

Resolution

WSHA Principles Regarding Hospital Governance Education

WHEREAS: Washington hospitals are committed to achieving excellence in governance to serve the needs of their communities.

WHEREAS: There is greater board accountability for organizational performance

WHEREAS: There is increasing interest in competency-based board education to accelerate board effectiveness

THEREFORE, the members of the Board of Trustees of the Washington State Hospital Association do hereby affirm their commitment to the following guiding principles:

- Hospital boards are autonomous in determining the most suitable governance education.
- Each hospital is encouraged to have a structured, long-term board education plan that demonstrates the hospital's commitment to board competence and effectiveness.
- Each hospital governing board is encouraged to have a policy declaring the board's commitment to high quality board orientation and education and stating the expectations of board members' participation.
- Each hospital governing board is encouraged to develop a board assessment process.
- Each hospital governing board is encouraged to evaluate its performance periodically.
- Each hospital is encouraged to have a budget for governance education.
- Each hospital is encouraged to establish a process to document board member participation in governance education.

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