



Public Hospital District Board Roles & Responsibilities

2019 Governance Best Practices

Overview

People become hospital district commissioners for many reasons but, above all, their decision to participate in governing a hospital or hospital district should be about service to the community. Whatever the issues or concerns that motivate someone to become part of a governing board, those issues must be viewed in the larger context of the board's fiduciary responsibility to hold the organization in trust for the good of the community.

Most "veteran" board members say it took them at least a year to begin to understand the complexities of governing a health care facility. New members are often surprised to learn that to effectively serve the community, they must understand, at a minimum, the health care market place and hospital finance, health policy development, the health needs of the community they serve, etc. But even more essential, commissioners need to understand the laws and regulations that define their work and they need to gain or sharpen skills to work together with their board colleagues.

This learning module will focus on the fundamentals - legal parameters and board process. Though the principles of governance are the same whether the organization is public, private non-profit or for profit, there are various laws and dynamics that impact public district boards differently from other, non-public boards. This presentation will focus on public hospital districts.

Who Should Attend?

- 1. Public Hospital District Board Members
- 2. Public Hospital District CEOs
- 3. Other Public Hospital District C-Level Leaders

Speaker



"Without good governance, hospitals and hospital districts cannot meet their communities' expectations: to effectively steward resources to ensure access to quality healthcare. Yet, governance is often taken for granted and little time is spent learning or sharpening essential skills. I am passionate about governance and I look forward to supporting your governance journey."

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