

MINUTES
DSH Subcommittee Meeting of the Hospital Advisory Committee
Wednesday, August 16, 2007, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
GHA Board Room, Marietta, Georgia

Members Participating:

Tim Beatty, Chair - Wellstar, Glenn Pearson, Facilitator – GHA, Steve Barber - Ty Cobb, Esther Bailes - Grady Memorial, Todd Cox - Athens Regional, Darcy Davis – Memorial, Kerry Loudermilk - Phoebe Putney, Bob McVickers - Medical College of Ga., Doug Moses – CHOA, Rhonda Perry - Medical Ctr. of Central Ga., Jesus Ruiz – Sunlink, Bill Sellers – Archbold, John Williams - Upson Regional, Charlotte Vestal - Crisp Regional , Barbara Duncan – Flint River Hospital

Guests:-

Michael Ayres - Grady Memorial Hospital, Robert Bolden – GHA, Jason Buice – Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Marsha Burke – Wellstar, Cal Calhoun – GHA, Jim Connolly – DCH, Jim Erickson - Myers and Stauffer, Bryan Forlines – MCCG, Rory Gagan – GHA, Danae Gambill – GHA, Ozzie Gilbert - Grady Memorial Hospital, Tarry Hodges – St. Joes/Candler, Jimmy Lewis – Hometown Health, Mike Polak - Memorial Health, Dodie Putman – HCA, David Riddle – DCH, Rick Sheerin - Floyd Medical Center, Mike Spivey - Spivey/Harris, Carie Summers – DCH, David Tatum - Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Kevin Taylor – Archbold, Susan Thompson – Wellstar, Tish Towns - Grady Health System, Cindy Turner - Bacon County Hospital, Billy Walker - Memorial Hospital & Manor, John Williams - Upson Regional Medical Center, Julie Windom – Alliance of Community Hospitals

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. ICTF Payments:** Carie Summers advised subcommittee members that the department was looking to the Hospital Advisory Committee for recommendations on changes that would improve disproportionate share payments. She stressed that the department intends the DSH program to reflect true disproportionality and that it should not be considered a supplemental payment program to cover shortfalls in Medicaid payments.
- 3. DSH Eligibility Criteria:** Myers and Stauffer reviewed each of the federal and state eligibility criteria. Options on reducing the federal criteria thresholds or adjusting for outpatient services were discussed by the members, along with the concept of disproportionality.

A Motion Was Made that for modeling purposes the subcommittee would review the impact of: 1) eliminating current criteria 4 – 8, as generally not demonstrating “disproportionality”; 2) adding disproportionate share criteria for outpatient services; and 3) possibly adjusting the threshold of federal standard for a new state criteria. **Motion Adopted.**

- 4. Payment Schedule:** Carie Summers stated it would be the intent to make the next DSH payment by the end of the year. Possibly it would be an interim amount, given the 90 days which the federal government has to approve or ask for more information before it approves changes.

A Motion Was Made that if the plan amendment process were to extend the approval past the payment deadline of the moratorium, that DSH payments would proceed based on the currently approved state plan. **Motion Adopted**

- 5. Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 23, 2007, following the meeting of the Board of Community Health, at 1:30 p.m.
- 6. Adjournment:** There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.