

Draft Acute Care Services Committee Minutes

September 15, 2010 10:00 am – 12 Noon Council Bldg Room 201

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Sandra Greene; Bill Bedsole; Greg Beier; Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler; Dr. Leslie Marshall; Dr. Zane Walsh; John Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Lawrence Cutchin

Medical Facilities Planning Section Staff Present: Carol Potter; Patrick Baker; Kelli Fisk

DHSR Staff Present: Elizabeth Brown; Craig Smith, Martha Frisone

Attorney General's Office: Angel Gray

Standing Agenda	Discussion	Motions	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Greene welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting. She noted that 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, unless questions were directed specifically to someone in the audience.		
Review of Executive Order No. 10: Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council	Dr. Greene reviewed Executive Order 10 Ethical Standards for the State Health Coordinating Council. Dr. Greene gave an overview on the procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting. Each member of the Committee commented on his or her professional and institutional interest. The following members would recuse themselves from the following votes: John Young – Columbus Regional Healthcare System Dr. Brenda Latham-Sadler – AC-5 policy approval Dr. Zane Walsh – Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital Mr. Greg Beier – Novant Health, Inc. AC-3 and Novant Health, Inc. – Rowan Regional Medical Ctr Dr. Sandra Greene stated that she would not vote on Novant Health AC-3 should a tie took place.		
Approval of minutes from the May 5, 2010 Meeting	A motion was made to approve the May 5, 2010 minutes.	Mr. Beier Dr. Marshall	Minutes approved
Acute Care (AC) Hospital Beds Update on Data Discrepancy Correction Process	Committee members reviewed a listing of the hospitals with discrepancies between the 2009 Thomson Reuters acute care data and the License Renewal Application acute care data of greater than five percent. The table indicated which data, Thomson Reuters or Licensure, was corrected to reconcile the discrepancy. Twelve hospitals resubmitted their Thomson Reuters data, two hospitals corrected their licensure data and three hospitals, Chatham Hospital, Washington Hospital and Yadkin Valley Community Hospital (previously Hoots Memorial) had not been able to reconcile their data. The Sheps Center was processing the resubmitted Thomson data and would forward it to the Planning Section for inclusion in the N.C. 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP). Committee recommendation regarding Acute Care days data: If Chatham Hospital, Washington Hospital and Yadkin Valley Community Hospital are unable to reconcile their data, a note will be placed in the 2011 N.C. SMFP indicating that their data were not reconciled.		
Review/Discussion of AC Hospital Beds Petitions/Agency Reports/Comments	Chap. 5: Acute Care Hospital Beds Petition 1: Novant Health requested that the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) repeal or revise Policy AC-3 Exemption from Plan Provisions for Certain Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospital Projects.		

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	Agency Recommendation: Given that the petition seeks changes in Policy AC-3 that would have a statewide effect, and the deadline for submission of such petitions for the 2011 SMFP had passed, the Agency recommended the petition be denied.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendation.	Dr. Marshall Mr. Young	Motion approved
	Petition 2: Cape Fear Valley-Bladen County Hospital requested an adjusted need determination of 25 acute care beds for a critical access hospital in Bladen County. Furthermore, the petitioners requested that Policy AC-5 Replacement of Acute Care Bed Capacity not apply to the replacement of an existing critical access hospital in Bladen County, and that a revised version of Policy AC-5 apply instead.		
	Agency Recommendation: If the requested changes were made, the narrative would conflict with the total beds needed in the service area as calculated by the standard methodology, which the Agency supports. In addition, the deadline for submission of petitions about changes in policies that have a statewide impact had passed. Therefore, the Agency recommended the petition be denied.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendations.	Mr. Beier Mr. Bedsole	Motion approved. Dr. Walsh recused
	Petition 3: Mission Hospital requested that the need determination in the 2011 SMFP for 69 acute care beds in the Buncombe-Yancey-Madison service area be reduced to 51 acute care beds.		himself from voting.
	Agency Recommendation: The Agency recommended approval of the petition.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendation.	Mr. Bedsole	
Comments regarding Proposed Policy AC-5	The Proposed N.C. 2011 SMFP included proposed changes to Policy AC-5 to allow swing bed use to be counted as acute care bed utilization for Critical Access Hospitals. The Council received three comments, two in favor and one requesting additions to the policy. The Committee concluded that Proposed Policy AC-5, as published in the Proposed N.C. 2011 SMFP, should be included in the N.C. 2011 SMFP.	Mr. Beier	Motion approved
	A motion was made and seconded to form a workgroup to discuss needs of Critical Access Hospitals (CAH), how current SMFP policies affect CAHs, and if SMFP policies should be amended or revised to address CAH needs. The work group would report back to the Committee in the spring.	Dr. Marshall Dr. Latham-Sadler	Motion approved
Recommendations to the Council regarding Acute Care Hospital Beds	The Committee authorized staff to make updates and corrections to Chapter 5 tables and narrative, as needed. A motion was made and seconded to forward the Acute Care Bed Chapter to the SHCC.	Mr. Beier Dr. Walsh	Motion approved
Operating Rooms (OR)			
Review/Discussion of OR Petitions/Agency Reports/ Comments	Petition 1: Blue Ridge Bone & Joint Clinic requested that the N.C. 2011 SMFP include a demonstration project for a single specialty, two operating room, orthopedic ambulatory surgical facility in the Buncombe-Madison-Yancey operating room (OR) service area.		

