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Minutes
Certificate of Need Review Panel
Zoom Meeting
October 30, 2024

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Present: Don Chock, Martha Turner, Paul Yamashita, Jill Kelekoma, John Barnett, Kurt Akamine, Mike Kido

Absent: Nora Nomura, Amita Goyal, Gwen Miyasato, Scott Gallacher

SHPDA: Jack Lewin, Darryl Shutter, Wendy Nihoa, Terry Visperas

- I. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chock at 1:06 p.m.
- II. Staff reviewed the certificate of need criteria for participants.
- III. Certificate of Need Review:

Application #24-08 for standard review from Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC for the establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner services at 250 Kinoole Street, Hilo, HI, at a capital cost of \$2,175,000.

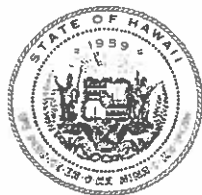
There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Bruce Guier presented an oral summary of the application. Public testimony was provided by Lillian Matsumoto, Dan Jordan, and Dr. Bridget Bongaard. The Panel members asked questions of the applicant regarding the Certificate of Need criteria. Questions included but were not limited to: the availability of isotopes for the project, the methodology for projecting yearly utilization, and the availability of staffing resources for the proposal.

After the question and answer period, it was moved/seconded to recommend approval of the application. The motion to recommend approval included the attached review of the application's relationship to Certificate of Need criteria, attached to these minutes as Attachment A. Discussion on the motion included but was not limited to the importance of early diagnosis and the projected utilization for the proposed project.

Members voted YES – 7, NO – 0, to recommend approval of the application.

- IV. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Chock.



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November 7, 2024

TO: Statewide Health Coordinating Council
Administrator, State Health Planning and Development Agency

From: Don Chock, Vice Chair ~~for~~
Certificate of Need Review Panel

SUBJECT: Recommendation on Certificate Application #24-08 from Pacific Pearl Medical, LLC for the establishment of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner services at 250 Kinoole Street, Hilo, HI, at a capital cost of \$2,175,000

The Certificate of Need Review Panel met on October 30, 2024 to review the above-noted application. The Panel recommends approval of this application by a vote of 7 to 0.

The Panel offers the following comments regarding the application's relationship to the Certificate criteria:

- 1. Relation to the State Health Services and Facilities Plan**
Met. The proposal will increase access to PET/CT services on Hawaii island.
- 2. Need and Accessibility**
Met. There is a need for the proposal. The proposal will reduce wait times, reduce cost and travel time for PET/CT procedures.
- 3. Quality of Service/Care**
Met. The proposal will lead to earlier diagnoses and improve patient survival rates.
- 4. Cost and Finances**
Met. The proposal will decrease travel time and cost for patients.
- 5. Relationship to the Existing Health Care System**
Met. The service area is currently underserved for the services proposed by the applicant.
- 6. Availability of Resources**
Met. The applicant will provide the necessary human resources for the proposal, including students from the mainland to supplement the supply of area health care workers.