ARTICLE I - NAME

The Kadlec Health System Board of Directors Advocacy Committee.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of the Advocacy Committee is to:
1. Focus on legislative advocacy, such as pending legislation and healthcare reform, which affect the interests of Kadlec Health System and its subsidiaries.
2. Develop relationships with government officials pursuing actions that will educate and inform them of Kadlec’s role and mission in the region.
3. Plan and coordinate advocacy efforts that will promote, maintain and sustain Kadlec Health System and its subsidiaries in its charitable mission to provide quality healthcare to the region.
4. Report regularly to the Kadlec Health System Board, and its subsidiary Boards if appropriate, regarding the activities of the Committee.
5. Develop and recommend policy positions and communications regarding proposed federal and state legislation. Develop and recommend communications with legislators, government representatives and policy makers encouraging the Board members to take an active role in governmental affairs that affect Kadlec Health System and its subsidiaries.

ARTICLE III - FUNCTIONS

The Advocacy Committee focus is to develop relationships with government officials, monitor government activities, coordinate advocacy efforts and encourage the Board to take an active and effective role in government affairs and pending legislation.

Section 1: Relationships with Government Officials: The members of the Committee will regularly communicate with legislators and governmental officials consistent with Committee purposes and coordinated with Advocacy Committee Chair.

Section 2: Monitor Government Activities. The members of the Committee will be aware of governmental activities that will affect Kadlec Health System and its subsidiaries and work to define those activities and their impact on Kadlec Health System. They will develop recommendations for action by the members of the Boards of the System.

Section 3: Coordinate Advocacy Efforts: The Committee will report regularly to the Kadlec Health System Board, and the subsidiary Boards when appropriate, disseminating information regarding government activities and proposed legislation that affect the System. They will propose communication that can be used by individual members in their advocacy efforts on behalf of the System in their leadership capacity as members of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Member on this committee will consist of Kadlec Health System and/or its subsidiary Board members and community members who have demonstrated their commitment to Kadlec and its advocacy efforts. Kadlec staff may be appointed to serve as ex-officio members without vote. Appointment and reappointment of
Committee members shall be made annually to coincide with other Board committee appointments. Appointment of Committee Chair will be made by the Kadlec Health System Board Chair.

Section 1: Board Members: The Committee members are appointed by the Kadlec Health System Board Chair and may include members from any of the Kadlec Health System or its subsidiary Boards that are committed to advocacy efforts on behalf of Kadlec. One of the members shall be appointed as Committee Chair.

Section 2: Community Members. Community members will be appointed by the Kadlec Health System Board Chair and will be selected because of their leadership abilities and influence in advocacy efforts. Community members that are selected will have demonstrated their commitment to Kadlec and its Mission to provide high quality healthcare to the region.

Section 3: Staff Members: Kadlec staff will be appointed to serve on the Committee and will be selected with input from members of the Executive Team. Kadlec staff will serve as ex-officio members without vote and will support the activities of the Committee by providing manpower and resources for advocacy efforts.

Section 4: Others: Other directors or Kadlec staff who are not members of the committee may be invited to attend, as necessary, or used as resource personnel.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1: Frequency: The Advocacy Committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the Committee, but no less than once each quarter. The meeting date and time will be determined by the Committee.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Committee Chair and/or a majority of the group.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING BODY AND QUORUM

Section 1: Voting Body: The voting body shall consist of all active members of the Advocacy Committee.

Section 2: Quorum: Fifty percent of the total number of the members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Advocacy Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Advocacy Committee is accountable to the Kadlec Health System Board of Directors for all advocacy activities. The Chair of the Committee shall report its activities at regularly scheduled Kadlec Health System Board meetings.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order revised shall govern the committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the charter or the special Rules of Order of the Committee.

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EXHIBIT A

GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Before and between meetings, work with administrative liaison to develop the agenda and any materials needed by committee members.
- Start and end meetings on time or get consensus from the group to continue.
- Ensure all committee members get a chance to contribute and that no one member dominates the discussion.
- Keep the committee focused on the agenda, the committee’s role as defined in its charter, and Kadlec’s mission and vision.
- Present the committee report at Board meetings and make any motions forwarded from the committee for action by the Board.
- Solicit input from the committee members regarding new committee member appointments for recommendation to the Board chair.
- Lead meeting according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Adopted by the Board of Directors February 14, 2001 and to be included in all Board Committee charters.