

**MEGAVOLTAGE RADIATION THERAPY  
STANDARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MRTSAC) MEETING**

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Michigan Library & Historical Center  
702 West Kalamazoo Street  
Lake Ontario Room  
Lansing, MI 48915

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order.**

Chairperson Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

a. Members Present and Organizations Represented:

Roland Palmer, Grand Valley Health Plan (Chairperson)  
Theodore Batzer, MD, West Michigan Regional Cancer & Blood Center (Alternate)  
Tewfik Bichay, PhD, Saint Mary's Health Care  
Paul Chuba, MD, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (Alternate) (arrived at 11:09 a.m.)  
Keith Crowell, Oaklawn Hospital  
Praveen Dalmia, Mount Clemens General Hospital (Alternate)  
Harry Dalsey, J.D., M.P.H., Weyco, Inc.  
Sal Jafar, MD, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System – Ann Arbor  
Peter Lai, MD, Lakeland Regional Health System (arrived at 10:21 a.m.)  
Robert C. Marquardt, Memorial Medical Center of West Michigan  
Walter M. Sahjidak, MD, Michigan Society of Therapeutic Radiologist and Oncologists  
Joseph M. Spallina, FAAM, Arvina Group, LLC

b. Members Absent and Organizations Represented:

Amr Aref, MD, St. John Hospital and Medical Center  
A. Soliman Behairy, MD, West Michigan Regional Cancer and Blood Center  
Bridget R. Brambs, Detroit Medical Center  
Arthur J. Frazier, MD, Mount Clemens General Hospital  
Bradley Gornick, AIA, ALA, Alliance for Health  
Dawn Madison Williams, DaimlerChrysler Corporation

c. Staff Present:

Lakshmi Amarnath  
Andrea Moore  
Stan Nash  
Brenda Rogers  
Matt Weaver

d. General Public in Attendance:

There were approximately 27 people in attendance.

**II. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest.**

No conflicts were noted.

**III. Review of Agenda.**

Motion by Dr. Sahijdak, seconded by Mr. Dalmia, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**IV. Review of Draft Minutes of January 26, 2005.**

Motion by Dr. Batzer, seconded by Mr. Dalsey, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**V. Data - Update.**

Ms. Rogers gave an overview of the data provided. Discussion followed. Mr. Spallina asked that the Department prepare one report that incorporates the current MRT inventory by HSA and CON activity.

**VI. Discuss and Prioritize Issues.**

A. Technical Workgroup.

Chairperson Palmer reviewed the issues previously defined. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Spallina, seconded by Mr. Dalsey to place the issue of "age of equipment for replacement" with the Technical Workgroup. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. Bichary, seconded by Dr. Sahijdak to accept the following as the issues and priorities for the Technical Workgroup. Motion Carried.

<u>Technical Workgroup Issues</u>	<u>Priority</u>
a. Estimated treatments visits (ETV) Standards/Formulas, including IMRT	1st
b. Age of equipment for replacement	2 <sup>nd</sup>
c. Research Unit – full vs partial	3 <sup>rd</sup>

B. Access Workgroup.

Chairperson Palmer reviewed the issues previously defined. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mr. Spallina, seconded by Mr. Dalsey, to remove the issue of "access." Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Spallina, seconded by Mr. Crowell, to remove the issue of "timeframe." Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Dalsey, seconded by Mr. Spallina, move the issue of "incorporating the white paper" to the Technical Workgroup. Motion Failed.

Motion by Dr. Lai, seconded by Dr. Batzer, to have both workgroups look at the issue of "incorporating the white paper." Motion Failed.

Motion by Dr. Sahijdak, seconded by Mr. Spallina, to have the issue of “incorporating the white paper” left in the Access Workgroup. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dr. Batzer, seconded by Dr. Lai, to re-label the issue of “consequences of lowering standards” to “rural standards.” Motion Failed.

Motion by Dr. Jafar, seconded by Mr. Crowell, to remove the issue “consequences of lowering standards.” Motion Failed.

Motion by Dr. Chuba, seconded by Dr. Jafar, to combine the issues identified under “rural access” and “consequences of lowering standards” under the title of “rural access.” Motion Carried.

Recessed from 11:37 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding remaining issues for the Access Workgroup.

Motion by Mr. Marquardt, seconded by Mr. Crowell, to remove the issue of “finance.” Motion Carried.

Chairperson Palmer moved the following issues forward for the Access Workgroup.

Access Workgroup Issues

- a. Rural Access.
  - 1. Number hospital beds of the requesting hospital.
  - 2. Number of EVT's per rural location.
  - 3. Distance to the nearest MRT.
  - 4. Location – Hospital vs off-site.
  - 5. What other services are required for MRT.
  - 6. Quality control – staffing, availability, larger hospital oversight.
- b. Incorporating the white paper.

Mr. Mark Hutchinson, Trinity Health, addressed the Committee.

**VII. Form Workgroups to Address Issues.**

The Committee divided into the Technical Workgroup and the Access Workgroup, as noted below, to work on the issues identified from 12:03 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Technical Workgroup

Dr. Sahijdak (Chairperson)  
Dr. Lai  
Dr. Chuba  
Mr. Spallina  
Mr. Dalmia  
Dr. Jafar  
Dr. Bichary

Access Workgroup

Dr. Batzer (Chairperson)  
Mr. Crowell  
Mr. Dalsey  
Mr. Marquardt

Dr. Sahijdak gave an overview of the Technical Workgroup's discussion on the issues. He asked that the Department provide the information on the duplication factors by the next meeting.

Dr. Batzer gave an overview of the Access Workgroup's discussion. He asked the Department to identify what works and what doesn't work in regards to the white paper for the next meeting.

Chairperson Palmer stated that the next meeting would consist of two one-hour workgroup sessions to continue working on the issues identified.

**VIII. Future Meeting Dates.**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005  
Wednesday, April 13, 2005  
Tuesday, May 17, 2005  
Wednesday, June 15, 2005  
Wednesday, July 6, 2005

**VI. Public Comment.**

None.

**VII. Adjournment.**

Motion by Dr. Sahijdak, seconded by Dr. Chuba, to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m. Motion Carried.