

# SAC Medical Use

## Minutes Meeting of September 25, 2002

Present were: Dr. Jerry Slate, Dr. Tim Crowley, Alan McLennen, Joe Carabello, Kathy Colwell, Dr. Peter Braun, Charlie Foskett, Lynne Lowenstein, Dr. Jim Kolb, Dr. John Berkoben, Pat Worden, Dr. Mike Foley, and Bob Carey

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 Pm by Bob Carey.
- The minutes were reviewed by all and approved without changes.
- The Vision statement was presented by Dr. Slate, reviewed by the working group and accepted as written.
- The rating of possible medical uses was presented by Bob Carey. Rating was done by simply adding up the points accumulated by each use on the ballot presented by Allen Reedy at the last meeting.
  1. **Those receiving 60 points or more** included: the Arlington Board of Health, existing and additional MD offices, an endoscopy unit, and already existing radiology/imaging services.
  2. **Those receiving between 50 and 59 points** were cancer support services, a surgery center, an urgent care center, additional radiology/imaging services, mental health counseling services, complementary/alternative medicine, rehabilitation services-existing and additional, laboratory services-existing and additional, drug supply clearinghouse/warehouse, cancer treatment center-existing and additional, in patient hospice services, health spa, assisted living facility, nursing home, Alzheimer's care center, adult daycare center, and women's health center.
- The question of seeking a dialysis unit for the Symmes site was discussed. Dr. Carey presented a review of the units in our county and has contacted Gambro, a company with several units in Middlesex County. No motion was made re further action at this time.
- Charles Foskett and Pat Worden have pursued the possibility of a surgical care center at Symmes. Charlie has talked to Mac Moore at Symbion, the company running the Worcester Surgical Care Center. Symbion is especially interested in partner surgeons. No Motion was made re further action at this time.

- Pat Worden made a motion that Dr. Jerry Slate take over as chair of this committee while Bob Carey is in Bolivia during October. This was seconded and unanimously passed.
- The new members were introduced. They are: Dr. Peter Braun, Dr. Tim Crowley, and Kathy Colwell. A long discussion took place as to how more nearby physicians could be induced to come to Symmes. The suggestion was made by Dr. Braun and Bob Carey to seek e-mail addresses of MD's in Arlington and surrounding towns to let them know of the possibility of moving to the Symmes campus and referring them to the Symmes web site. Also inviting them to a meeting at Symmes was suggested, but no interest in any of this followed.
- Charlie Foskett Made a motion that Drs. Michael Foley, Tim Crowley and Jerry Slate, acting as a subcommittee, undertake an effort to encourage additional providers (surgical centers, etc) on the site: 1) Determine additional characteristics of different provider organizations such as Symbion; 2) Prepare a presentation for local physicians based on the information gathered from these organizations to determine local physicians' interest; 3) Based on that local interest, if any, that the sub-committee further encourage interest on the part of the provider organizations to provide their local services and expertise in Arlington at the Symmes site. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Worden and unanimously approved.
- Finally Bob Carey asked for a motion for Drs. Tim Crowley, Jerry Slate, Mike Foley, John Berkoben, and Jim Kolb to discuss this matter more fully and present to the group in one week how to proceed from here. The motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:20 PM.