

**HEALTH SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED HEARING FOR
PARKRIDGE VALLEY HOSPITAL**

MINUTES

January 29, 2010

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

Koella, Carl, III, Chair
Lammert, Gregory, Vice Chair

AGENCY MEMBER PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE – NON VOTING

Gaither, Keith, designee for the TennCare Director

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Hill, Melanie, Executive Director
Bobbitt, Melissa, Administrative Services Assistant III
Christoffersen, Jim, Deputy General Counsel
Farber, Mark, Assistant Executive Director

GUESTS PRESENT

Poling, Becki, Director Hospital Services, Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities
Taylor, Jerry W., Esq., Farris, Mathews, Bobango, PLC

GUESTS PRESENT via PHONE

Brent, Michael D., Esq., Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP
Francois, Brennan, CEO, Parkridge Valley Hospital
Helton, Josh, Tennessee Comptroller's Office
Moore, Darryl, Parkridge Medical Center
Peterson, Anita
Puri, Christopher, Esq., Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP
Ragan, Colbey B., Esq., Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, PLLC
Richardson, J. Scott, Esq., Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP
Rutherford-Reed, Ann R., RN, BSN, MBA, Director of Licensure, Tennessee Department of Health
Scarvey, Tim, HCA Healthcare
Smith, Carrie
Tyler, Cynthia, Office of Licensure, Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities
White, Pam
White, Suzanne G., MS Director, Department of Children's Services

Ms. Hill called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Health Services and Development Agency located at 500 Deaderick Street, Suite 850, Nashville, TN via teleconference.

Mr. Jim Christoffersen gave a brief outline of the Emergency Certificate of Need process.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUEST

HEALTH SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EMERGENCY CON HEARING
JANUARY 29, 2010 MEETING

Melanie Hill summarized the following Emergency application:

Parkridge Valley Hospital, Chattanooga (Hamilton County), TN - Project No. CN1001-005

The addition of 16 child and adolescent psychiatric beds to its existing 52 child and adolescent psychiatric beds located at 2200 Morris Hill Road, Chattanooga, TN 27421. These beds will be licensed as general hospital beds and designated as child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds under the Parkridge Valley Hospital license. No new services are being initiated, and there is no major medical equipment involved in this project. The estimated project cost cannot reasonably be ascertained at this time

The addition of these beds is necessitated by the January 31, 2010 closure of Cumberland Hall, located at 7351 Standifer Gap Road, Chattanooga, TN 37241. With the closure of Cumberland Hall Hamilton County will lose 32 child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds.

The imminent closure of Cumberland Hall was unforeseen, and would leave Cumberland Hall's child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric patients without beds in or near the service area.

Support received via letters and email: Honorable Daniel R. Swafford, Judge, Bradley County Juvenile Court; Commissioner Viola Miller, Department of Children Services; and Commission Susan Cooper, Department of Health.

Jerry W. Taylor, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency on behalf of the project.

Stating support for the project were: Becki Poling, Director Hospital Services, Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities; and Suzanne G. White, MS Director, Department of Children's Services.

Michael D. Brent, Esq., representing ABS LINCS TN, INC., d/b/a Cumberland Hall spoke in opposition of the project.

Mr. Taylor rebutted.

Responding to questions in support of the project was Brennan Francois, CEO, Parkridge Valley Hospital.

Responding to questions in opposition of the project was Colbey B. Ragan, Esq.

Responding to questions regarding Department of Health's Rules for temporary licensing of excess beds was Ann R. Rutherford-Reed, RN, BSN, MBA, Director of Licensure, Tennessee Department of Health.

Mr. Brent provided summation for the opposition.

Mr. Taylor provided summation for the applicant.

Mr. Lammert moved for approval of the Emergency Certificate of Need based on: 1) Need – The need is evident by the closure of Cumberland Hall's child and adolescent beds in the Chattanooga and Hamilton County area and there is an imminent danger to the health and general welfare of children and adolescents if this emergency CON is not granted; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible because this is a low expenditure capital project and HCA has the resources readily available to add these beds; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care by reducing the number of child and adolescent psychiatric beds that will be lost from this region as a result of the closure of the 32 psychiatric beds at Cumberland Hall. Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [3-0-0]. **APPROVED for 120 days**

AYE: Lammert, Hill, Koella

NAY: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Melanie M. Hill, Executive Director

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