

Lincoln Park Gastroenterology Center
Summary of Technical Assistance Meeting Held

July 23, 2020

1. Introduction of Attendees:

- a. Review Board Staff: Courtney Avery, Mike Constantino and George Roate (via video), Ann Guild (via phone)
- b. Applicants: John Baird, Darcy Lorenzen, Julie Roknich, Jack Axel, Joe Ourth

2. Brief Overview of Purpose of Meeting

Applicants provided an agenda of the meeting and that agenda has been posted to the Project File and website. This summary of the meeting summarizes each agenda item discussed.

The Applicants also discussed technical difficulties at the June Board meeting and that participants watching and listening by phone could not hear or see the presentation and suggested that Board members similarly could likely not hear, or not hear well, the Applicants' presentation and responses to questions.

3. Due Date that Supplemental Materials must be filed for September 22 Review Board Meeting (Intent-to-Deny letter says 30 days, regulations say 60 days)

Staff agreed that if supplemental information was submitted by August 12 that should allow sufficient time to be scheduled for the September Review Board Meeting.

4. Confirmation that Written Comment from others (e.g. legislative support) can be submitted up until September 2

Confirmed that the deadline for written public comments is September 12.

5. Format of September 22 Meeting – All Virtual or Partial

Staff anticipates that the September Review Board meeting will be entirely by video with no physical attendance.

6. Will projects be scheduled for specific times of the day?

Staff anticipates that the projects will be scheduled for specific times, similar to the last meeting.

7. How will public comment be conducted – we will likely have physicians comment?

Staff is still working on details for handling public comment.

8. What would be best means for using technology in the meeting (e.g. PowerPoint)?

Staff is still working on the technology system and applicants will check back closer to the time of the meeting.

9. Discussion that there will be no new beds

- a. Floor plans showing existing ORs

Applicants showed existing floor plans to clarify that there are no new beds being established and that the existing hospital licensed beds would be converted to ASTC licensed beds.

- b. Number of hospital ORs will be reduced by 4

Applicants confirmed that open completion of the Project, the number of hospital operating/procedure rooms would be reduced by 4 rooms

10. Discussion of need to change 2018 AHQ to correct the number of ORs reported

Applicants discussed that in preparing its 2019 AHQ there was a discrepancy in the 2018 AHQ that the Applicants would correct.

11. Other Surgery Center utilization

Applicants discussed with staff how ASTCs authorized to do GI procedures should be counted when those facilities perform no GI procedures.

Applicants also discussed that only three ASTCs in the service area are approved to perform GI procedures: two of those are operating in excess of the HFSRB's target utilization level, and filings by the third ASTC confirm that it has not performed any GI procedures for at least the past five years. As such, it was Applicants' position that there is not access to low-cost GI procedures and thus no duplication of services. .

12. Any Other items

None.

13. Process for handling written summary of Technical Assistance Meeting

Applicant will prepare a summary for staff review.

14. Conclusion