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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 5, 2018
To: Shelley Walker, Director of Communication and Media Relations
From: Wanda E. Hines, Board Administrator

Name of Board or Committee: Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities-Facilities
Construction Standing Committee Meeting
(Call-in Number: 1-888-757-2790 passcode: 152602#)

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m., CDT
Place: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive, First Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
Major Item(s) on Agenda: See attachment.

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AGENDA

**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MAY 7, 2018
POPLAR CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
9:00 a.m.**

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THE BOARD IS IN SESSION**

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1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.
 2. **SOUTHERN TENNESSEE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM-PULASKI, PULASKI**
This ninety-five (95) bed hospital facility is seeking to waive building code 2.1-2.4.3 which requires a seclusion room for short-term occupancy. Their psychiatric unit is a geriatric unit where they do not use seclusion with this population of patients and never used the dedicated seclusion room since the unit opened in 1996. The intention of this waiver is to use this room to better meet the needs of the population served in the geriatric psychiatric setting.
REPRESENTATIVE(S): Jim Edmondson, FACHE, Chief Executive Officer
 3. Other Discussion(s).
 4. Public Comments.
 5. Adjourn.

MINUTES
BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 7, 2018

The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities' Facilities Construction Standing Committee meeting began on May 7, 2017. Ann Reed, Director of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, called the meeting to order.

A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. René Saunders – arrived at 9:15 am
Chuck Griffin –here
Dr. Kenneth Robertson - here
Thomas Gee – here
Evelyn Brock – not here

A quorum was established. Ms. Reed then indicated to the standing committee members that a new chairperson needed to be designated as David Rhodes who was the former chairman no longer sits on the Board or this standing committee. By unanimous acknowledgement, Mr. Griffin was named as the new chairman of the Facilities Construction Standing Committee.

The only item of business for this standing committee was a waiver request by Southern Tennessee Regional Health System – Pulaski. The waiver request was concerning building code 2.1-2.4.3 which requires a seclusion room for short-term occupancy. Southern Tennessee Regional Health System – Pulaski's geriatric psych unit does not utilize a seclusion room for this population and further has not utilized the seclusion room since the unit opened in 1996. If the waiver is granted, the facility's intent is to use the room to better meet the needs of the geriatric psych population served in the unit. The facility did not have a representative present for the meeting. Caroline Tippens requested more information related to the reference to 'better' use of the rooms. Ms. Reed stated the submitted letter did not specify, but had anticipated a representative of the facility would be present to address. The standing committee members asked several questions relative to why the request was being made and indicated the need of a facility representative to ask. Dr. Robertson asked if a waiver like this had been granted in the past. Ms. Reed stated no and Craig Parishier also confirmed this. Mr. Parishier stated the use of the seclusion room was more of a clinical issue. He stated he had reached out to the regional administrators about the need for a seclusion room in a geripsych unit and they indicated it was not needed. Dr. Robertson then questioned what is geriatric. Mr. Gee stated 65 years old. Mr. Gee had further concern on how to ensure the facility was maintaining a dedicated unit for geriatric psych services since licensure doesn't differentiate between psych populations. Mr. Gee inquired if the facility has plans to address a patient that may need a seclusion room. He further stated that the hospital he works at there are seclusion rooms, but they are not utilized that often. Dr. Saunders stated she has worked at this facility in the past and seen geriatric psych patients. She indicated this patient population can have behaviors just as a younger population and may need a seclusion room. Dr. Robertson stated he is not inclined to support this request. He stated geriatric patients can need further intervention. **Dr. Saunders made a motion to deny the waiver request; seconded by Dr. Robertson. The motion was approved.** The standing committee members asked what happens next with this request. Ms. Reed

stated the facility will be given notice of the denial and the full Board will receive a summary of this meeting at the June Board meeting. The facility does have the option if it so chooses to come before the full Board for further consideration.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.