

MINUTES
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
June 11, 2026

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026, virtually via web conference. The minimum number of council members required by law was present in room 387 of the RSA Union building at 100 North Union Street in Montgomery, Alabama.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman, Elaine Beech	Barbara Estep (In Person)	Senator Tim Melson
Brenda Carlisle	Keith Granger (In Person)	Don Owens
Ralph Clark	Rep. Jeremy Gray	Simeon Penton (In Person)
James Clements (In Person)	Dean Griffin (10:09 am)	Dr. Carol Ratcliffe
Terri Connell (In Person)	Marcilla Gross (In Person)	Danny Rickert
Mayor Harold Crouch	Bert Guy	Mark Traylor
Mark Edwards	Hon. Stephanie Kemmer	Hodges Washington
	Dare Meeks	Gregg Waycaster

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Frank Brown
David Hunt
Carey McRae
J. Tuerk Schlesinger
Dr. Wilburn Smith
Dr. Mickey Trimm
Dr. Scott Harris

COURT REPORTER PRESENT

Jason Kobielus

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Tiffany Minnifield
(Medicaid)
Niko Corley
Brandon Farmer
Jeremy Gray's Notetaker
Christina Flack
Christy deGraffenried
David Belser

Evans Brown
Karen McGuire
Kelli Fleming
Ragan Ingram
Steph
SV&B
Brian Massey
Matt Hart

Matt Oliver
Laura Grill
Greg Nichols
Kristin
Roben Casey
Nate Horsley
Colin Luke

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Wilkerson, Esq.

SHPDA STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director
Ms. Toni Ferguson
Ms. Teresa Lee
Ms. Jelena Magallon
Ms. Kristin Norman
Ms. Melissa Trehern
Mr. Bradford Williams

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

Chairman Elaine Beech called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Mrs. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum. Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Terri Connell motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Keith Granger. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Beech requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 10, 2026, meeting. Mr. Keith Granger motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hodges Washington. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Chairman Beech welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

New Business

Executive Director Emily Marsal updated the SHCC on the Rural Health Transformation Program and how comments may be submitted regarding the administrative filings that SHPDA has available for review.

Mr. Bradford Williams updated the SHCC on the progress of the Hospital Committee and its work on an amendment to 410-2-4-.02 (10) addressing the transfer of beds to and from qualifying Rural Emergency Hospitals, explaining that the SHCC Hospital Committee recommended certain additional language to its draft amendment proposed by the Alabama Hospital Association, with minor adjustments.

Mr. Keith Granger also discussed the input provided by the Alabama Hospital Association regarding the rule draft, stating that it had received the approval of the AlaHA board prior to being formally shared with the Agency.

Comments were heard from Mr. Colin Luke, Ms. Margaret Whatley, and Mr. Gregg Everett and questions were answered by Mr. James Clements and Mr. Granger. Mr. Luke spoke on behalf of a coalition of rural hospitals, expressing concern over some specifics of the proposal, and promising to be active in the comment process.

Mrs. Barbara Estep recommended insertion of language to clarify that the beds being transferred the facilities would remain acute care beds, which was represented by other members to be the intent of the proposal.

Mr. Granger motioned to adopt the Alabama Hospital Association's language regarding Rural Emergency Hospitals for publication for public comment, as approved by the SHCC Hospital Committee with corrections as stated and requested by the Agency, and to correct typos and

wording inconsistencies that had been identified during review by the Hospital Committee. The motion was clarified to incorporate the inclusion of the language requested by Mrs. Estep to clarify that the transferred beds would be used solely as acute care beds. Ms. Marcilla Gross seconded the motion. After a roll call vote was performed, the motion passed with nineteen votes of yes and three votes of no. A copy of the amendment to be published for comment, as revised, is attached to these minutes.

Chairman Beech opened the floor for comments. After comments were made by Mr. Keith Granger, Chairman Beech announced that the next meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will be held in September 2026.

There being no further business, Chairman Beech called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Teri Connell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Dare Meeks. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARED BY:

Toni Ferguson

Date

APPROVED:

Chairman Elaine Beech

Date