>Ms. Lauren Barton summarized the Agency Reports on Petitions regarding acute care beds.</p> <p><b><i>Petitioner 1: Novant Health Pender Medical Center</i></b> The Petitioner requested the removal of the need determination for 605 acute care beds in the Pender service area for the <i>2026 SMFP</i>.</p> <p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended <b>denial</b> of the Petition because the need determination is eliminated when Novant Health Pender Medical Center’s refreshed acute care days of care data are included in the need determination methodology calculations.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Barton reviewed the data regarding Chapter 5.</p>	<p>Floyd Haugan</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Haugan, Floyd <b>Abstain:</b> Young <b>Nays:</b> None <b>Recusal:</b> Mihal</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>
<p><b>Operating Rooms - Chapter 6</b></p>	<p>The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding operating rooms.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Barton reviewed the data regarding operating rooms.</p>			

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Mary Braitwaite and Dr. Jessie Tucker had not yet joined the meeting.



<p><b>Inpatient Rehabilitation Services - Chapter 8</b></p>	<p>The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding inpatient rehabilitation services.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Barton reviewed the data regarding inpatient rehabilitation services.</p>			
<p><b>End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facilities – Chapter 9</b></p>	<p>The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding end-stage renal disease dialysis facilities.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Elizabeth Brown reviewed the data regarding end-stage renal disease dialysis facilities.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendations to SHCC for Chapters 5-9</b></p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the draft data and need determinations for Chapters 5 – 9 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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.</p>	<p>Tucker Braithwaite</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Braithwaite, Floyd, Haugan, Mihal, Tucker <b>Abstain:</b> Young <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p>Mr. Young reminded everyone that the next full SHCC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Greg Poole, Jr. All Faiths Chapel at Dorthea Dix campus at 1030 Richardson Dr. in Raleigh.</p>			
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>There being no further business, Mr. Young called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p>	<p>Tucker Floyd</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Braithwaite, Floyd, Haugan, Mihal, Tucker <b>Abstain:</b> Young <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>