



Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

**Long-term and Behavioral Health Committee Minutes - DRAFT**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM**

**MS Teams Event**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Ms. Valarie Jarvis – Chair, Rep. Carla Cunningham, Dr. Vanessa Ervin, Sen. Michael Garrett, Dr. Sandra Greene (ex officio, non-voting), Mr. Cooper Linton, Mr. Jim Martin, Mr. Timothy Rogers, Ms. Quintana Stewart
<b>DHSR Healthcare Planning Staff Present:</b> Ms. Laura Barton, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Dr. Amy Craddock, Ms. Niral Patel
<b>Other DHSR Staff Present:</b> Ms. Gloria Hale, Ms. Ena Lightbourne, Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Ms. Chalice Moore
<b>Attorney General’s Office Representative(s) Present:</b> Ms. Julie Faenza, Ms. Farrah Raja

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>	<b>Motions</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Actions</b>
<b>Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</b>	<p>Ms. Valarie Jarvis welcomed members, staff and the public to the fourth Long-Term and Behavioral Health (LTBH) Committee meeting of 2025.</p> <p>This meeting was held virtually via MS Teams. Ms. Jarvis explained that the meeting was open to the public, but discussions, deliberations and recommendations would be limited to members of the Committee and staff. Ms. Jarvis stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review and the agency reports, data tables and need determinations for Chapters 10 – 14 for the final 2026 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP), and to vote on a recommendation to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.</p>			
<b>Review of Executive Orders No. 46 Ethical Standards for SHCC and No. 331 Extending the SHCC</b>	<p>Ms. Jarvis reviewed Executive Orders 46 and 331 and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Jarvis announced that due to the requirement that all votes be done by roll call, recommendations would not be made separately for each chapter. Rather, in the interest of time, there would be one vote once all reviews were completed. At that time, anyone could move to extract a specific section for separate consideration.</p>			

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<b>Approval of May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 15, 2025 minutes.	Martin Stewart	<b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Garrett, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None	Motion approved
<b>Nursing Care Facilities – Chapter 10</b>	The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding nursing home facilities.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. Amy Craddock reviewed the data regarding nursing care facility beds.			
<b>Adult Care Homes – Chapter 11</b>	The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding adult care home beds.  <b>Data Review:</b> Dr. Emanuel reviewed the data regarding adult care home beds.			
<b>Home Health Services – Chapter 12</b>	Ms. Elizabeth Brown summarized the Agency Report on a Petition regarding home health services.  <b><i>Petitioner: Home Instead</i></b> The Petitioner requested an adjusted need determination for one Medicare-certified home health agency in Union County in the 2026 SMFP.  <b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended denial of the Petition.	Linton Cunningham	<b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Garrett, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None	Motion approved

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	<p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Brown reviewed the data regarding the home health services.</p>			
<p><b>Hospice Services – Chapter 13</b></p>	<p>Ms. Brown summarized the Agency Report on petitions regarding hospice services.</p> <p><b><i>Petitioners: AMOREM, ANCORA Compassionate Care, and Four Seasons</i></b> The Petitioners requested to remove the need determinations for one hospice home care office in Burke, Haywood, McDowell and Rockingham counties in the <i>2026 SMFP</i>.</p> <p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended denial of the Petition.</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Committee voted to approve one hospice home care need determination in each of the following counties: Haywood, Johnston, and McDowell. The Committee also voted to hold an interested parties meeting or workgroup to review the hospice home care methodology for the development of the <i>2027 SMFP</i>.</p> <p><b><i>Petitioner: VITAS Healthcare Corporation of North Carolina</i></b> The Petitioner requested to remove the need determination for a hospice home care office each in Cumberland County in the <i>2026 SMFP</i>.</p>	<p>Linton Martin</p> <p>Cunningham Stewart</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	<p>Motion approved</p> <p>Motion approved</p>

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	<p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Committee voted to approve the Petition.</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Ms. Brown reviewed the data regarding hospice services.</p>	Rogers Linton	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	Motion approved
<b>Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities - Chapter 14</b>	<p>The Agency received no petitions or comments regarding intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID).</p> <p><b>Data Review:</b> Dr. Andrea Emanuel reviewed the data regarding ICF/IID beds.</p>			
<b>Recommendations to SHCC for Chapters 10-14</b>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the draft data and need determinations for Chapters 10 – 14 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>	Rogers Cunningham	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart <b>Nays:</b> None</p>	Motion approved
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Ms. Jarvis reminded everyone that the next full SHCC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held on the Dorothea Dix campus in Greg Poole, Jr. All Faiths Chapel is located at 1030 Richardson Drive in Raleigh.</p>			
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>There being no further business, Ms. Jarvis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p>	Rogers Stewart	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Cunningham, Ervin, Jarvis, Linton, Martin, Rogers, Stewart</p>	Motion approved

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			Nays: None	