



## Acute Care Services Committee Minutes - **DRAFT**

Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

April 12, 2022  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
WebEx Event

**This remote meeting was held during the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency. As such, the meeting followed the directives in SL 2020-3 (SB704) enacted May 4, 2020.**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Mr. John Young, Mr. William (Brian) Floyd, Dr. Robert McBride, Dr. Vaishali Nadkarni, Dr. Jessie Tucker, Dr. Sandra Greene ( <i>ex officio</i> – non-voting)
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Rep. Gale Adcock, Dr. Charul Haugan, Ms. Denise Mihal
<b>Other SHCC Members Present:</b> Ms. Vanessa Ervin, Ms. Valarie Jarvis, Mr. Cooper Linton, Mr. Jim Martin
<b>Healthcare Planning Staff Present:</b> Ms. Melinda Boyette, Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Dr. Amy Craddock, Dr. Tom Dickson, Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Ms. Trenesse Michael
<b>DHSR Staff Present:</b> Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Ms. Lisa Pittman, Ms. Julie Faenza, Ms. Tanya Saporito
<b>Attorney General’s Office:</b> Mr. Derek Hunter

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action	Motions	Votes	Recommendations/ Actions
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Mr. Young welcomed members, staff, and the public to the first Acute Care Services Committee meeting of 2022. This meeting was held remotely via a WebEx event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Young explained that the meeting was open to the public, but discussions, deliberations and recommendations would be limited to members of the Committee and staff. Mr. Young stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the policies and methodologies for the <i>Proposed 2023 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)</i> . Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.			
<b>Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 187</b>	Mr. Young reviewed Executive Orders 46 ( <i>Reauthorizing the State Health Coordinating Council</i> ) and 187 ( <i>Extending the State Health Coordinating Council</i> ) with committee members and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.			
<b>Approval of September 14, 2021 Minutes</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes.	Tucker McBride	<b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker, Young <b>Nays:</b> None	Motion approved

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<p><b>End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Facilities – Chapter 9</b></p>	<p>Ms. Elizabeth Brown reviewed the policies and the need methodologies pertaining to ESRD dialysis facilities.</p> <p>One petition was received pertaining to Chapter 9.</p> <p><b><i>Petition 1: Liberty Healthcare &amp; Rehabilitation Services</i></b>  The Petitioner requested the creation of Policy ESRD-4 to allow for the development or expansion of a kidney disease treatment center at a skilled nursing facility. The Agency received 11 comments; five in favor and six in opposition.</p> <p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended denial of the petition. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agency’s recommendation.</p>	<p>McBride Floyd</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker <b>Abstains:</b> Young</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>
<p><b>Acute Care Hospital Beds – Chapter 5</b></p>	<p>Dr. Andrea Emanuel reviewed the four general policies in Chapter 4 that apply to all health services. She then reviewed the policies and methodology specific to Chapter 5.</p> <p>Dr. Emanuel reviewed the FY 2021 monthly acute days of care data. Acute days of care were likely not impacted by the COVID pandemic and therefore, there was nothing to suggest the acute care need determination calculations would need to be adjusted for the <i>2023 SMFP</i>.</p> <p>Two petitions were received pertaining to Chapter 5.</p> <p><b><i>Petition 1: Duke University Health System</i></b>  The Petitioner requested the removal of Level II, III and IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) beds from the acute care bed need methodology. The Agency received two comments in support of this petition, one comment from the Petitioner in response to one of the comments, and one comment requesting further study.</p>			

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	<p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended approval of the petition. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agency’s recommendation.</p> <p><b><i>Petition 2: Blue Ridge HealthCare Hospitals</i></b> The Petitioner requested to remove “Policy AC-5: Replacement of Acute Care Bed Capacity” from the <i>SMFP</i>. There was one comment submitted to the Agency which requested further study.</p> <p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b> The Agency recommended approval of the petition. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agency’s recommendation.</p>	<p>McBride Floyd</p> <p>McBride Tucker</p>	<p><b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker <b>Abstains:</b> Young</p> <p><b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker <b>Abstains:</b> Young</p>	<p>Motion approved</p> <p>Motion approved</p>
<b>Operating Rooms – Chapter 6</b>	No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 6. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the need methodology for operating rooms. There are no policies specific to this chapter.			
<b>Other Acute Care Services – Chapter 7</b>	No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 7. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the policy pertaining to this chapter and the need methodologies for Burn Intensive Care Services and Transplantation Services. She also presented technical edits to “Policy AC-6 Heart-Lung Bypass Machines for Emergency Coverage” and to the portion of the narrative in Chapter 7 that pertains to open-heart surgery services.			
<b>Inpatient Rehabilitation Services – Chapter 8</b>	No petitions or comments were received pertaining to Chapter 8. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the need determination methodology for Chapter 8. There are no policies specific to this chapter.			

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<b>Final Recommendation</b>	A motion was made and seconded to approve the policies and methodologies for Chapters 5-9 in preparation of the <i>2023 SMFP</i> .	Floyd McBride	<b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker <b>Abstains:</b> Young	Motion approved
<b>Other Business</b>	Mr. Young reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Committee is Tuesday, May 10, 2022 and that the SHCC will next meet on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Mr. Young noted the staff will notify everyone in advance whether this meeting will be in person or via WebEx.			
<b>Adjournment</b>	There being no further business, Mr. Young called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Floyd Tucker	<b>Ayes:</b> Floyd, McBride, Nadkarni, Tucker, Young <b>Nays:</b> None	Motion approved