

Sub-Committee on Acute Care and Ambulatory Services

Update to the State-wide Health Care
Facilities and Services Plan Advisory
Body

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Charge:

- Review and recommend service standards, guidelines and methodologies the services identified below
- Identify data limitations and suggested resources
- Recommend additional subject matter experts

Scope:

- Bed Need
- Definition of Regions
- Cardiac Services
- Ambulatory Surgery
- Operating Rooms
- New Technology Standards
- Emergency Department

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Representation / Partners

- Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA)
- Connecticut Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (CAASC)
- Eastern Connecticut Health Network
- Griffin
- Hartford Hospital
- Norwalk Hospital
- St. Mary's
- Stamford Hospital
- Western Connecticut Health Network
- Yale New Haven

OHCA Staff: Kaila Riggott, Laurie Greci, Brian Carney and Steven Lazarus, Olga Armah

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Our Process:

- Bi-weekly meetings since July 14th
- Presentation of each topic by OHCA staff
 - Review of existing regulation/guidelines
 - Utilization of representative existing State health plans as appropriate
 - Scenario Planning of methodology based on State of Connecticut data
- Sub-Committee Meeting immediately following presentation
 - Determination of additional information required
 - Email additional documentation, resources and studies
 - Assignment of sub-committee volunteer to prepare summary
 - Pre-meeting to review summary and presentation to OHCA

Status:

- Initial feedback to OHCA on all sections except: Cardiology and Emergency Department

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Challenges:

- Limited comparison for relative State Health Plans
- Definition of Exclusions
- Licensed Beds vs Available or Staffed Beds
- Projecting the impact of Healthcare Reform
- Scope of this committee and aggressive timeline

Benefits:

- Networking with colleagues from across Connecticut
- Ability to inform plan and provide “expert” insight
- Healthy discussion despite sometimes varied views
- OHCA’s dedication to engage sub-committee members

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Next Steps:

- One additional meeting October 20th
 - Review Emergency Department and Cardiology feedback
 - Discussion with OHCA regarding missing elements from previously submitted documents
- Draft of Guidelines by OHCA
- Review by Sub-Committee