

**MEETING MINUTES****Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Committee Meeting**

May 15, 2025

**ATTENDEES****SHCC Members**

Jim Martin  
Tim Rogers  
Valarie Jarvis  
Vanessa Ervin  
Sandra Greene

**Staff**

Amy Craddock  
Cynthia Bradford  
Lauren Barton  
Elizabeth Brown  
Yolanda Jackson  
Crystal Kearney  
Julie Faenza (AG Rep)  
Farrah Raja (AG Rep)

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Fanuel Andemariam  
Ena Lightbourne  
Mike McKillip  
Andrea Emmanuel  
Emery Milliken  
Mckayla Mitchel  
Chalice Moore  
Nirali Pate  
Lisa Pittman  
Greg Yakaboski

Issue	Discussion
Business Meeting Introduction	<p>Ms. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.</p> <p>Committee member Introductions. Introductions of all Division of Health Service Regulation staff members in attendance.</p> <p>Review of Executive Order No. 46 and Executive Order No. 331.</p>
Business Meeting – 2026 SMFP	<p>TR made a motion seconded by VE to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2025 meeting; the vote carried unopposed with no discussion.</p>
Chapter 10 – Nursing Care Facilities	<p>Ms. J recognized Amy Craddock, Planner.</p> <p>AC reviewed the data tables and proposed need determinations for C10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease of 212 beds from previous year</li> <li>Projected utilization for 2029 is 18% higher than 2028</li> <li>Draft determination for 40 beds in Davie County</li> </ul> <p>Ms. J opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>TR questioned what was driving the reduction in beds.</p> <p>AC: 139 beds closed in Wake County without relocation, other decreases are “drips and drabs” of closures in other locations. We don’t necessarily know why but its often things like changing a semi-private room to private room.</p> <p>TR: When given a CON for beds, at any point they can request a reduction of licensed beds and therefore reduce the availability of beds?</p> <p>AC responded that this is generally the case. Wasn’t sure the specifics on the reasoning or specific processes and notes that reduction in beds goes through Licensure and not CON.</p> <p>TR: If SHCC has determined a need for beds for a given population, curious how reduction of bed availability addressed.</p>

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	<p>VJ similarly questions if need for replacement is accounted for after reduction/closure of beds.</p> <p>AC responds that bed closures are only replaced if it triggers a need in the area based on the SMFP methodology. In this case Wake County still had no need generated after the closure of 139 beds.</p>
Chapter 11 – Adult Care Homes	<p>Ms. J recognized Andrea Emanuel</p> <p>AE reviewed the data tables and proposed need determinations for C11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of licensed beds in the state decreased by 627 beds.</li> <li>• 1,130 beds in CON process awaiting licensure</li> <li>• Utilization for 2029 is about 2% higher than 2028</li> <li>• Need determinations for 40 beds in Halifax County and 100 beds in Perquimans.</li> <li>• The data at this time is preliminary and subject to ongoing revisions.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. J opened the floor for discussion. There was none.</p>
Chapter 12 – Home Health Services	<p>Ms. J recognized Elizabeth Brown, Planner.</p> <p>EB reviewed the data tables and proposed need determinations for C12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease of 9 agencies/offices from previous year</li> <li>• 56 more patients than prior reporting year</li> <li>• Utilization for 2027 is 2.3% higher</li> <li>• No need determinations were generated.</li> <li>• The data at this time is preliminary and subject to ongoing revisions.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. J opened the floor for discussion. There was none.</p>
Chapter 13 – Hospice Services	<p>Ms. J recognized Elizabeth Brown, Planner.</p> <p>EB reviewed the data tables and proposed need determinations for C13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change in licenses hospice agencies</li> <li>• About 3.5% increase in hospice patient deaths reported</li> <li>• 544 patient deficits</li> <li>• The number of deaths in the state did increase this year.</li> <li>• There is a need determination for a total of 8 hospice offices. One each in Burke, Cleveland, Guildford, Haywood, Johnston, McDowell, Randolph, and Rockingham Counties.</li> <li>• The data at this time is preliminary and subject to ongoing revisions.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. J opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>TR notes this is the most need he’s seen in 28 years. Points out increased utilization of end-of-life services.</p> <p>JM agrees by far the most need seen in his years of SHCC. Question if this is the final effect of Covid or some other driver.</p> <p>EB also thought it was unusual, wasn’t expecting 8 office need. Believes it to be multifactorial; contributing factors increasing death, increase population, increase of hospice deaths, projected deaths served now around 50%.</p> <p>SG agrees its unusual, other committees such as acute care are seeing unprecedented bed needs. Wonders if its fallout from several years of COVID.</p>

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	TR agrees its multifactorial, notes mergers and increase in access and families agreeing to hospice as end-of-life care. Believes it to be a good thing.
Chapter 14 – Psych & Inpatient Services	<p>Ms. J recognized Andrea Emmanuel, Planner.</p> <p>AE reviewed the data tables for C14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This chapter does not have a methodology for a need determination.</li> <li>• Inventory shows increase of 6 beds but this is due to proper reporting of Rockwell in Rowan County from 6 beds to 12.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. J opened the floor for discussion. There was none.</p>
Voting / Add'l Discussion	<p>Ms. J asked if any additional discussion was needed or if any member wanted to extract any chapter for separate vote. None was asked.</p> <p>TR motion and seconded by JM to accept all chapters as written. Vote carried unopposed with no additional discussion.</p>
Other Business	<p>Next LTCBH meeting 9/11 at 10 am via Teams. Next full SHCC Jun 4 at 10am at Dorthea Dix</p> <p>TR commented on the elimination of CON. Stated that the State Senate put it in budget to remove CON. Shared that his latest information shows that State House does not have removal of CON in its budget. Coalition of hospice, home health, radiologists, and other groups have been “working” Senate and House to keep CON. TR and SG hope we don’t lose CON in NC and mimic issues other states having.</p>
Business Meeting – 2026 SMFP	Mr. Martin made a motion seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn the business meeting at 10:39a. EA conducted the vote by roll call, which carried unopposed.

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: Fanuel Andemariam, PDA, Inc.