



Technology & Equipment Committee Minutes

August 27, 2008

10:00 am – 12 Noon

The Jane S. McKimmon Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Christopher Ullrich, Chairperson; Dr. Richard Bruch; Dr. Dennis Clements; Laurence Hinsdale; Mac McCrary; Dr. William McMillan; Stephen Nuckolls; Dr. Dan Myers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Hauser; The Honorable William Wainwright
Medical Facilities Planning Section Staff Present: Dr. Carol Potter; Kelli Fisk
DHSR Staff Present: Elizabeth Brown; Jeff Horton; Lee Hoffman; Tom Elkins

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Ullrich welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Dr. Ullrich stated this meeting is 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.		
Approval of minutes from the May 14, 2008 Meeting	Motion to approve the minutes.	Dr. McMillan Dr. Bruch	Minutes approved
Linear Accelerator Petition: Parkway Urology PA	Review of Agency Recommendations Related to Linear Accelerator – Radiation Oncology Services Section of the Final 2009 SMFP. Dr. Potter reviewed revised Table 9E with Committee members. According to the standard methodology, it is determined that there is no need for an additional linear accelerator anywhere in the state. There was one petition from Parkway Urology PA. The petition requested a dedicated linear accelerator in Linear Accelerator Service Area 20 to be used in a multidisciplinary prostate health center focused on serving African American men. Dr. Potter reviewed the Agency’s recommendation, which was to deny the petition, and include in the 2009 SMFP a statewide need determination for one dedicated linear accelerator to be part of a demonstration project for a model prostate health center focused on outreach to and treatment of men with prostate cancer, particularly African American men. Discussion among the Committee members included concerns such as the implications of identifying equipment to be used for specific diagnoses; the possibility that initiatives such as this were		

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<p>Petition: Carolina’s Health Care System</p> <p>Petition: Greensboro Orthopaedics PA</p>	<p>Carolinas HealthCare Systems The petitioner requested a change in Chapter 9 of the Proposed 2009 SMFP to include the following statement: “It is determined that there is no need for an additional mobile MRI scanner anywhere in the State.” Dr. Potter reported the Agency’s assessment that the petition has a statewide effect with regard to the need for mobile MRI scanners. Therefore, the petition should have been filed before March 5, 2008 to be considered during the first four months of the calendar year for potential inclusion of changes in the “Proposed SMFP.” The Agency recommended denial of the portion of the petition. After discussion about the petition, the Committee decided to recommend denial of the petition.</p> <p>A vote was taken to deny the petition.</p> <p>Greensboro Orthopaedics, P.A. The petition requested an adjusted need determination for one fixed MRI scanner in Guilford County in the 2009 SMFP. After additional corrections to Table 9J after the petition deadline, there was a need determination for a fixed MRI scanner in Guilford County based on the standard need methodology. Consequently, the need for an adjusted need determination for an MRI scanner in Guilford County was moot, and the Agency recommended that the petition be denied. The Committee decided to deny the petition.</p> <p>A vote was taken to deny the petition.</p> <p>Mr. Nuckolls made a motion to adopt the MRI section and forward it to the SHCC.</p>	<p>Mr. Nuckolls Mr. Hinsdale</p>	<p>All members were in favor of denying the petition</p> <p>All members were in favor of denying the petition</p> <p>The motion was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners</p>	<p>Dr. Potter reviewed the PET materials with the Committee. The Agency recommended, as the standard methodology indicated, that there is no need for any additional fixed dedicated PET scanners anywhere in the State. The Agency recommended that there is no need for any mobile dedicated PET scanners anywhere in the State. It is further recommended that there is no need for any additional coincidence circuitry anywhere in the State. A vote was taken to accept the agency report.</p>		<p>All members were in favor of accepting the agency report</p>
<p>Lithotripsy</p>	<p>The Agency recommended that no need exists for additional lithotripters anywhere in the State and that, apart from data updates, no substantive changes will be reflected in the Final 2009 SMFP. A vote was taken to accept the agency report.</p>		<p>All members were in favor of accepting the agency report</p>
<p>Gamma Knife</p>	<p>The Agency recommended that no need exists for an additional Gamma Knife anywhere in the State and that, apart from data updates, no substantive changes will be reflected in the Final 2009 SMFP. A vote was taken to accept the agency report.</p>		<p>All members were in favor of accepting the agency report</p>
<p>Cardiac Catheterization Equipment</p>	<p>The Agency recommended that no need exists for additional units of fixed or shared fixed cardiac catheterization equipment anywhere else in the State. The Agency recommended</p>		

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	that mobile cardiac catheterization equipment and services shall only be approved for development on hospital sites. A vote was taken to accept the agency report.		All members were in favor of accepting the agency report
Committee Recommendations	A motion was made to forward Committee actions to the full SHCC at the October 8, 2008 meeting.	Dr. Clements S. Nuckolls	The motion was unanimously approved
Old and Other Business	There was no other business.		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned.		