Members present:  
Dr. Michael Nieder  
Dr. Juan Scornik

Members absent:  

AHCA staff present:  
Michael Bolin  
Theresa Kumar  
Mary McCullough

I. Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Michael Bolin.  
The meeting was facilitated by Michael Bolin.

II. Minutes

This was the first meeting of this group, so there were no minutes to review.

III. Recommendation for State Plan Changes

The committee reviewed the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy Accreditation Manual.

During the course of the meeting, the committee also reviewed the edits that were proposed by the Heart, Lung and Heart/Lung committee who met on December 6, 2007, so that some continuity of the State Plan will be maintained.

Dr. Michael Nieder was chosen as spokesperson for the group.

IV. Recommendations for changes to the Guidelines for the Bone Marrow Transplantation Program section of the State Plan

The committee recommended changes to the State Plan on bone marrow transplantation in Attachment 3.1-E, Supplement I, page 8-9, as follows:

Section 1. Delete a-h. Change #1 to state as follows:

“Bone marrow transplantation must be performed in a medical facility that has been accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT)”
The committee also requested that the title of this section be changed to the following:

“Guidelines for the Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation Program.”

The committee also discussed the accreditation process for bone marrow transplantation and the possibility that not all facilities may seek FACT approval for some reason. There are apparently some Florida facilities that do bone marrow transplantation, but do not have FACT approval (as listed on the FACT website). The committee did not want to add the following to the State Plan, but wanted to keep a record of this statement in the event that it may be added later:

“For programs that have not attained accreditation by the Foundation for Accreditation of Cellular Therapy, they must meet the same standards and guidelines as stipulated by the Foundation for Accreditation of Cellular Therapy and must undergo inspections every three years.”

Section 2. Delete.

V. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.
The next regular Organ Transplant Advisory Council meeting is scheduled in Orlando on February 18, 2008.

Action Items (None)