

SAC Medical Use

Minutes Meeting of October 2, 2002

Present were: Dr. Jerry Slate, Alan McClennen, Joe Carabello, Charlie Foskett, Lynne Lowenstein, Dr. Jim Kolb, Dr. John Berkoben, Dr. Patricia Worden, Dr. Mike Foley, and Dr. Bob Carey

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Dr. Slate.
- A motion was made by Mr. Foskett, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25.
- Dr. Slate presented the findings to date of the Subcommittee established by Mr. Foskett's motion of September 25 with respect to encouraging additional providers (e.g. surgical care centers) on the site. He reported that Mac Moore of Symbion specified that 2,000 cases per year are necessary to have a viable surgical care center (includes endoscopies). Various local surgeons have expressed interest in using such a facility. It was also mentioned that the waiting list for colonoscopies is quite long at several local hospitals and that the surgical facilities there are inefficient as regards optimal usage.

Curiosity was expressed as to whether local physicians will be willing to commit to using such a facility.

Dr. Worden moved and it was seconded and approved unanimously that physicians should be polled in more detail to see if they will discuss with Symbion prospects in a specific (not general) manner with respect to their possible involvement in a surgical care center.

- Dr. Peter Braun's letter was discussed.

Dr. Carey moved and it was seconded and voted that the SAC Medical Use Working Group be provided with professional help in pursuing medical uses for Symmes Hospital and further that this vote should be presented to the Symmes Advisory Committee (SAC) at their meeting tomorrow night (October 3) by the Chairman of that group, Mr. Foskett.

- Questions arose as to whether or not the SAC consultants (VHB) will have among their staff members with adequate medical real estate expertise or whether they will find it necessary to quickly hire a medical

representative with the appropriate expertise for this task especially since the time available is short.

- Finally, Dr. Foley expressed hope that services solicited for Symmes would include those of current interest to Arlington citizens including alternative medicine and therapies.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.