Overview

Ethics and conflicts of interest issues are sometimes considered common sense or basic board topics. Board members can be tempted to bypass these issues for seemingly more urgent matters facing their organizations. Some of the most significant organizational risks can be averted if board members make ethical conduct a lens for every action they consider.

In this session we will focus on ethical and conflict of interest issues for nonprofit and public hospital district boards operating in the state of Washington. We will cover board duties and the law. We will consider the ways in which ethics impacts the everyday decisions facing board members and their organizations. Attendees will learn practical tips and tools for ensuring ethics guides the work of your board into the future.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the duties of care, loyalty and obedience.
- Identify applicable ethics laws.
- Know steps you can take to promote ethics at your institution.
- Consider areas of diligence for board members.

Speaker

As WSHA's corporate counsel and a health lawyer with experience, Taya is familiar with the common legal and ethical considerations that hospital boards face. In her role at WSHA, Taya manages the association's governance work and oversees membership and communications. She also focuses on legal, legislative, and regulatory issues affecting hospitals and health systems. Before working for WSHA, Taya held positions with the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts, Swedish Medical Center and Space Labs Medical, Inc. She earned her nursing and law degrees from the University of Washington.

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