DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Indian Health Service
Rockville MD 20857

#1 sec

TO: The Record
Health Facilities Advisory Committee (HFAC)

FROM: Recording Secretary
HFAC

SUBJECT: Minutes of August 4, 1993 HFAC Conference Meeting

Members and Attendance:

CAPT Gary K. Radtke, Chairman, IHS/DFPC HQS *
CAPT Kenneth Harper, Member, OES-X, WA *
Mr. Emilio Pucillo, Member, OES-II, NY *
CAPT Gordon Wilcox for CAPT Thomas Gallegos, OES-VI, TX.
CAPT Mark Brumbaugh, Member, IHS Anchorage Area Office *
CAPT ~~CDR~~ Gary McFarland, Member, IHS Billings Area Office * Wayne Delzer
CDR Alan Petersen, Member, IHS/DFM HQS * Don Smith
CAPT George Byrns, Member, IHS/DEH HQS *
Mr. James Biasco, Guest, IHS/DFPC HQS
Mr. Alan Nease, Guest, IHS/DFPC HQS
Mr. James Durham, Guest, IHS/OAD HQS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Meeting, via conference call, started at 12:00 noon. Total present: 13; voting members present: 7. Minutes of July 12, 1993 meeting were approved. The following agenda was presented:

I. Items for discussion:

A. Office of Engineering Services Assistance
B. Feasibility Studies for Planning Health Facilities
C. Isolation Rooms
D. Alternate Power

II. Next Meeting and consensus

Items Discussed:

Office of Engineering Services Assistance: CAPT Radtke suggested the Committee members to review this section, and forward any comments to CAPT Wilcox for the final draft.

Feasibility Studies for Planning Health Facilities: Committee members commented on the technical content of this section. Additional comments should be forwarded in writing to CAPT Harper, within ten days after this meeting. CAPT Harper will make the necessary corrections and a revised copy will be mailed out for discussions approval at the next meeting.

Isolation Rooms: CAPT Byrns discussed the three design criteria requirements to be considered for the Isolation Room:

a. To increase the minimum of 6 supply Air Changes per Hour (ACH) to 10 ACH. CAPT Byrns found out that there are no set guideline on the number of ACH, and recommended not to adopt this design criteria. Committee members unanimously agreed to retain the existing criteria.

b. To require an exhaust system that operates continuously, with the exhaust fan located outdoors (no pressurized ductwork indoors) and then discharges at least 25 feet from any pedestrian way, openable window,or fresh-air intake. Motion by CAPT Byrns to adopt this design criteria, and seconded by CAPT Brumbaugh. Discussions followed and it was felt that the design criteria in the Guidelines for Construction and Equipment of Hospital and Medical Facilities was adequate. Motion was retracted by CAPT Byrns.

c. To place AIDS patients in a positively pressurized Protective Isolation Room should be followed. Motion was made by CAPT Byrns to eliminate the requirements for a Protective Isolation Room, and seconded by CAPT Radtke. Discussions followed and the Committee members' decision was to eliminate the criteria for this room in the IHS

Planning Manual. CAPT Brumbaugh supported this decision and that the facility's need for this type of room will be determined by the Medical Committee on a case by case basis.

Other Issues:

CAPT Harper inquired the status of the Alternate Power Technical Handbook. CAPT Radtke indicated that there are corrections to be made before issuing the technical handbook. A revised copy will be forwarded to Committee members for final approval.

Next Meeting:

The next conference call will be **Wednesday,** OCTOBER 6, 1993 ~~**September 1, 1993**~~**, 12:00 NOON EST.** Please be prepared to discuss the sections on Feasibility Studies, Value Engineering, and Alternate Power. Copies of these sections can be obtained from CAPT Harper, OES-X, Seattle, Washington.

Meeting was closed at 1:05 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

New distrib process
Env criteria - flood plain

Henry D. Cruz