
Facility Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Work Group Report

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To The North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

The SHCC Work Group for Facility Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (FEES) met on May 20, 2010 at the Council Building on the Dorothea Dix Hospital Campus in Raleigh. The Work group membership represents architecture, engineering, academic medical center, hospital systems, community hospitals, and state agency representatives from the Office of Energy in the Department of Commerce; Certificate of Need, Medical Facilities Planning and Construction Sections of the Division of Health Service Regulation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Work Group agreed to the following Objective Statement;

“Develop a policy to address more energy efficient and sustainable building design and construction for certificate of need applicants proposing new or replacement health care facilities.”

The work group discussed achievement of an optimal balance of cost, environment, societal and human benefits that support the mission and function of health care provider facilities. Each member of the work group was asked to apply their experience with health care facility energy and water conservation by assembling such information as the Report to The North Carolina Department of Administration by the Sustainable, Energy Efficient Buildings Advisory Committee, the Whole Building Design Guide by the WBDG Sustainable Committee Report for Health Care Facilities (Hospitals, Outpatient Clinics and Nursing Homes) and other information that will support the work groups efforts.

The work group closed out its first meeting by identifying the following adjectives to guide the development of future energy efficient and sustainable facilities guidelines; apply strategic thinking that advocates rules that are definable, measureable and reproducible, applied in a process that is reasonable and equitable.

I have been in touch with Mr. John Dervin, Policy Advisor to the Governor, in reference to an initial energy policy statement for inclusion in the Proposed 2011 SMFP. Representatives from the Facility Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (FEES) Work Group and representatives from the Division of Health Service Regulation and the Medical Facilities Planning and CON sections are scheduled to meet with Mr. Dervin on June 2 to discussion a preliminary Energy Policy Statement. At this time I, as chairman of the FEES Work Group, request a motion and SHCC approval directing all involved parties to continue their efforts to develop a preliminary energy policy statement for inclusion in the Proposed 2011 SMFP. The approval of this motion will also meet the Governor’s directive that the energy policy have public input and comment as

would be provided by the public hearing process for the Proposed 2011 SMFP which is scheduled to occur at 6 sites across North Carolina from July 16th to August 2nd.

(Alternate approach)

e-mail circulation of the Proposed Energy Policy to the SHCC members polling their approval for inclusion in the Proposed 2011 SMFP and the public hearing process.

The FEES Work Group will meet on the following dates; June 23rd, July 29th, and August 25th.