



HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2025

**Health Facilities Commission
Cordell Hull State Legislative Building
Senate Hearing Room I
425 Rep. John Lewis Way North
Nashville, TN 37243**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Chinn, Chairman
Melanie Keller, Vice-Chairman, Representative of Home Care
Connie Bellamy, Consumer Representative (Arrived @ 9:04 after roll call)
Jeremy Biggs, Representative of Hospitals
Barbara Brennan, Registered Nurse
Michael Denney, Representative of Nursing Homes
Tim Evans, Representative of ASTCs
Dr. Steven Flatt, Representative of Physicians
Lauren Legate, Designee for the Department of Aging and Disability
Tina Prescott, Representative of Hospitals
Dr. Andy Russell, Representative of Physicians
Nicole Sweitzer, Designee for Comptroller
James Wright, Representative of Nursing Homes (Arrived after 10:30 after roll call)
Mike Ussery, Representative of Assisted-Care Living Facilities

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnny Lai, Designee for TennCare

COURT REPORTER

April Daniel

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Rick Chinn with the following members present: Bellamy, Biggs, Brennan, Denny, Evans, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Prescott, Dr. Russell, Sweitzer, Wright, and Ussery. A quorum was established with 12 members present.

DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The August 27, 2025, meeting will be held at the Cordell Hull State Legislative Building, In the State Hearing Room I, Nashville, TN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Chinn presented the June 25, 2025, minutes for approval.

Ms. Keller moved for approval with Mr. Ussery providing the second.

The motion CARRIED [12-0-0] unanimously by voice vote. **APPROVED.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

I. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSENT CALENDAR

A. LICENSE STATUS REQUESTS (INACTIVE STATUS)

1. N/A

B. BOARD POLICY(IES)

THE FOLLOWING NURSING HOMES REQUESTED TO WAIVE NURSING HOME REGULATIONS 0720-18-.04(1) FOR TENNESSEE REPLACEMENT IS HIRED OR RECEIVES HIS/HER LICENSE IN TENNESSEE BY BOARD POLICY #81:

1. Lebanon Center for Rehabilitation & Healing, Lebanon – N.H.

Lic. #301 Kaycee Loucka, Temporary Administrator

Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to accept the requested waiver. Ms. Keller seconded. Mr. Ussery recused. The waiver request was approved unanimously.

C. BOARD POLICY #86 ACLF ADMINISTRATOR SERVING MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. THIS POLICY TO FACILITATE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS ASSISTED CARE LIVING FACILITY (ACLF) ADMINISTRATORS.

1. Providence Place Assisted Living, Mt. Juliet – ACLF Lic. #174 and The Gardens at Providence Place, Mt. Juliet – ACLF Lic. #285
Ms. Molly Patton, Executive Director
2. Lakewood Place, Loudon – ACLF Lic. #265 and River Oaks Place, Loudon – ACLF Lic. #52
Administrator

Mr. Denney made a motion to accept the requested waivers. Ms. Keller seconded. The waiver requests were approved unanimously.

D. THE FOLLOWING NURSING HOMES REQUESTED A WAIVER TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT THERAPY SERVICES AS PROVIDED FOR BY BOARD POLICY #32

1. N/A

E. CONSIDERATION AND RATIFICATION LICENSURE APPLICATIONS – CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (CHOW) AND INITIALS

2. Qualifying Applications (CHOWS)
 - b. Assisted Care Living Facilities
VOP Victory Station, LLC dba Harmony at Victory Station, Murfreesboro fka Murfreesboro Operations, LLC dba Harmony at Victory Station – License #453

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this qualifying CHOW. Dr. Russell seconded. Mr. Ussery recused. The application was approved unanimously.

1. Qualifying Applications (Initials)

b. Home Health Agencies

Atomic Care Home Health, LLC, Knoxville – File #702

BetterLives, LLC, Knoxville – File #695

Personalized Caregiving of Tennessee, LLC, Knoxville – File #699

Ms. Brennan made a motion to accept this qualifying application. Dr. Russell seconded. Mr. Denney recused. The motion was approved unanimously.

a. Home for the Aged

South Knoxville Senior Living Buildings 1 & 2, Knoxville – File #659

Ms. Keller made a motion to accept this qualifying application. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. Mr. Ussery and Mr. Biggs recused. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Home Medical Equipment

Advanced Technology of Kentucky, Inc., Florence, KY – File #1506

d. Professional Support Services

Open Hearts Open Arms dba Soar TN, Maryville – File #455

Ms. Keller made a motion to accept these qualifying applications. Mr. Evans seconded. The qualifying applications were approved unanimously.

