

**Delaware Health Resources Board
Bayhealth Freestanding Emergency Department
Review Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
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Monday, September 14, 2020 12:00 PM**

Review Committee Members Present: Leighann Hinkle, Elizabeth Brown MD and Pamela Price

Staff Present: Latoya Wright, Ayanna Harrison and Annie Cordo

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Review Committee for Bayhealth was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Latoya Wright, staff to the Health Resources Board stated that everyone calling into the meeting should place their phones on mute, if not speaking. If joining the meeting by web, place the computer speakers on mute. Roll call was taken to confirm the attendance of the Review Committee and staff.

August 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed. Pam Price made a motion to approve the minutes. Leighann Hinkle seconded the motion. There was a voice vote, no abstentions, no opposing. Motion carried.

***Bayhealth Freestanding Emergency Department Certificate of Public Review Application
Conformity of Project with Review Criteria***

Criterion I: The relationship of the proposal to the Health Resources Management Plan.

Pam Price made a motion to change her vote from the meeting on August 20th for Criterion I. Leighann Hinkle seconded the motion. No opposing, Motion carried. Pam changed her prior vote of abstaining to the application meets criterion I. Dr. Liz Brown and Leighann Hinkle voted the application does not meet Criterion I.

The Review Committee agreed the application does not meet this criterion with a vote of 2:1.

Criterion II The need of the population for the proposed project.

The Review Committee voted on Criterion II at the August 20, 2020 Review Committee Meeting.

The Review Committee agreed the application does not meet this criterion with a vote of 2:1.

Criterion III The availability of less costly and/or more effective alternatives to the proposal, including alternatives involving the use of resources located outside the State of Delaware.

The Review Committee discussed the Hybrid FED having the capability of treating complex cases and while this capability is a positive attribute, there is uncertainty surrounding the Hybrid model being a less costly alternative. It was mentioned that with healthcare shifting towards telehealth, it

is difficult to predict if this proposal is needed. It was stated that there is not substantive information to confidently say that the application meets Criterion III.

The Review Committee agreed the application does not meet this criterion with a vote of 2:1.

Criterion IV: The relationship of the proposal to the existing health care delivery system.

The Review Committee discussed concerns made from other hospital systems in the service area stating the Hybrid FED will have a negative impact to the existing healthcare delivery system in the area. It was also noted that even though telehealth is an effective way of providing access to care especially during the pandemic, it does not replace emergency care and the need to visit the ED.

The Review Committee agreed the application does not meet this criterion with a vote of 2:1.

Criterion V: The immediate and long-term viability of the proposal in terms of the applicant's access to financial, management and other necessary resources.

The Review Committee agreed that Bayhealth has sufficient resources to support the Hybrid FED.

The Review Committee unanimously agreed the application meets this criterion.

Criterion VI: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the costs of and charges of healthcare.

The Review Committee discussed the uncertainty surrounding the cost savings for the Hybrid model as it pertains to the walk-in care feature and ED feature. There were concerns surrounding the cost to the healthcare delivery system as it relates to the Hybrid model and if the information provided in the application justifies meeting this criterion. The Review Committee appreciated Bayhealth's effort explaining the potential cost savings for the Hybrid model.

The Review Committee agreed the application does not meet this criterion with a vote of 2:1.

Criterion VII: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the quality of health care.

The Review Committee unanimously agreed the application meets this criterion.

Other Review Considerations

The application noted the following:

- The Hybrid FED will foster economies and improvements in the delivery system
- The project will enhance the user population
- The project will provide health services to Medicaid patients and the medically indigent
- Bayhealth did evaluate alternatives and decided this proposal was the most efficient
- The proposal will employ energy conservation principles

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing findings, the Review Committee hereby recommends denial of the CPR application submitted by Bayhealth to construct a Hybrid freestanding emergency department in Harbeson, DE Sussex County with a vote of 2:1.

Next Steps

The Review Committee will provide their recommendation to the Board at the September 24th Health Resources Board meeting. The Board will vote on the application.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.