

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSION ON HEALTHCARE AND HOSPITAL FUNDING

Meeting Date: November 19, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Teleconference

Members Present: Carlos Beruff, Chair; Tom Kuntz, Vice Chair; General Chip Diehl; Marili Cancio Johnson; Sam Seevers and Dr. Ken Smith. Robert Spottswood was on the call in listen only mode.

Members Absent: Eugene Lamb, Jr.; and Dr. Jason Rosenberg.

Executive Directors Present: Nathan Dunn as proxy for the Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong; and Ms. Molly McKinstry as proxy for Secretary Elizabeth Dudek, Agency for Health Care Administration

AHCA Staff Present: Nikole Helvey; Beth Eastman

Call to Order: Carlos Beruff, Chair, called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Chairman Beruff told the commission that they had gathered to discuss a letter to send to Senate President Andy Gardiner and House Speaker Steve Cristifulli encouraging them to consider the Governor's proposed legislation on healthcare transparency.

Commissioner Tom Kuntz expressed to the commission that he does not want the letter to imply that the legislation is the commission's final recommendation. He wanted to be sure that the legislature understands that the commission is still working and will possibly have additional recommendations to offer which may include Certificate of Need and Ambulatory Surgery Centers. He stated that the letter should clarify that the commission will endorse the legislation, but did not draft the legislation.

Commissioner Seevers stated that she concurred with Commissioner Kuntz. She noted her concern with some of the verbiage in the letter. She would like to see the word "investigate" in the letter changed to explore or review, as those terms are more representative of what the commission has done and is doing.

Chair Beruff suggested editing the letter to clarify that the commission is continuing their deliberations and will possibly propose other recommendations or legislation.

The commission voted to allow Chair Beruff to approve the discussed edits to the letter so it can be sent to its recipients.

The commission will next meet in Tallahassee on December 1, 2015.

There being no further business to discuss the commission adjourned at 9:30 a.m.