2. Qualifying Applications (CHOWS)

a. Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center

Dickson Ambulatory Surgery Center fka Dickson Surgery Center, Dickson – License #254

Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to accept this qualifying CHOW. Ms. Keller seconded. Mr. Evans recused. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Home Medical Equipment

Medical Necessities & Services, LLC, Jackson – License #415

Mr. Ussery made a motion to accept this qualifying CHOW. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The qualifying CHOW was approved unanimously.

F. LICENSE STATUS UPDATES

a. June 2025 - Closed Facility Listing

This was for Commission members' knowledge. No vote was taken on this matter.

b. Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville – Hospital License #27 – Hospital at Home

Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) has suspended admissions into its Hospital at Home program effective June 11, 2025. VUMC will submit the quarterly quality metrics report in mid-August for its performance through Q2 2025. When Vanderbilt University Medical Center restarts admissions into its Hospital at Home program, notification will be provided to HFC.

Ms. Brennan made a motion to accept this status update as reported. Ms. Keller seconded. Mr. Evans, Dr. Russell, and Ms. Bellamy recused. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Methodist South Hospital, Memphis – Under Methodist Healthcare – Memphis Hospitals – Hospital License #109

Methodist South Hospital, 1300 Wesley Drive, Memphis is closing their obstetric services effective August 1, 2025. Due to a decline in the number of births at the hospital in recent months under the Methodist system is proposing to consolidate its obstetric services to Methodist Germantown Hospital and Methodist Olive Branch Hospital Methodist that is accessible to Shelby County residents.

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve this report as presented. Mr. Ussery/Flatt seconded. Ms. Sweitzer and Ms. Keller voted no. The motion was approved.

G. DISCIPLINARY ORDERS AND ORDERS OF COMPLIANCE

**1. CONSENT ORDERS
Assisted Care Living Facilities**

- a. Garden Plaza of Cleveland, Cleveland – ACLF License #143
The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Order.
- b. Green Crest Assisted Living Centers Inc, Parsons – ACLF License #417
The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Order.
- c. Park View Meadows, Murfreesboro – ACLF License #117
The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order placing the facility's license on probation for a period of twelve (12) months; representative shall appear at two (2) regularly scheduled Commission meetings during the probationary period and demonstrate and explain to the Commission how the facility is implementing the actions identified in its plan of correction; OLS also proposed assessing three (3) Civil Monetary Penalties of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) each; two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each; and two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) each for a total CMP assessment of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) due within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Order.
- d. Preston Place II, Kingsport – ACLF License #280
The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each, for a total CMP assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Skilled Nursing Facilities

- a. Cloria Oak Post-Acute Rehabilitation Center, Palmyra – SNF License #192
The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order for voluntary surrender of the Respondent's license; facility shall not accept new residents.

Order of Compliance

- a. Green Hills Center for Rehabilitation and Healing, LLC, Nashville - SNF License #52

The Office of Legal Services proposed an Order of Compliance as the Respondent met the conditions under their June 5, 2024, Consent Order.

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve these Orders as written. Dr. Russell seconded. Mr. Ussery recused. The Orders were approved unanimously as written.

Order of Summary Suspension

This item was moved until the end of the meeting.

- 2. Rules:

This item was moved until the end of the meeting.

II. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSE REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Facility Waiver Requests

- a. Hardin Home Nursing Home, Savannah - NH License #120 and Park Rest Hardin County Health Care Center, Savannah - NH License #121

This request was withdrawn by the facility. No discussion was made.

- b. Amerita, Inc., Chattanooga

Amerita, Inc., Chattanooga, a Home Health Agency was seeking a waiver to open two new branch offices located in Kingsport at 105 Jack White Drive, Suite B, Kingsport, TN 37664 which is 200 miles from the parent office and in Nashville located at 217 West Maplewood Lane, Nashville, TN 37207 which is approximately 155 miles from the Chattanooga parent office.

