

MEETING MINUTES

Summer Public Hearing #4

July 17, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer Public Hearings are being held via WebEx. This session was to be held in Asheville, NC.

ATTENDEES

SHCC Members	Staff	PDA, Inc.	Attendees	Presenters	
Christopher Ullrich	Amy Craddock	Monica Martinez	Jason Desai	Natasha DeLong	Anderson Shackleford
Denise Michaud	Tom Dickson	Connor Boyd	Joanne Watson	Luke Santillo	Joy Heath
Cooper Linton	Elizabeth Brown	Kelly Ivey	Tina Hinshaw	Andrew Hall	David French
Tim Rogers	Melinda Boyette	Nancy Lane	Kevin Smith	Jon Rodgers	
	Trenesse Michael			Cale Arnold	
	Celina Inman				
	Martha Frisone				
	Bethany Burgeon (AG)				

Issue	Discussion
Public Hearing Introduction	<p>Denise Michaud opened the hearing as the presider. He explained that the meetings are being held via WebEx; that no presentations will be debated at the hearing; any persons wishing to speak can and will be required to submit written versions of all presentation to Amy Craddock.</p> <p>DM recognized AC who called roll of all SHCC members and Agency staff present.</p> <p>DM made announcements regarding the nature of public hearings and the responsibility of SHCC members. He reminded SHCC members this was not a public debate but questions were welcome.</p>
Presenters	<p>Anderson Shackleford – Williams Mullins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeats concerns from before • “free pass policy;” • Only have to provide 1 year of qualifying data • Doesn’t take into account underutilized in the area • Standards that deviate from CON law/regulation; no specification for “how long not moved: • Deadline to propose statewide policy changes has passed (March), addressing now because policy released after that date • No discussion regarding the policy at the time <p>Joy Heath – Williams Mullins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas without a need determination already have good access • Claiming that owning its own will “reduce cost” • Current structure will make it difficult for other providers to challenge CON decisions; would be insulated under attack; litigants can’t challenge a policy; and ALJ can’t substantiate suit because of new provider. • Suspect this is unintended. • Now is not the time for TE4 • Volumes on decline in recent months

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance cooperated with host sites, increased sites and lowered costs • COVID makes this a bad time to enter a new policy <p>David French – Strategic Healthcare Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy contradicts no additional needs in plan • 7 needs in the plan • Addressing a problem that doesn't exist • Could add unlimited number of non-competitive reviews • No standards put forth for mcare/mcaid, when accredited, no comparison of charges • Unclear if basic principles would apply? • Applicants could submit multiple times over several years • Fails to consider doc groups or imaging centers could be acquired by others later on • "Unrelated party" not defined • Erroneously would push out grandfathered into other areas • Excess capacity would cause new providers to meet projections
Other Business	<p>DM called recess at 1:59p</p> <p>DM reconvened at 2:30p, thanked all participants, recognized no further business, and adjourned the meeting.</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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