

# HEALTH SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2022

### AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Scarboro, Chairman  
Corey Ridgway, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas Alsup  
Rick Chinn  
Todd Taylor  
Paul Korth  
Dr. Kenneth Patric  
Lisa Jordan, Designee for Department of Commerce and Insurance  
Vince Pinkney, Designee for TennCare

### AGENCY MEMBERS ABSENT

Nicole Shaffer, Designee for Comptroller  
Laura Beth Brown

### AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Jim Christoffersen, General Counsel  
Lowavia Eden-Hoback, Office and Resource Manager  
Alecia Craighead, Data and Analysis Administrator  
Thomas Pitt, HSD Examiner  
Trang Wadsworth, HSD Examiner  
Katie Thomas, Interdepartmental Liaison and Communications Officer  
Joel Clinton, Statistical Research Analyst  
John Carr, Budget Analysis Director 2

### COURT REPORTER

April Daniel

### GUESTS PRESENT

Byron Trauger  
Michael Brent  
Jerry Taylor  
JT Barnhart  
Warren Gooch  
Bryce Fitzgerald  
Cynthia Strong  
John Wellborn  
Dr. William Snyder, Jr. M.D.  
Megan McGill  
Alexander Gololev MD  
Josh Rudd  
Steve Clapp  
Richard Gregory  
Patti Greenberg  
Hollie Trogdon  
John Wesley Williamson

Neal Kelley  
Sean Woodall  
Dale Humphrey  
Aneel Gill  
Travis Swearingen  
Dere Brown  
Leonardo Rodriguez-Cruz  
Mark Aaron, MD  
Dan Elrod  
Matt Gibson  
April Hackney  
Leslie Dunfee  
Ruth Portacci  
Carol Arnhart

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Scarboro with the following members present: Pinkney, Chinn, Patric, Korth, Taylor, Jordan, Scarboro, Alsup, and Ridgway. A quorum was established with nine members being present.

### **DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next meeting in May will be held in Cordell Hull, Senate Hearing Room I.
- Director Grant will give a Legislative Update at the May meeting after session ends.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Scarboro presented the March 23, 2022 minutes for approval.

Mr. Korth moved for approval with Mr. Chinn providing the second.

The motion CARRIED [9-0-0] unanimously by voice vote. **APPROVED.**

### **CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS**

PC 557 eliminated TCA § 68-11-1616, which had provided that “each decision rendered by the Health Services and Development Agency shall include written documentation and explanation of the factual and legal basis upon which the agency grants or denies the Certificate of Need.” PC 557 only requires this for applications that are denied.

Therefore, for applications filed on or after the effective date of the relevant portions of PC 557 (10/1/2021), a simple motion to approve an application will suffice, and a motion to deny must include an explanation of the factual and legal basis as to why one or more of the criteria have not been met.

Four Certificate of Need applications were considered under the regular CON agenda.

Phillip Earhart introduced each of the four applications under consideration with all four being approved.

### **Knoxville Spine Surgery Center, Knoxville (Knox County), TN – CN2202-003**

Request: The establishment of a multi-specialty ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) with 4 operating rooms and 3 procedure rooms performing neurological and spinal surgical procedures and

injections to be located at 1128 East Weisgarber Road, Knoxville (Knox County), TN 37909. The proposed service area includes Anderson, Blount, Jefferson, Loudon, Knox, Roane, and Sevier Counties. Knoxville Spine Surgery Center is owned by Knoxville Spine Surgery, LLC. The estimated project cost is \$8,579,155.

Dr. Patric moved for approval with Mr. Ridgway providing the second with a condition.

**CONDITION: Limited to the performance of neurological and spinal surgical procedures and injections.**

**Nine members voted to approve the application— Chinn, Jordan, Taylor, Korth, Pinkney, Scarboro, Alsup, Patric, and Ridgway. The motion CARRIED [9-0-0].**

**Ascension St. Thomas River Park Hospital, McMinnville (Warren County), TN – CN2202-005**

Request: The initiation of diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterization services at Ascension Saint Thomas River Park Hospital located at 1559 Sparta Street, McMinnville (Warren County) TN, 37110. The proposed service area includes Cannon, DeKalb, Grundy, Van Buren, White and Warren Counties. Ascension Saint Thomas River Park Hospital is owned by Ascension Health. The estimated project cost is \$3,389,083.

Mr. Ridgway and Mr. Korth recused

Ms. Jordan moved for approval with Dr. Patric providing the second.

**Seven members voted to approve the application— Taylor, Jordan, Pinkney, Patric, Alsup, Chinn, and Scarboro. The motion CARRIED [7-0-0].**

**East Tennessee Physical Rehabilitation Hospital, Cleveland (Bradley County), TN – CN2202-006**

Request: The establishment of a 32-bed physical rehabilitation hospital to be located within renovated existing hospital space at Tennova Healthcare – Cleveland Westside at 2800 West Side Drive, NW, Cleveland (Bradley County), Tennessee 37312. The proposed service area includes Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, and Rhea Counties. East Tennessee Physical Rehabilitation Hospital is owned by Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation, Inc. (65%) and Cleveland Hospital Company, LLC (35%) which is owned by Community Health Systems, Inc. The estimated project cost is \$19,248,901.

Mr. Korth moved for approval with Dr. Patric providing the second.

**Nine members voted to approve the application— Taylor, Jordan, Ridgway, Chinn, Pinkney, Patric, Korth, Alsup, and Scarboro. The motion CARRIED [9-0-0].**

**PruittHealth Hospice – Tennessee, Inc., Brownsville (Haywood County), TN – CN2202-007**

Request: The establishment of a home care organization and the initiation of hospice services. The hospice's principal office will be located at 19 N. Court Square, Brownsville (Haywood County), TN 38012. The proposed service area counties are Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Hardeman, Haywood, and Tipton

Counties. The applicant is owned by United Health Services of Tennessee, Inc. The estimated project cost is \$147,800.

Dr. Patric moved for approval with Ms. Jordan providing the second.

**Nine members voted to approve the application— Taylor, Jordan, Pinkney, Patric, Korth, Chinn, Ridgeway, Alsup, and Scarboro. The motion CARRIED [9-0-0].**

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



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Logan Grant, Executive Director

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