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SUBJECT: State Health Coordinating Council Meeting/Oct. 3, 2018

Dr. Christopher Ullrich, Chair of the State Health Coordinating Council, conducted their final meeting to finalize policies and need methodologies for the 2019 State Medical Facilities Plan. The three standing committee reports were provided by their respective chairs.

Dr. Sandra Greene/Acute Care Services Committee

- The Council approved Committee recommendations found at https://www.ncha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ACC_Mtg_report_09112018.pdf
- The Council approved need for new operating rooms in Mecklenburg (6*), New Hanover (6*), Orange (3) and Wake (2) County Service Areas. (*Maximum of 6 operating rooms per service area)
- A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 14 to discuss movement of End Stage Renal Dialysis services to the Acute Care Committee, along with integration of the semi-annual dialysis report into the annual SMFP.

Dr. Lyndon Jordan/Technology and Equipment Committee

- The Council adopted the Committee's recommendation to remove the need determination of one MRI from the Pasquotank/Camden/Currituck/Perquimans service area. Also, a need determination for one MRI in the Davie County Service Area will be removed if Davie Medical Center's application for a CON under Policy TE-3 is successful.
- Need for Magnetic Resonance Imaging scanners is established in Davie (1), Forsyth (1), Gaston (1), Mecklenburg (1), and Wake (1).
- A petition from Southeastern Regional Medical Center for an additional Linear Accelerator to be located in Robeson County was approved.
- Need is established for one Positron Emission Tomography scanner in Wake County.
- Need is established for one unit of Cardiac Catheterization equipment in Buncombe County.

Valerie Jarvis/Long Term and Behavioral Care Services Committee

- The Committee recommended approval of need for 15 nursing facility beds in Davidson County. Upon relocation the Davie County Hospital lost its Critical Access Hospital designation and 15 swing beds. The Council approved the committee recommendation of 15 additional nursing beds with emphasis on ventilator dependent, tracheotomy, IV antibiotic and other identified specialties.
- Due to a Columbus County move to the Trillium Local Management Entity/Managed Care

Organization service area, Child/Adolescent Psychiatric bed need is updated as follows: Alliance (1 bed), Eastpointe (21), Sandhills (9) and Vaya (17).

Other Business:

- The Council discussed amending the need methodology for equipment without a need methodology such as Gamma Knife and Lithotripsy equipment. No action taken.
- The Council discussed whether to consider an SMFP need methodology for high cost medical equipment such a proton therapy equipment. No action taken.
- As ESRD moves to the Acute Care Chapter and annual publication in the SMFP, there may be a need to revisit the need methodology.
- The Council discussed the need methodology for Adolescent Psychiatric Beds. Most agreed there is considerable need for behavioral health beds regardless of what the need methodology indicates. Emergency Departments are still boarding patients, and inpatient facilities often operate at a loss. The Council does not want a need methodology to hinder development of new behavioral health beds and has usually approved petitions for them. The CON/Planning Section was directed to consider options and submit them to the Council at its next meeting.
- The CON Section will post a tentative calendar of 2019 CON Reviews in November of this year. Any requests for specific dates for reviews should be submitted by Oct. 4, 2018.