

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Technology and Equipment Committee Meeting**

April 15, 2020

**\*\*NOTE:** Due to COVID-19 this meeting was conducted via WebEx. Members of the public were allowed to attend by phone only.

**ATTENDEES**

**SHCC Members**

Lyndon Jordan, MD  
 Kelli Collins  
 Steve DeBiasi  
 Barbara McKoy  
 Pam Oliver, MD  
 Dwight Perry, MD  
 Christopher Ullrich, MD

**Staff**

Amy Craddock  
 Tom Dixon  
 Martha Frisone  
 Lisa Pittman  
 Andrea Emmanuel  
 Elizabeth Brown  
 Trenesse Michael

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Nancy Lane  
 Kelly Ivey

Melinda Boyette  
 Fatimah Wilson  
 Gloria Hale  
 Kim Randolph (AG)  
 Julie Faenza  
 Celia Iman  
 Tanya Saporito

Issue	Discussion
Business Meeting Introduction	Dr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:14am. Committee member Introductions. Introductions of all Division of Health Service Regulation staff members in attendance. Review of Executive Order Nos. 46 and 122. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Oliver requested clarification regarding her need to recuse during the MRI section. She works for Novant, who did not file a petition, but did comment.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. J explained that while she does not have a direct financial interest or connection to the issue, it may be prudent to recuse. The decision was tabled until the discussion of MRI.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr. Jordan alerted the SHCC the he is President and Managing Member of Wake Radiology, which has relationships with UNC Rex, Novant, and Alliance. He recused from voting and discussion related to the MRI petitions and Proposed Policy TE-4. Steve DeBiasi will lead in his place.</li> <li>• Kelli Collins alerted the SHCC that she represents Greensboro Imaging. She recused from voting and discussion related to the MRI petitions and Proposed Policy TE-4.</li> <li>• Steve DeBiasi alerted the SHCC that he is President of EmergeOrtho. While EmergeOrtho did not submit or directly comment on the MRI petitions, the Agency did mention EmergeOrtho in its report. He is unsure of the need to recuse from discussion or voting, but will if appropriate.</li> </ul>
Business Meeting – 2021 SMFP	Approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2019; approval carried unopposed with no discussion.  Mr. DeBiasi made a motion seconded by Ms. Collins to accept the minutes as written. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.
Cardiac Catheterization Equipment	Dr. J recognized Trenesse Michael, Planner for Healthcare Planning Section.  Ms. M reviewed the methodology applicable to this section. She reported no petitions related to this Cardiac Catheterization Equipment.

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	<p>Dr. Oliver made a motion seconded by Comm. McKoy to accept the methodology as written. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p> <p><u>Technical Edits</u> Ms. M presented technical edits for Cardiac Catheterization – seen here – to the committee.</p> <p>Dr. Perry made a motion seconded by Mr. DeBiasi to forward changes to SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Gamma Knife	<p>Ms. M reviewed the regions of Gamma Knife. This section has no policies or methodologies. She reported no Agency recommended changes or petitions related to Gamma Knife.</p> <p>Oliver made a motion seconded by Collins to accept the methodology as written and forward to the SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Linear Accelerator	<p>Ms. M reviewed the methodology applicable to this section. She reported no Agency recommended changes or petitions related to Linear Accelerator.</p> <p>Dr. Perry made a motion seconded by Comm. McKoy to accept the methodology as written and forward to the SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Lithotripsy	<p>Ms. M reviewed the methodology applicable to this section. She reported no Agency recommended changes or petitions related to Lithotripsy.</p> <p>Dr. Oliver made a motion seconded by Mr. DeBiasi to accept the methodology as written and forward to the SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Magnetic Resonance Imaging	<p>Dr. J recused himself from this discussion and gave control to Mr. DeBiasi.</p> <p>Ms. M reviewed the policies and methodology applicable to this section. This section had two petitions and one Agency recommended policy addition.</p> <p>Recusals from this section voting and discussion included Ms. Collins, Mr. DeBiasi, Dr. Jordan, and Dr. Oliver.</p> <p>Dr. Perry made a motion seconded by Comm. McKoy to accept the methodology as written and forward to the SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p> <p><u>Petitions: Raleigh Radiology and Carolina Neurosurgery &amp; Spine Associates</u> Because the petitioners made similar requests, the Agency provided one report, seen here.</p> <p>Carolina Neurosurgery &amp; Spine Associates (CNSA) requests a new policy permitting the substitution of vender-owned mobile MRI scanners with provider-owned mobile MRI scanners in the 2021 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP).</p> <p>Raleigh Radiology requests an amendment to Policy TE-3 permitting freestanding non-hospital providers who contract with a vendor for MRI services the option to apply for a CON to acquire their own fixed MRI scanner to substitute for the vendor-owned MRI scanner regardless of need determination in the 2021 SMFP.</p> <p>The agency recommended denial of both petitions. It will instead present a new policy TE-4.</p> <p>Dr. Ullrich made a motion seconded by Dr. Perry to accept agency recommendation to deny both petitions. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>

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	<p><u>Proposed Policy TE-4</u>                      Ms. M presented proposed Policy TE-4: Substitution of Vendor Owned MRI for Provider Owned MRI Scanner, seen here.</p> <p>Dr. Perry made a motion seconded by Dr. Ullrich to approve the policy. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p> <p><u>Summer Petition for Specialized MRI</u>                      Dr. Jordan recognized Amy Craddock, PhD Assistant Chief of Healthcare Planning for a special presentation.</p> <p>Dr. Craddock explained that the Agency understands there is some specialized equipment that falls under the requirement for a need determination, but that is unlikely to be addressed in the planning cycles – for example, a 7.0 Tesla MRI. She wanted to remind both the SHCC members and the public that the summer petition cycle is the forum to address those needs. Petitions accepted then are specifically to address special need determinations in the SMFP.</p>
Positron Emission Tomography	<p>Mr. DeBiasi gave control back to Dr. Jordan.</p> <p>Ms. M reviewed the methodology applicable to this section. She reported no Agency recommended changes or petitions related to Positron Emission Tomography.</p> <p>Mr. DeBiasi made a motion seconded by Dr. Oliver to accept the methodology as written and forward to the SHCC. The vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Other Business	No other business addressed.
Business Meeting – 2021 SMFP	<p>Mr. DeBiasi made a motion seconded by Ms. Collins for the business meeting to adjourn at 11:06a.</p> <p>The vote carried unopposed.</p>

These minutes are believed to be an accurate account of the meeting held. If there is any understanding to the contrary, please contact the undersigned within seven (7) days of receipt of these minutes.

Submitted by:

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