

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

 <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>:
 Charles Hauser; The Honorable William Wainwright

 Medical Facilities Planning Section Staff Present</u>:
 Dr. Carol Potter; Kelli Fisk

 DHSR Staff Present</u>:
 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	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.		
Petition: Parkway Urology PA	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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	already being done and this project might not achieve its intended goal; and difficulties associated with monitoring the project sufficiently. A vote was taken regarding the Agency's recommendation.		The Committee voted not to accept the Agency recommendation 2-4.
	Dr. Ullrich made a motion to accept the Parkway Urology PA petition.	Dr. Ullrich S. Nuckolls	Motion failed 2-4 – Petition denied
Petition: Thomas & Brooks	The Committee considered the petition from Thomas and Brooks that requested an adjustment to the inventory of linear accelerators to include a linear accelerator at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital, and a linear accelerator at Franklin Regional Medical Center. Dr. Potter reported the Agency recommendation, which was to deny the petition, because there was insufficient information to determine if the inventory as shown in the "Proposed 2009 SMFP" incorrectly reflects the number of linear accelerators authorized under the CON Law.		
	A vote was taken regarding the petition.		The Committee voted unanimously to deny the petition.
	Dr. Clements made a motion to adopt the Linear Accelerator Radiation Oncology Services portion of the Plan.	Dr. Clements Dr. McMillan	The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
	Dr. Bruch made a motion that compiled information be shared with other entities within the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Division of Public Health. After discussion about the motion, Dr. McMillan withdrew his second.	Dr. Bruch Dr. McMillan	
	It was recommended that staff share information about the issue with other agencies within the department.		All members were in favor of the recommendation.
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Dr. Potter reviewed the MRI materials with the Committee. Revisions to Tables 9J and 9L were reviewed with members. According to Tables 9J and 9L, there was a need determination for an additional fixed MRI scanner in each of the following MRI Scanner Service Areas: Edgecombe, Forsyth, Guilford, Harnett, Moore/Hoke, Onslow, Orange, Randolph, Rowan, Rutherford, and Wake. The Committee authorized staff to continue to update data and tables. It was recommended that there is no need based on the regular methodology for any additional fixed MRI scanners anywhere else in the State.		
	There were two petitions.		

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Petition: Carolina's Health Care System Petition: Greensboro	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. A vote was taken to deny the petition. Greensboro Orthopaedics, P.A.		All members were in favor of denying the petition
Orthopaedics PA	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. A vote was taken to deny the petition.		All members were in favor of denying the petition
	Mr. Nuckolls made a motion to adopt the MRI section and forward it to the SHCC.	Mr. Nuckolls Mr. Hinsdale	The motion was unanimously approved.
Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners	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.		All members were in favor of accepting the agency report
Lithotripsy	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.		All members were in favor of accepting the agency report
Gamma Knife	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.		All members were in favor of accepting the agency report
Cardiac Catheterization Equipment	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		

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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.		