



Medical Facilities Planning

Technology & Equipment Committee Minutes

September 19, 2012

10:00 am

Brown Bldg Room 104

Members Present: Dr. Christopher Ullrich, Dr. Richard Bruch, Dr. Dennis Clements, Mr. Harold Hart, Laurence Hinsdale; Dr. Eric Janis
Members Absent: Mr. Daniel Hoffmann, Dr. John Holt Jr., Dr. Deborah Teasley
MFPB Staff Present: Nadine Pfeiffer, Shelley Carraway, Kelli Fisk
DHSR Staff Present: Craig Smith, Martha Frisone, Cheryl Ouimet
AG's Office: Joel Johnson

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Ullrich welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting and asked members and staff to introduce themselves. He 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. Dr. Ullrich acknowledged a moment of silence in memory of Representative William Wainwright.		
Review of Executive Orders No. 10 and 67.	Dr. Ullrich reviewed Executive Orders No.10 and 67 "Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council". Dr. Ullrich inquired if anyone had a conflict or needed to declare that they would derive a benefit from any matter on the agenda or intended to recuse themselves from voting on the matter. Mr. Ludwig recused from the voting on the Carteret County General Hospital petition. Dr. Janis recused from voting on the Johnston Health petition. Dr. Dennis Clements recused from voting on the Duke University Health System dba Duke Raleigh Hospital petition. No other members recused from voting on any matter coming before the committee at the meeting. Dr. Ullrich asked members to declare conflicts as agenda items came up.		
Approval of minutes from May 9, 2012	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.	Dr. Clements Mr. Ludwig	Minutes approved

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Cardiac Catheterization:	<u>Petitioner: Carteret County General Hospital</u> Requested an adjusted need determination for one shared fixed cardiac catheterization equipment in Carteret County in the 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP). Ms. Carraway reviewed the highlights of the agency report, which recommended approval of the petition. The committee discussed the petition and agency report with agreement that Carteret County has a sufficient number of cardiac patients in need of cardiac catheterization services, a geographically isolated population, support from regional resources and a local health system available to support a shared fixed cardiac catheterization laboratory. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made and seconded to approve the petition for an adjusted need determination for one unit of shared fixed cardiac catheterization equipment in Carteret County. Comments from the committee recognized the regional coordination and collaboration of the healthcare providers. <u>Petitioner: Johnston Health</u> Requested a change in the 2013 SMFP to include language to enable a change in the Certificate of Need (CON) rules to allow for the provision of interventional cardiac catheterization services in facilities that do not provide open-heart surgery. Ms. Carraway reviewed the highlights of the agency report, which recommended denial of the petition. The committee discussed the petition and agency report including recognition of the fact that the appropriate mechanism for recommending changes in administrative rules was to submit a petition to the Director of the Division of Health Service Regulation. Members of this committee expressed the desire to present a unanimous voice of concern to the full SHCC about the issue brought forth in the petition of the need to change the rule to more appropriately reflect new guidance and standards of care in dealing with Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) without surgical back-up. The discussion included concerns about the length of time the process takes to change a rule.	Dr. Bruch Mr. Hinsdale	Motion approved Mr. Ludwig recused from voting.

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	<u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made and seconded to deny the petition for one additional linear accelerator in Service Area 20.	Mr. Hinsdale Mr. Ludwig	Motion approved Dr. Clements recused from voting.
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)	Dr. Ullrich reported that the committee received no petitions in reference to the PET scanners section of the Proposed 2013 SMFP but did receive comments. Dr. Ullrich stated the committee was not required to act upon comments but did discuss the issues brought forth in the comments. The discussion included comments on the capacity for mobile and fixed PET scanners as well as general comments on the methodology. Dr. Ullrich stated no motion was required or taken on the comments.		
Lithotripsy	Dr. Ullrich reported that there were no petitions or comments received regarding the lithotripsy section of the Proposed 2013 SMFP. There were no substantive and the standard methodology continues to show no need for additional lithotripters anywhere in the State.		
Gamma Knife	Dr. Ullrich reported that there were no petitions or comments received regarding the gamma knife section of the Proposed 2013 SMFP. There were no substantive changes and the standard methodology continues to show no need for additional gamma knives anywhere in the State.		
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Ms. Carraway reported on data received by the Medical Facilities Planning Branch resulting in two corrections to the MRI scanner inventory table. The changes did not add any MRI scanners to the inventory, increase the total number of MRI scans performed in FY 2011, or result in a projected need determination for mobile or fixed MRI scanners anywhere in the state. Dr. Ullrich reported that the committee received no petitions or comments on the MRI Scanner section of the Proposed 2013 SMFP. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> A motion was made and seconded to forwarded committee recommendations to the SHCC regarding Chapter 9 data and need determinations with the understanding that staff would continue to make necessary updates to narratives, tables and need determinations.	Dr. Clements Dr. Janis	Motion approved

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Other Business	Dr. Ullrich announced the committee dates for 2013 as follows: April 3, 2013 April 24, 2013 September 20, 2013 Dr. Ullrich also announced the dates for the SHCC meetings in 2013: March 6, 2013 May 29, 2013 October 2, 2013 Dr. Ullrich reminded all members of the October 3, 2012, SHCC meeting.		
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.		