

# HOSPITAL BEDS STANDARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HBSAC) MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Capitol View Building  
201 Townsend Street  
MDCH Conference Room B/C  
Lansing, MI 48913

## APPROVED MINUTES

### I. Call to Order.

Chairperson Ball called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

a. Members Present and Organizations Represented:

Robert Asmussen, St. John Health System  
James Ball, Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Barton P. Buxton, McLaren Health Care  
Wayne Cass, Michigan State AFL-CIO  
Connie Cronin, H.F. Health System  
Dr. Douglas Edema, Trinity Health  
James Falahee, Jr., Bronson Healthcare Group  
Gary Kushner, Small Business Association of Michigan  
A. Michael LaPenna, Alliance for Health  
Mark Mailloux, University of Michigan Health System  
Patrick O'Donovan, Beaumont Hospitals  
Patricia Richards, Health Alliance Plan  
William Rietscha, Spectrum Health  
Dale Steiger, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
Mary Zuckerman, Detroit Medical Center

b. Members Absent and Organizations Represented:

None.

c. Staff Present:

Lakshmi Amarnath  
Matt Jordan  
John Hubinger  
Joette Laseur  
Irma Lopez  
Jeff McManus  
Andrea Moore  
Stan Nash  
Brenda Rogers  
Alice Robinson

### II. Conflicts of Interests.

No conflicts were noted.

**III. Review of Agenda and Distributed Materials.**

Chairperson Ball reviewed the agenda. Motion by Dr. Edema, seconded by Ms. Cronin, to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**IV. Review of Minutes – February 22, 2006.**

Motion by Mr. Kushner, seconded by Mr. LaPenna, to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**V. Workgroup Reports.**

**A. Charge One Workgroup.**

Mr. Steiger reported that the Workgroup had not met, but would be meeting prior to the next SAC meeting. He has received the 2003 occupancy rates and is still waiting for the 2004 occupancy rates. Discussion followed

**B. Charges Two/Five Workgroup.**

Mr. Mailloux reported that the Workgroup had met twice. The Workgroup has received a draft 2004 occupancy data graph from Michigan Hospital Association (MHA). Discussion followed. Chairperson Ball requested that a copy of the draft 2004 occupancy data graph from MHA be provided to the Department and the Committee Members. Discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Bob Zorn, Michigan Hospital Association  
Larry Horwitz, Economic Alliance for Michigan

**C. Charge Three Workgroup.**

Mr. LaPenna provided a written (Attachment A) and oral report of the Workgroup's progress. This workgroup will be holding its first three (3) meetings by web conference and the final meeting will be held in Lansing. Discussion followed.

**D. Charges Four/Six Workgroup.**

Mr. Asmussen reported that the workgroup had met once and will be meeting again on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed. Chairperson Ball requested that the Department obtain clarification from the Attorney General on the procedure of determining a quorum for the Workgroups.

Chairperson Ball added Mr. Kushner to the Charges Four/Six Workgroup and Mr. Steiger and Mr. Cass to the Charges Two/Five Workgroup. Chairperson Ball requested that should a SAC member have to be asked to leave a Workgroup meeting because of reaching a quorum of the SAC, that the Team Leader gives priority to retaining non-hospital representatives in the Workgroup meeting.

Public Comment:

Larry Horwitz, Economic Alliance for Michigan

**VI. Next Step.**

Workgroups will continue to work on each Charge.

**VII. Future Meetings:**

April 19, 2006  
May 23, 2006  
June 28, 2006  
July 28, 2006  
August 22, 2006

**VIII. Public Comment.**

None.

**IX. Adjournment.**

Motion by Mr. Steiger, seconded by Ms. Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

# Memorandum

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**To:** Hospital Beds Standards Advisory Committee  
**From:** A. Michael LaPenna  
**Subject:** "Comparative Review" Subcommittee Work Plan  
**Date:** March 29, 2006

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The Subcommittee charge, as we understand it from the work papers, follows:

*"Consider the use of the comparative review criteria developed for limited access areas as a foundation for development of comparative review criteria for any hospital bed under review."*

We have discussed this informally by phone, reviewed the past work product of previous the previous committee members and discussed the issues with former members of the panel that addressed this issue. We have also discussed the issue with staff and we are considering the addition of a person expert in hospital finance to the Subcommittee.

We will consider the following questions:

1. Should comparative review be extended to all bed review processes?
2. If so, are the present standards appropriate for this process?

We are going to meet by WEB conference on three occasions and finally in Lansing in a formal session to finalize this process. This will be accomplished over the next eight to ten weeks.

Meeting one – Review the charge and review the process and work product from former sessions.

Meeting two – Review any input received from SAC members and update any material to reflect current information and statistics.

Meeting three – Consider alternatives, including processes that might be instructive that are under consideration in other states.

Meeting four – Prepare final recommendations for the SAC in DRAFT form and circulate for comments.

We welcome any input or insight on this activity from SAC members interested in this topic.