

Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee
Recommendations to the N. C. State Health Coordinating Council
October 9, 2009

On September 25, 2009, the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee met to consider petitions and comments in response to the Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan. Material related to this Committee report, such as agency reports on petitions, petitions, comments, and revised Tables, are included in the material that has been posted to the North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation's web site for the October 9, 2009 Council meeting.

Nursing Care Facilities:

No petitions or comments were received on the Nursing Care Facilities chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period.

Based on the standard methodology in the Proposed 2010 Plan there are, to date, need determinations for ten new nursing facility beds in Camden County and 60 beds in Johnston County. The committee recommends approval of the Nursing Care Facilities policies, assumptions, methodology and need determinations.

Adult Care Homes:

No petitions or comments were received on the Adult Care Homes chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period.

Based on the standard methodology in the Proposed 2010 Plan there are, to date, nine counties with need determinations for a total of 560 beds. The counties and number of beds are: Camden – 20; Dare – 40; Gates – 40; Hyde – 30; Jones – 30; Mecklenburg - 340; Stanly – 30; Tyrrell – 20; and, Washington – 10. The committee recommends approval of the Adult Care Homes policies, assumptions, methodology and need determinations.

Home Health Services:

One petition was received on the Home Health Services chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period. As noted in the Agency Report on the petition, comments were received regarding the petition.

Bayada Nurses, Inc. petitioned for an adjusted need determination for one additional home health agency in Brunswick County. The Committee recommends that the petition be denied.

Based on the standard methodology, there is a need determination for one additional Medicare-certified home health agency or office in Wake County. The committee recommends approval of the Home Health policy, assumptions, methodology and need determination.

Hospice Services:

Three petitions and related comments were received during the public comment period on the Proposed 2010 Plan. Each of the petitions request need determinations for inpatient hospice beds.

Inpatient Hospice – 1: Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley, Inc. requests an adjusted need determination for three hospice inpatient beds in Alexander County. The Committee recommends that the petition be approved.

Inpatient Hospice – 2: Community CarePartners, Inc. requests an adjusted need determination for five hospice inpatient beds in Buncombe County. The Committee recommends that the petition be approved.

Inpatient Hospice – 3: Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc. requests an adjusted need determination for six hospice inpatient beds in Macon County. The Committee recommends that the petition be approved.

No CON applications were filed for the need determination for Craven County that was identified in the 2009 Plan. Therefore, there would be a seven bed need determination for Craven County based on application of Policy GEN-1: Reallocations.

Based on the standard methodology using data submitted to date, and the above recommended need adjustments and no CON application filed in 2009 for Craven County, there would be need determinations in the 2010 Plan for hospice inpatient beds as follows: Alexander – 3; Buncombe – 5; Craven – 7, Macon – 6; Randolph – 6; and, Sampson – 6.

The Committee acknowledged receipt of comments on the Hospice Services Chapter.

The committee recommends approval of the Hospice assumptions, methodologies and need determinations.

End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facilities:

No petitions or comments were received on the End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facilities chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period.

The Committee recommends approval of the Proposed 2010 Plan Dialysis Chapter with inventory update.

Psychiatric Inpatient Services:

The Committee recommends that revised Table 15C be accepted. The Table, which shows need determinations for adolescent and adult psychiatric inpatient beds, was revised as a result of data corrections, and a reallocation of inventory due to there being only one application for the 2009 SMFP need determinations for adult and adolescent psychiatric beds. Using the standard methodology and available data, there are need determinations for 48 adult and 39 adolescent psychiatric inpatient beds in 13 different LMEs.

One petition was received on the Psychiatric Inpatient Services chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan. Community General Health Partners, Inc. d/b/a Thomasville Medical Center (TMC) and Novant Health, Inc. requested an adjusted need determination for seven adult psychiatric beds in Davidson County only. The petitioner notes that the seven adult psychiatric beds would be developed by

converting existing TMC licensed acute care beds, and that the beds would expand TMC's geriatric psychiatric program. After discussion, and review of a support letter (distributed at the Committee meeting) from the Chief Operating Officer of the Piedmont local management entity, the Committee recommends approval of the petition. Further, the Committee asked staff to explore issues associated with modifying the methodology to plan for psychiatric inpatient services for geriatric patients.

The Committee acknowledged receipt of comments regarding psychiatric inpatient services. The Committee recommends approval of the Psychiatric Inpatient Services policies, assumptions, methodology and need determinations.

Substance Abuse Inpatient and Residential Services (Chemical Dependency Treatment Beds):

No petitions or comments were received on the Substance Abuse chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period. There were no changes in need determinations from the Proposed 2010 Plan. Using the standard methodology and available data, there are need determinations for three adult and two adolescent chemical dependency (substance abuse) treatment beds in the South Central Mental Health Planning Region. The Committee recommends approval of the Substance Abuse Inpatient and Residential Services policies, assumptions, methodology and need determinations.

Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded:

No petitions or comments were received on the ICF-MR chapter of the Proposed 2010 Plan during the public comment period, and there was no change from the Proposed 2010 Plan in there being no need determinations for additional ICF-MR beds. The Committee recommends approval of the ICF-MR policies, assumptions, methodology and need determinations.

Other Action

The Committee authorized staff to update narratives, tables and need determinations as data is received between the committee meeting and Council meeting.