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Meeting Notes

**The Acute Care/Ambulatory Surgery Subcommittee of the
State-Wide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan Advisory Body**

August 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Results
I. Opening Remarks – Kim Martone/ Karen Goyette	Karen requested that Kim allow the group to meet without OHCA staff present to allow for a more open discussion of the subcommittee’s assignments.	Kim agreed to the revised meeting format.
II. Presentation on OP Surgical Facilities in CT	<p>Laurie Greci presented on Outpatient Surgical Facilities in Connecticut. There are currently no guidelines or standards that are used to assess the need for OSFs/ASCs or the number of ORs required to provide services in these facilities. OHCA proposes to develop guidelines/standards to address: requests for new freestanding OSFs and hospital satellite OSFs; whether single- or multi-specialty proposals must follow identical guidelines or allow for variation due to differing scope of services; current access to ambulatory surgery; unmet need; number of ORs appropriate; projected future demand for additional OSFs. OHCA reviewed other states’ facilities plans and found common elements: fixed planning areas; target utilization rates; distance from acute care hospitals; and requirements for number of ORs. OHCA is requesting feedback/recommendations on: planning area; capacity; optimum utilization; requirements to add new OSF; physician referral patterns; time/distance considerations; definition of OR; requirements for additional OR; and exceptions.</p> <p>Laurie also gave a handout summarizing eight other CON states’ OSF statutes, standards and guidelines.</p> <p>Concerns/comments raised by the subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some committee members expressed concern that their facility was not on the map, however Laurie stated that it is likely that the facility was on the map but may be “covered up” by another hospital or facility.	<p>Subcommittee to provide feedback on OHCA’s request.</p> <p>Laurie will be revising the maps to include a separate map for the 4 OSF types: Multi Freestanding, Multi Hospital Satellite, Single Freestanding and Single Hospital Satellite to alleviate the overlapping of providers. To come.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested that OHCA provide a listing (or map) of OSFs and Hospitals performing outpatient surgery, including utilization numbers. • The group suggested that some measure relating to quality be included in the standards. 	OHCA will determine if this is possible at this point.
III. Discussion of Outpatient Surgical Facilities – Subcommittee Members only		
IV: Next Steps	<p>The new address for the OHCA website is www.ct.gov/dph/ohca.</p> <p>To access all information about the Plan, meeting presentations, materials, agenda and schedule, click on the CT State-Wide Health Care Facilities and Services Plan Advisory Body link.</p>	

Attendees: Karen Goyette, Diana Ellison, Jean Ahn, Louise Dechesser, Carl Scheissl, Beth Chaty, Betty Buzzuto, Lisa A. Winkler

Attendees from OHCA: Steve Lazarus, Brian Carney, Laurie Greci

Absentees: Dennis McConville, Sally Herlihy, Patrick Charmel, Kaila Riggott (OHCA), Olga Armah (OHCA)