

Acute Care Services Committee Draft Minutes

April 13, 2011 10:00 – 12 Noon Brown Bldg. Room 104

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Greene, Greg Beier, Bill Bedsole, Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler (via phone), John Young, Dr. Leslie Marshall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Zane Walsh

MFPS Staff Present: Carol Potter, Patrick Baker, Elizabeth Brown, Erin Glendening, Kelli Fisk

DHSR Staff Present: Craig Smith, Martha Frisone

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/
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Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Greene welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting. She noted the meeting was open to the public, but that the meeting did not include a public hearing. Therefore, discussion would be limited to members of the Committee and staff, unless questions were directed specifically to someone in the audience.		
Review of Executive Order No. 10 and 67 Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council	Dr. Greene opened the review of Executive Orders 10 and 67 with a discussion about the potential impact of the ethics standards on Committee members, due to the agenda item about the two petitions dealing with Policy AC-3. Dr. Greene noted that several Committee members were affiliated directly or indirectly with entities affected by Policy AC-3. With the potential that a majority of Committee would recuse themselves from voting on the AC-3-related matters, Dr. Greene suggested that the Committee not take a formal vote regarding the petitions. Instead, the Committee could discuss the petitions, and the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) would determine the outcome of the two Policy AC-3 petitions at its May 25, 2011 meeting. Other Committee members expressed agreement with Dr. Greene's proposal. Dr. Greene continued with the review of Executive Orders 10 and 67, Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Greene explained the procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting. Each member of the Committee commented on his or her professional and institutional interest. There were no recusals, since the Committee planned not to vote on the Policy AC-3 petitions.		
Approval of minutes from the	A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 15, 2010	Mr. Young	Minutes approved
September Meeting	minutes.	Mr. Bedsole	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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Petitions regarding Policy AC-3			
Multiple Petitioners: Modification to Policy AC-3	Dr. Potter reviewed the petitions from Duke University Hospitals, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, University of North Carolina Hospitals, and Pitt County Memorial Hospital which proposes Policy AC-3 be amended such that: (1) the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) would designate an entity as a new Academic Medical Center (AMC) based on a submitted petition; (2) exemptions from need determinations in the State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) would be granted to projects from designated AMC's that meet certain criteria and conditions; (3) projects would be required to demonstrate the need can not be met "in a cost-effective and clinically efficient manner" at another facility that offers the service and is within 20 miles of the AMC; (4) annual utilization reports would be required; and (5) all services and equipment developed from approval of AC-3 projects would not be included in the SMFP inventories and utilization tables.		
Petition: Novant Health, Inc., Repeal or Revise Policy AC-3	Novant Health proposes that the SHCC repeal or revise Policy AC-3 in the 2012 SMFP. Under Novant's proposal, there would be no more AC-3 exemptions from need determinations in the SMFP. Rather a special need petition would be filed by the AMC under conditions and reporting requirements defined in the petition and requests the Department (DHHS) adopt special rules concerning review & award of Academic Project applications. Dr. Potter discussed the Agency's recommendation on AC-3 Policy		
	regarding all petitions filed concerning AC-3, for the SHCC to initiate a workgroup for the next planning cycle to allow adequate discussion & study of all aspects of this issue by SHCC Member's and the Public. Dr. Potter also provided a summary of both AC-3 Petitions in reference to how many comments were for or against each Petition.		
	Dr. Greene noted the NC Hospital Association Board of Trustees has created an Advisory Group, which has been meeting to study issues regarding AC-3. The Advisory Group hopes to have recommendations available to the SHCC by the end of May.		

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Acute Care Hospital Beds – Chapter 5			
Policies and Need Methodology Review (pages 22-25; 46-49 2011 SMFP)	Dr. Potter reviewed the policies and need methodology for Chapter 5.		
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Policies and Methodology Recommendations	A motion was made to approve the policies and methodologies for Chapter 5.	Mr. Beier Dr. Marshall	Motion approved
Operating Rooms – Chapter 6			
Need Methodology Review (pages 64- 69, 2011 SMFP)	Dr. Potter reviewed the policies and need methodology for Chapter 6.		
	Mr. Beier asked for clarification in Table 6A, on page 74 in the 2012 SMFP regarding Duke University Hospital, "(In addition to a CON Adjustment for 4 OR's, Duke University Hospital has a CON for 16 additional OR's under Policy AC-3 and whether these 16 OR's are not counted when determining OR need.)"		
	Mr. Craig Smith and Dr. Potter stated the Agency would review this and report at the next meeting. Due to this pending clarification, further discussion and acceptance of policies and need methodology for Chapter 6 was deferred until the next Committee meeting.		
Pediatric OR Work Group	Dr. Potter gave an overview on the Pediatric Operating Room Work Group. Dr. Potter noted the Sheps Center for their assistance with data.		
	Discussion between Committee members occurred regarding exclusions, mixed-use rooms, procedures involved, continued data review issues and Work Group is aware and considering all possible issues before any recommendations are made to the SHCC.		
Other Acute Care Services - Chapter 7			
Policies and Methodologies Review (pages 24-25; 98-105; 2011 SMFP)	Dr. Potter reviewed the policy and need methodology for Chapter 7.		

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Petition: Duke University Health System, Inc., Change in Heart-Lung Bypass Equipment Methodology	Dr. Potter reviewed the petition from Duke University Health System, Inc. stating, "Duke requests that the need methodologies for open heart surgery services and heart-lung bypass equipment be modified to allow for determinations of need for bypass equipment based on the utilization of such equipment for all procedures including both those defined as open-heart and other procedures." Dr. Potter discussed the Agency's recommendation for the SHCC to initiate a work group for the next planning cycle to develop recommendations regarding what additional utilization data should be incorporated into the need determination methodology for heart-lung bypass machines. Discussion between Committee members took place concerning utilization of this type of equipment as compared to service/need issues, quality control, cost of equipment, safety, and CON. Consideration is if a work group is recommended and approved, focus on issue of what or how to calculate or regulate quantity of open heart procedures /service versus the machine itself and if CON issue is needed concerning the machine via separating the machine versus the service. The Committee did not take action on the petition. At the May 4 th meeting, Mr. Beier and Mr. Young will provide recommended language for the work group charge. The Committee also recommends active comments on this petition during the summer.		Actions
Policy and Need Methodologies Recommendations	A motion was made to approve the policy and methodologies for Chapter 7.	Mr. Beier Dr. Marshall	Motion approved
Inpatient Rehabilitation Services – Chapter 8			
Need Methodology Review (page 112, 2011 SMFP)	Dr. Potter reviewed the need methodology for Chapter 8.		
Need Methodology Recommendations	A motion was made to approve the need methodology for Chapter 8.	Mr. Bedsole Dr. Marshall	Motion approved
Other Business	Dr. Greene stated there was no other business.		
Adjournment	Dr. Greene adjourned the meeting.		