



Technology and Equipment Committee Minutes - **DRAFT**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WebEx Event

Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

Committee Members Present: Dr. Mary Braithwaite, Ms. Kelli Collins – Vice-chair, presiding, Dr. Sandra Greene - SHCC Chair (ex officio- did not vote), Dr. Pamela Oliver, Dr. Toni Stewart, Mr. Mark Werner
Committee Members Absent: Sen. Michael Garrett, Dr. Satish Mathan – Chair
Healthcare Planning Staff Present: Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Dr. Amy Craddock, Dr. Andrea Emanuel, Dr. Bradford James, Ms. Denise Lee, Ms. Kimberly Torres
Other DHSR Staff Present: Ms. Cynthia Bradford, Ms. Gloria Hale, Ms. Yolanda Jackson, Ms. Micheala Mitchell
Attorney General’s Office: Mr. Derek Hunter, Ms. Farrah Raja

Agenda Items	Discussion/Action	Motions	Votes	Recommendations/ Actions
Welcome & Introductions	Ms. Kelli Collins welcomed members, staff, and the public to the first Technology & Equipment (T&E) Committee meeting of 2024. Ms. Collins explained that the meeting was open to the public, but discussions, deliberations and recommendations would be limited to members of the Committee and staff. Ms. Collins stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the polices and methodologies to determine whether changes are needed for the Proposed 2025 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) and to vote on a recommendation to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). Committee members and staff in attendance were introduced.			
Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 187	Ms. Collins reviewed Executive Orders 46 and 187 and explained procedures to observe before taking action at the meeting.			
Approval of February 28, 2024 Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 28, 2024, meeting minutes.	Oliver Werner	Ayes: Collins, Braithwaite, Oliver, Stewart, Werner Nays: None	Motion approved

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Cardiac Catheterization Equipment	The Agency received no petitions or comments for cardiac catheterization equipment. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the need methodologies pertaining to cardiac catheterization equipment. There are no policies pertaining to cardiac catheterization units.			
Gamma Knives	The Agency received no petitions or comments for gamma knives. Dr. Emanuel noted there are no policies or a need methodology pertaining to gamma knives.			
Linear Accelerators	<p>The Agency received no petitions for linear accelerators. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the linear accelerator need methodology. There are no policies pertaining to linear accelerators.</p> <p>Dr. Amy Craddock reviewed the comments the Agency received regarding the Agency’s proposal to develop a policy for a Plan exemption for linear accelerators. The committee members will continue deliberations on this issue in Spring 2025.</p>			
Lithotriptors	The Agency received no petitions or comments for lithotriptors. Dr. Emanuel reviewed the need methodology for lithotriptors. There are no policies pertaining to lithotriptors.			
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanners	<p>Dr. Emanuel reviewed the policies and need methodology for MRI scanners. The Agency received one petition for MRI scanners.</p> <p><i>Petition: Atrium Health</i> The Petitioner requested to revision in the language included in “Policy TE-2: Intraoperative Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanners” to allow the use of intraoperative MRI (iMRI) scanners for selected outpatients in the <i>2025 SMFP</i>.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> The Agency recommended approval of the petition. The Agency further recommended the incorporation of additional edits to the Policy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agency’s recommendation.</p>	Braithwaite Stewart	Ayes: Collins, Braithwaite, Oliver, Stewart, Werner Nays: None	Motion approved

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Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners	<p>Dr. Emanuel reviewed the policy and need methodology pertaining to PET Scanners. The Agency received two petitions regarding PET scanners.</p> <p><i>Petitions: Carteret Health</i> The Petitioner submitted one petition to modify the fixed PET scanner methodology and an alternative petition to add a policy exemption for dual-functioning fixed PET scanners in ‘mid-sized’ cancer centers in the <i>2025 SMFP</i>.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> The Agency recommended denial of the petition to modify the fixed PET scanner methodology but approval of the petition to add a policy for fixed PET scanners. The Agency further recommended the incorporation of additional edits to the Policy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Agency’s recommendation.</p>	Oliver Stewart	Ayes: Collins, Braithwaite, Oliver, Stewart, Werner Nays: None	Motion approved
Final Recommendations	Ms. Collins requested a motion to recommend approval of the policies and methodologies in Chapter 15. Recommendations pertaining to all sections will be forwarded to the SHCC for action at the June 5 th meeting.	Braithwaite Oliver	Ayes: Collins, Braithwaite, Oliver, Stewart, Werner Nays: None	Motion approved
Other Business	Ms. Collins reminded everyone that the next meeting of the T&E Committee is Wednesday, Wednesday, May 15 th at 10:00 a.m. The next full SHCC meeting will be held on June 5 th in the Credit Suisse Auditorium at Wake Technical Community College’s RTP Campus at 10908 Chapel Hill Road in Morrisville.			
Adjournment	There being no further business, Dr. Mathan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	Stewart Oliver	Ayes: Collins, Braithwaite, Oliver, Stewart, Werner Nays: None	Motion approved