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Notes from the State Medical Facilities Plan Task Force Meeting September 30, 2008

This was the first meeting of the State Medical Facilities Plan Task Force (SMFP TF) pursuant to HB396 (2008). The purpose of the TF is to complete a review of the SMFP updating or validating existing criteria at least every four years.

The TF began by discussing comments remaining from the proposed SMFP. Topics and comments included:

1. Use of proprietary population data vs. VEC¹ data

- VEC states its data should not be used for such planning purposes
- Use of a proprietary data source allows for better data mining, i.e., age cohorting, cross border utilization
 - Majority of COPN applicants utilize proprietary data source
- MI and NC use Claritas/Tompson, contracted to allow access by state and project applicants, via 501C3 or state hospital association
- Access to data system could act as incentive for nonhospital providers to report utilization to Virginia Health Information (VHI)

Action: A subcommittee was formed to research potential for VA, including but not limited to: funding sources, access, and hosting of system. Members: Greg Hudson, Deborah Anderson, Erik Bodin, Mary Anne Harkins and Carrie Eddy

2. Diagnostic centers and outpatient surgery centers report to VHI

- Currently, nonhospital provider do not report utilization data to VHI, this results in incomplete data available for making COPN decisions
 - Hospital reporting is voluntary as part of the current required EPICs reporting
 - Outpatient surgery enters report only treatment data
- Smaller medical facilities² may not have resources to bear cost of reporting
 - Could be problematic for imaging centers especially
- Suggest including charity reporting as well

Action: A subcommittee formed to review Chapter 7.2 of Title 32.1 for possible amendment, including impact on VHI. Members: George Phillips, Don Harris, Anne Honeycutt, VHI to consult

Note: This suggestion is beyond the scope of the mandating SMFP TF legislation.

¹ Virginia Employment Commission

² As defined in COPN law §32.1-102.1

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3. Use of ICD-9, DRG and CPT codes

- Use to provide nationally accepted identifiers for disease states by code; e.g. open heart, neonates, rehab services, bed usage
 - Nationally used codes provide better procedure use data
 - Must be applicable across all COPN project categories
- Would need revision flexibility as codes are amended each year
 - Suggest flexible language within 12VAC5-230 (Definitions) to allow Commissioner discretion to revise each year
 - DCOPN publish a revised code guideline each year

Action: A subcommittee formed to identify COPN projects for potential use of coding, determine citations, SMFP sections to be changed, and if VHI can adapt its current systems. Members: Lori Wright, Carrie Eddy, Greg Hudson, Darrell Johnson

4. Expanded use of CT and MRI technologies

- Imaging technology changes rapidly, ex., colon cancer screenings and interop MRI
- Clinical efficacy can be difficult to determine
- Suggest medical advisory group to assist with clarifications
 - Perhaps work through MSV for list of specialists, or from selected specialty groupings
 - Medical advisory group stated in regulations
 - Would be on as needed basis

Action: a subcommittee will look at possible methods for DCOPN staff to access experts in emerging technologies. Members: Erik Bodin, Darrell Johnson, John Grizzard, Anne Honeycutt, Mary Ann Harkins

5. A. Use of Michigan's weighted methodology to determine

- NC also uses a weighted methodology
- Must be applicable across all COPN project categories
- Provides for age cohorting for projects
- Does not provide for institutional need capability

Action: A subcommittee will look at the MI and NC systems for applicable in Va. Members: Greg Hudson, Erik Bodin, Carrie Eddy

B. Paradigm shift in how COPN solicits applications

- Would expand current RFA process to more project categories

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Other issues

6. Need a subcommittee to look at radiation therapy issues in time for legislation
 - Suggest subcommittee meet in time for a December meeting of full TF
 - Suggest including Lithotripsy to craft legislation to repeal from COPN

Members: Kirsten Edmiston, Darrell Johnson, Deb Anderson, Theresa Noe, Don Harris, Mary Anne Haskins, John Grizzard, Erik Bodin. Carrie Eddy to coordinate meeting date of subcommittee

Note: Potential legislation beyond the scope of mandated SMFP TF legislation

7. Review of remaining SMFP comments and list provided by VHHA for work prior to actual SMFP section review

Schedule next meetings: Committee members requested a meeting prior to 2009 General Assembly session.

December 10th Agenda: Reports from subcommittees on: population data, data reporting, and radiation therapy/lithotripsy, and review of work plan for future meetings

Location: Tuckahoe Library, Starling Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Directions to be provided.