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February 16th Board Meeting Recap

For more information,
check out the 2/16/12 meeting minutes on eStudio!

1. Consent Agenda
 - Approve January 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes
 - NSR 12-01, Webster At Rye, Bed Conversion, \$545,000
 - NSR 12-02, Mary-Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Bio-Mass Project – Replacement of Boiler, \$5,000,000

The consent agenda item was approved unanimously.

2. NSR 12-03, Parkland Medical Center, NSR request for Physician Offices/Urgent Care/Laboratory/Imaging in Salem, NH, \$1,127,640

After hearing a description of the proposed NSR, Board members spoke with a representative from Parkland Medical Center to further clarify the project's details. The board voted 5 to 1 to approve the NSR (with Member Tollner voting against); therefore the NSR was approved.

3. Request for Severance, 8/1/2011 RFA Acute Care Applications, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital AC 11-04 and St. Joseph Hospital AC 11-05

Due to timing issues, MHMH requested that the hearing for its CON application be held at the March 2012 Board meeting; therefore the Board needed to vote to sever the applications between MHMH and St. Joseph Hospital (SJH). SJH did not oppose the severance, and the Board voted unanimously to approve this agenda item.

4. 2012 Nursing Home Bed Need Calculation

The Nursing Home Bed Need determination is presently annually for informational purposes. Although some regions do show a need for additional beds, the nursing home moratorium remains in place through June 30, 2012. There are currently bills in the legislature that affect the moratorium (HB1553 to repeal, and HB1617, amended to extend) that staff will monitor for change. Member Wallace requested that the staff run the need formula as developed by the Board's subcommittee in 2010 and compare it to the existing statutory need formula; this will be presented at the March Board meeting. No Board action was taken on this agenda item.

In the Legislature

- HB1642 – relative to destination cancer hospitals (exempting such from CON review) – has been amended to exempt destination specialty hospitals from CON. Passed 10 to 8 by the House HHS committee.
- HB1617 – repealing the CON law – has been amended to re-structure the CON Board and process. Passed unanimously by the House HHS committee.

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The Health Services Planning and Review Staff are always available to assist persons with any questions they may have about the Certificate of Need process, or about a specific CON application, or to provide some answers to your data needs. We are available daily from 8am to 4:30pm and our general access telephone number is (603) 271-4606.

Check out our website at

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/hspr/index.htm>.

We also upload many of our documents onto eStudio – check it out at <https://nh.same-page.com/studio/v7/>

Need an overview about CON in general? Need to review an application? Need research on a specific CON application or project request? Want to look at historical files? Need to obtain UHDDS (Uniform Discharge Data Set) information from New Hampshire hospitals?

Just ask and we would be happy to help!

Acute Care Thresholds		
Effective Date	Inflation Factor	Inflation-Adjusted Threshold
1/1/1991	-	1,500,000
1/1/1992	1.75%	1,526,250
1/1/1993	1.75%	1,552,959
1/1/1994	1.75%	1,580,136
1/1/1995	1.75%	1,607,789
1/1/1996	1.75%	1,635,925
1/1/1997	1.75%	1,664,554
1/1/1998	1.75%	1,693,683
1/1/1999	1.75%	1,723,323
1/1/2000	2.10%	1,759,512
1/1/2001	3.84%	1,827,078
1/1/2002	3.18%	1,885,179
1/1/2003	2.09%	1,924,579
1/1/2004	1.47%	1,952,870
1/1/2005	10.14%	2,150,891
1/1/2006	7.24%	2,306,616
1/1/2007	8.59%	2,504,754
1/1/2008	2.01%	2,555,100
1/1/2009	7.08%	2,736,001
1/1/2010	-0.86%	2,712,471
1/1/2011	2.49%	2,780,012
1/1/2012	7.01%	2,974,891

**2012 Updated
Threshold
Information**

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**Inflation-Adjusted
Capital
Expenditure
Thresholds**

Nursing Home, ASC, Specialty Hospital, Other Health Care Facility Thresholds			
Effective Date	Inflation Factor	Inflation-Adjusted Threshold	ASC's Subject to RSA 151-C:5, II(f)(2)
1/1/1991	-	1,000,000	
1/1/1992	1.75%	1,017,500	
1/1/1993	1.75%	1,035,306	
1/1/1994	1.75%	1,053,424	
1/1/1995	1.75%	1,071,859	
1/1/1996	1.75%	1,090,617	
1/1/1997	1.75%	1,109,702	
1/1/1998	1.75%	1,129,122	
1/1/1999	1.75%	1,148,882	
1/1/2000	2.10%	1,173,008	500,000
1/1/2001	3.84%	1,218,052	519,200
1/1/2002	3.18%	1,256,786	535,711
1/1/2003	2.09%	1,283,053	546,907
1/1/2004	1.47%	1,301,914	554,947
1/1/2005	10.14%	1,433,928	611,218
1/1/2006	7.24%	1,537,744	655,470
1/1/2007	8.59%	1,669,836	711,775
1/1/2008	2.01%	1,703,400	726,082
1/1/2009	7.08%	1,824,001	777,488
1/1/2010	-0.86%	1,808,314	770,802
1/1/2011	2.49%	1,853,341	789,995
1/1/2012	7.01%	1,983,260	845,374

March 15th Board Meeting Tentative Agenda

1. Consent Agenda
 - Approve February 21, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Portsmouth Regional Hospital, CON AC 06-07 – Request for 6-month Extension
 - NSR 12-04 Harris Hill Nursing Home, Concord, NH Renovations for 2 beds transferred from Pleasant View, \$7,400
 - NSR 12-05 Harris Hill Nursing Home, Concord, NH Minor Renovations to Dining Room and Nurses Station, \$100,431
2. NSR 12-06 Southern NH Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Nashua – NSR Request for Joint Venture ASC, Nashua, NH \$1,927,237
3. Public Hearing – He-Hea 700 Physical Rehabilitation Rule
4. Public Hearing – He-Hea 800 Inpatient Psychiatric Services
5. Public Hearing – Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital CON AC 11-04, \$16,668,750
6. Determine April 1, 2012 Ambulatory Surgical Centers RFA Issuance
7. Presentation of MRI Data Analysis
8. Determine April 1, 2012 Mobile MRI Services RFA Issuance
9. Presentation of PET Data Analysis
10. Presentation of RT Data Analysis
11. 2012 Nursing Home Bed Need Calculation
12. Other Administrative Business

April RFA's

- April 1, 2012 Mobile MRI Services RFA
- April 1, 2012 Ambulatory Surgical Centers RFA

The Board will vote at the March 15th meeting to issue the above RFA's if any letters of intent are submitted (using the new threshold amounts listed above).

Other upcoming RFA's include:

- May 1, 2012 Megavoltage RT RFA
- June 1, 2012 Mobile PET RFA

Reminders

- ♥ In the case of inclement weather, please call the HSPR office for meeting cancellations, rescheduling, etc.
- ♥ Daylight savings is on March 11th!
- ♥ First day of spring is March 20th!

Please Note

HSPR Staff member Patty Thibeault will be out on maternity leave starting in April, so there will be no HSPR monthly newsletter for 2 months.

As always, if you need any assistance, please call the main HSPR line and we will gladly assist you!