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	Agency's Recommendation - The Agency agrees with the decision to limit the demonstration project to no more than three sites initially and for the SHCC to consider expanding the project later only if the facilities are meeting or exceeding all program evaluation criteria. Therefore, the Agency recommended denial of the petition.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendation.	Mr. Beier Mr. Bedsole	Motion approved
	Petition 2: Columbus Regional Healthcare System requested an adjustment to correct a data reporting error. The adjustment results in the elimination of the need determination for one operating room in Columbus County in Tables 6A and 6B in the N.C. 2011 SMFP.		
	Agency's Recommendation: The updated data provided by Columbus Regional Healthcare System and the standard methodology for ORs resulted in there being a determination of no need for new ORs in Columbus County. The Agency recommended that the petition be approved, and that Tables 6A, 6B and 6C in the N.C. 2011 SMFP reflect the changes accordingly.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendation.	Mr. Beier Dr. Latham-Sadler	Motion approved Mr. Young recused himself from voting.
	Petition 3: Graystone Eye Surgery Center requested an adjusted need determination to include a need for one additional surgical operating room in the Catawba County service area in the N.C. 2011 SMFP.		voung.
	Agency's Recommendations: The Agency concluded that the petitioner sufficiently demonstrated unique or special circumstances to warrant an additional OR in the Catawba County OR service area, and recommended approval of the petition.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendations.	Dr. Marshall Dr. Walsh	Motion passed Mr. Young opposed
	Petition 4: Novant Health and Rowan Regional Medical Center requested an adjusted need determination to remove the need for one additional surgical operating room in Rowan County in the N.C. 2011 SMFP.		the motion.
	Agency's Recommendation: The Agency recommended approval of the petition.		
	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendations.	Mr. Young Dr. Marshall	Motion approved Mr. Beier recused himself from
	Petition 5: WakeMed Health and Hospitals requested an adjusted need determination in N.C. 2011 SMFP for four additional specialized operating rooms dedicated to children.		voting.

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	Agency's Recommendations: The Agency concluded that the petition offered insufficient information to document unique circumstances in the Wake County OR service area. In view of this, and in support of the standard methodology, the Agency recommended denial of the petition.		
Recommendations to the	A motion was made and seconded to accept the agency's recommendations.	Mr. Beier Dr. Marshall	Motion approved
Council regarding OR's	The Committee authorized staff to make updates and corrections to Chapter 6 tables and narrative, as needed. A motion was made and seconded to forward the approved recommendations related to OR's to the Council.	Mr. Beier Mr. Young	Motion approved
Other Acute Care Services	Dr. Greene reported that the Council received no petitions and no comments over the summer regarding Other Acute Care Services, and that there no changes to the determination of no need for Other Acute Care Services, as shown in the N.C. Proposed 2011 SMFP.		
Recommendations to the Council regarding Other Acute Care Services	A motion was made and seconded to forward the approved recommendations for Other Acute Care Services to the Council.	Dr. Latham-Sadler Mr. Young	Motion approved
Inpatient Rehabilitation Beds	Dr. Greene reported that the Council received no petitions and no comments over the summer regarding inpatient rehabilitation beds, and that there no changes to the need determination of 14 inpatient rehabilitation beds in HSA IV, as shown in the N.C. Proposed 2011 SMFP.		
Recommendations to the Council regarding Inpatient Rehabilitation Beds	A motion was made and seconded to forward the approved recommendations for Inpatient Rehabilitation Beds to the Council.	Dr. Marshall Mr. Beier	Motion approved
2011 Acute Care Services Committee Meeting Schedule	Dr. Greene reminded all members the next SHCC meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2010. She reviewed the upcoming committee meeting dates for 2011: April 13, 2011, May 4, 2011 and September 14, 2011.		
	A motion was made and seconded to authorize staff to update tables, as indicated.	Dr. Marshall Dr. Latham-Sadler	Motion approved
Adjournment	Dr. Greene adjourned the meeting.		