Representative(s): Ms. Lauren Gaffney, Attorney

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve the waiver. Mr. Flatt seconded. Mr. Ussery recused. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion(s)

a. N/A

3. Applications - Change of Ownership (CHOW's and Initials)- Special Consideration

a. Initials
N/A

b. CHOWS
N/A

4. Reports

TRAUMA

a. There was no formal trauma report for this meeting

b. NURSE AIDE/ABUSE REGISTRY

a. July 23, 2025 – Nurse Aide Registry/Abuse Registry Report – Report for
June 2025 Representative(s): Ann R. Reed, Deputy Director Licensure
and Regulation

There was no vote taken on this report

IV. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSENT CALENDAR

G. DISCIPLINARY ORDERS AND ORDERS OF COMPLIANCE

1. CONSENT ORDERS

Order of Summary Suspension

- a. Royal Retreat, Memphis, ACLF License #279
Application for an Order of Summary Suspension to suspend the license of Royal Retreat, ACLF Lic. No. 279. The cited deficiencies are a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and requires summary action by the Commission.

2. **Rules:**

- a. 0720-22- Trauma Centers
- b. Disaster Preparedness
- c. Review of Hospital and ODC comments from rulemaking hearings held on June 20, 2025.

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS

A. Ascension St. Thomas Clarksville Hospital, Clarksville (Montgomery County), TN – CN2505-015

Request: For the establishment a 44-bed acute care hospital located at an unaddressed site on Highway 76 in the northeastern quadrant of the intersection of Highway 76 and Interstate 24 across Highway 76 from Tennessee Orthopedic Alliance’s office building, Clarksville (Montgomery County), Tennessee 37043. The project also seeks to initiate diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterization services, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services, and a Level II neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The service area for the project consists of Montgomery County. The applicant will be owned and operated by Saint Thomas Clarksville Hospital, LLC. This entity is wholly owned by Saint Thomas Health (“STH”), which is a regional health ministry of Ascension Health. Estimated project cost: \$148,500,000.

Representative(s): Warren Gouch

Ms. Bellamy, Mr. Evans, Ms. Prescott, and Dr. Russell recused. Ms. Brennan moved for approval. Dr. Flatt seconded. Eight members voted to approve the application – Biggs, Brennan, Denny, Flatt, Keller, Legate, Sweitzer, and Ussery. The motion CARRIED [8-o-o].

OPPOSITION: Tennova Healthcare Clarksville.

B. TriStar Clarksville Hospital, Clarksville (Montgomery County), TN – CN2505-018

Request: For the establishment of a 69-bed full service acute care hospital located at an unaddressed site on Tiny Town Road, approximately 1,000 feet to the west of the intersection of Tiny Town Rd and Sandpiper Dr., Clarksville, (Montgomery County), Tennessee 37042. The project also seeks to initiate diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterization services, magnetic resonance imaging services (MRI), and will include a Level II neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The service area for the project includes Montgomery and Stewart Counties. The applicant is owned and will be operated by Clarksville Health Services, LLC, whose ultimate parent company is HCA Healthcare, Inc. Estimated project cost: \$286,048,000.

Representative(s): Clark Spoden

Ms. Bellamy, Mr. Evans, Ms. Prescott, and Dr. Russell recused. Ms. Sweitzer moved for approval. Dr. Flatt seconded. Eight members voted to approve the application – Biggs, Brennan, Denney, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Sweitzer, and Ussery. The motion CARRIED [8-o-o].

Opposition: Tennova Healthcare Clarksville

C. Blueberry Health Infusion Nursing, LLC., Knoxville (Knox County), TN – CN2505-019

Request: For the establishment of a home care organization and the initiation of home health services located at 6700 Baum Drive, Suite 22, Knoxville (Knox), Tennessee 37919. The proposed home health agency will be limited to home infusion and related nursing services for pharmacy patients of Schwabing Corp, d/b/a Vital Care of Knoxville. The proposed service area will consist of all Tennessee 95 counties including CON-exempt Lake and Perry Counties. The applicant is owned is owned by Blueberry Health Infusion Nursing, LLC. Estimated project cost: \$74,919.

Representative(s): Kim Looney

Mr. Evans, and Mr. Lai recused. Ms. Keller moved for approval. Mr. Wright seconded. Ten members voted to approve the application – Bellamy, Biggs, Denny, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Dr. Russell, Sweitzer, Ussery, and Wright. The motion CARRIED [10-o-o].

LIMITATION: Limited to home infusion and related nursing services for pharmacy patients of Schwabing Corp, d/b/a Vital Care of Knoxville.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Executive Director led a discussion on potential ways to streamline the consideration of Certificate of Need applications at Commission meetings. As a result of the discussion, staff will investigate further; and there will be a discussion at a subsequent meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Logan Grant, Executive Director

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