

**MINUTES**  
**STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**HOSPITAL COMMITTEE**  
**June 10, 2025**

The Hospital Committee of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council met virtually on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, by web conference. As required by law (Ala. Code §36-25A-5.1), the minimum number of committee members met in person in Room 387 of the RSA Union building at 100 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

**Committee Members Present**

Hodges Washington, Chairman (In-Person)  
Keith Granger, Vice-Chair  
Brenda Carlisle  
Harold Crouch (In-Person)  
Barbara Estep (In-Person)  
Carey McRae  
Dare Meeks  
Dr. Mickey Trimm

**SHPDA Staff**

Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director  
Toni Ferguson  
Jelena Magallon  
Kristin F. Norman  
Melissa Trehern  
Bradford L. Williams

**In-Person Attendees**

**Committee Members Not Present**

Representative Jeremy Gray

Dave White  
Hallie Logan

**Virtual Attendees**

Evans Brown  
Mazie Bryant  
Jennifer Clark  
Cooper  
Ashton Hennig  
Nate Horsely  
Ragan Ingram

Brenna Johnson  
Margaret Whatley  
Sommer Vaughn  
Sydney Willmann  
Representative Jeremy Gray's AI Notetaker  
(Otter.AI)

A copy of the register of others present is on file in the office of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Chairman Hodges Washington called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Ms. Emily Marsal, SHPDA Executive Director, performed a roll call, and a quorum was verified.

Chairman Washington opened the floor to adopt the agenda. Mayor Harold Crouch made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Barbara Estep seconded. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

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Chairman Washington called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the Hospital Committee Meeting held on January 23, 2024. Ms. Barbara Estep motioned to adopt the minutes. Mayor Harold Crouch seconded. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Washington welcomed everyone, thanked committee members and SHPDA staff for their work, and called upon Executive Director Emily T. Marsal for an informational update. Ms. Marsal spoke briefly and reminded everyone of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council Meeting to take place at 10:30 a.m., immediately following the SHCC Hospital Committee Meeting.

Mr. Bradford Williams briefly discussed the Rural Emergency Hospital conversion options that are available within the State. It was explained that SHPDA has been approached and asked to review the *2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan* and research potential solutions to address these changes and future conversions. Mr. Williams requested that the SHCC Hospital Committee allow SHPDA to continue looking into this topic through the creation of a Focus Group that may further research and draft Rural Emergency Hospital conversion language within the *2024-2027 Alabama State Health Plan*.

The floor was opened for comment by attendees.

Following comments from attendees and a brief discussion on the work to be performed by the proposed focus group, Chairman Washington called for a motion. Ms. Barbara Estep made a motion to approve the formation of a Rural Emergency Hospital Task Force and continued research of the topic by SHPDA. Mr. Keith Granger seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Keith Granger and Dr. Mickey Trimm volunteered to join the Rural Emergency Hospital Task Force and work with SHPDA and the Alabama Hospital Association on the topic.

Finally, Mr. Williams explained that the request for a definition of what a Substance Use Rehabilitation Bed is or is not has been brought to the attention of SHPDA. He further explained the work that has been done and will continue to be performed by the Agency.

Having received no further comment, Chairman Washington adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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Toni L. Ferguson

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Date

Approved by:

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Hodges Washington, Chairman

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Date