



Medical Facilities Planning

State Health Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Brown Building, Raleigh, North Carolina

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Parks; Greg Beier; Dr. Dennis Clements; Johnnie Farmer; Anthony Foriest; Ted Griffin; Daniel Hoffmann; Timothy Ludwig; Mike Nagowski; Dr. Charles Niemeyer; Dr. Prashant Patel; Dr. T.J. Pulliam; Dr. Deborah Teasley; Dr. Christopher Ullrich; John Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christina Apperson; Donald Beaver; Dr. Don Bradley; Dr. Richard Bruch; Laurence Hinsdale; Dr. Leslie Marshall; Zach Miller;

Medical Facilities Planning Section Staff Present: Nadine Pfeiffer; Paige Bennett; Elizabeth Brown; Shelley Carraway; Selena Youmans; Tom Dickson

DHSR Staff Present: Drexdal Pratt; Martha Frisone; Lisa Pittman; Gloria Hale

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Mr. Parks welcomed Council members, staff and visitors to the first meeting of the planning cycle for the 2015 State Medical Facilities Plan. Mr. Parks explained the meeting had two parts, with there being a business meeting that was open to the public, but was not a public hearing and afterwards, there being a public hearing for anyone wishing to address the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) and make comments on issues they wished to bring before the Council. He noted that this was the first of seven public hearings to be held this year with the other six to be held this summer.		
Introductions	All Council members introduced themselves, stating their workplace and position on the council. Mr. Drexdal Pratt, DHSR Division Director, introduced staff from Planning and Certificate of Need.		
Review of Executive Order No. 10 and No. 67	Mr. Parks gave an overview of the procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting, as outlined in Executive Order Nos. 10 and 67. Mr. Parks inquired if any member had a conflict of interest, needed to declare if they were deriving a financial benefit from any agenda matter, or if any members intended to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item. No member affirmed having a conflict of interest, potentially deriving a financial benefit from any matter on the agenda and no member recused themselves from voting on any agenda item. Mr. Parks requested that if a conflict of interest arose for a member during the meeting, the member would make a declaration of the conflict.		
Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2012	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 2, 2013 as presented.	Dr. Ullrich Mr. Griffin	Motion approved
Report from the February 5, 2014 PET Discussion Meeting	Dr. Ullrich stated attending the February 5, 2014 meeting were numerous groups of stakeholders, Alliance Imaging (current operator of two mobile PET systems, various planners, hospital and university managers, and two SHCC members (Dr. Ullrich and Dr. Bradley.) Additionally, stakeholders that had submitted a petition within the last six years		

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	were invited. Dr. Matthew Mauro, Chairman, Department of Radiology, UNC School of Medicine: presented a succinct and informative summary on the research and clinical indications for the use of PET technology along with the limitations. Dr. Mauro stated in summary, the next 1-3 years PET would continue to be used primarily in the treatment of cancer. Dr. Mauro noted there were biomarkers being developed that make the use of PET in the diagnosis and treatment of other diseases more feasible in the future. Dr. Ullrich stated there was a broad consensus on the basics for changing how to deal with PET at the SHCC level. Dr. Ullrich stated there was concern about an unresolved issue on how a mobile site would be able to add additional time if they chose to use a different provider and how one would access current sites that have another provider. The question that remains is should more capacity be made? Dr. Ullrich also noted stakeholders expressed concern that there needs to be some restraints on moving mobile capacity into counties with existing fixed sites. Dr. Ullrich stated many of those sites are underutilized and that capacity and access may not an issue in those counties. How to balance the need to continue services in the rural counties would be one of the challenges the Technology and Equipment Committee will deal with. Dr. Ullrich noted whatever changes are implemented, the results cannot jeopardize the rural service as part of the reform of the process. Dr. Ullrich stated the group broadly agreed that a set of changes could be achieved this year. He thanked everyone that contributed thoughts and ideas on how to move forward with PET methodology.		
Recess Business Meeting	Mr. Parks concluded the business meeting.		
Convening of the Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2015 SMFP	Mr. Parks called the Public Hearing to order with four individuals signed up to speak. The first speaker was Mr. Sam Clark from Nursing Home Association. Mr. Clark asked the Council for a change in the nursing home bed need methodology. The second speaker was Ms. Barbara Freedy from Novant/MedQuest. Ms. Freedy asked the Council for a change in the PET methodology. The third speaker was Ms. Ruth Levy from Health Law. Ms. Levy asked the Council for a change in the hospice inpatient bed methodology.		

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	The fourth speaker was Dr. Eric Janis from Johnston Health. Dr. Janis asked the Council to create language in the 2015 Plan that would clarify that fixed cardiac catheterization equipment at hospitals should be able to perform both diagnostic and interventional procedures. Mr. Parks asked if anyone else in the audience would like to speak. Mr. Tim Rogers stated he would like to speak. Mr. Tim Rogers from the Association of Home and Hospice Care of North Carolina talked about revising the hospice methodology.		
Reconvene Business Meeting	Mr. Parks adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the business meeting.		
Adjournment	With no other business, Mr. Parks adjourned the meeting.		