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PHHPC Health Planning Committee

December 4, 2024

Today's Agenda



Role of PHHPC

- PHHPC's powers and duties are set forth in **Public Health Law section 225**.
- PHHPC has a broad array of **advisory and decision-making responsibilities** with respect to New York State's **public health and health care delivery system**.
- The Council is charged with adopting and amending the Sanitary Code and health care facility, home care agency, and hospice operating regulations. PHHPC also makes decisions concerning the establishment and transfer of ownership of health care facilities, home care agencies and hospice programs. It makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Health concerning major construction projects, service changes, and equipment acquisitions in health care facilities and home care agencies.
- **PHHPC also advises the Commissioner on issues related to the preservation and improvement of public health.**

PHHPC Standing Committees

- PHHPC has 5 Standing Committees designed to carry out this work:
 1. Committee on Codes, Regulations and Legislation
 2. Committee on Establishment and Project Review
 3. Committee on Public Health
 4. Committee on Health Planning
 5. Committee on Health Personnel and Interprofessional Relations (PHL Section 2801-b Committee)
- *Non-Standing Committee:* Ad Hoc Committee to Lead the State Health Improvement Plan

Overview of Each PHHPC Role & Relevant Committee

Regulatory:

- Adopts sanitary regulations, known as the State Sanitary Code, subject to the approval of the Commissioner. (10NYCRR Parts 1-24)
- Adopts regulations relating to establishment, reimbursement, operating standards and structural standards, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.
- ***Primarily coordinated through the Committee on Codes, Regulations and Legislation***

Certificate of Need (CON) Applications:

- Approves applications for the establishment of hospitals under Article 28, home care agencies under Article 36 and hospices under Article 40.
- Approves the establishment of fundraisers, corporate name changes, and changes in certificates of incorporation.
- Advances recommendations to the Commissioner of Health on CON construction proposals by health care providers certified under PHL Article 28 (hospitals), Article 36 (home care agencies) and Article 40 (hospices).
- ***Primarily coordinated through the Committee on Establishment and Project Review***

Professional Privileges:

- Pursuant to PHL Section 2801-b, the Council considers complaints by physicians, dentists, podiatrists or optometrists who have had their hospital privileges terminated, suspended or denied.
- **Primarily coordinated through the Committee on Health Personnel and Interprofessional Relations**

Policy Advisement:

- The Council, at the request of the Commissioner, shall consider any matter relating to the preservation of the public health. The Council may advise the Commissioner and submit to the Commissioner, any recommendations relating to the preservation and improvement of public health.
- The Council shall undertake a comprehensive review of regulations and Council procedures governing establishment and construction and submit recommendations to the Commissioner in 2016 and every 5 years thereafter.
- In carrying out its powers and duties, the Council shall take into account quality, accessibility, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of health care in New York State.
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Policy Advisement Role – A Closer Look

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What was the original charge of the Health Planning Committee?

When first established (~2011), PHHPC outlined the following charge of the Health Planning Committee:

- **Advises the Council on need-methodologies, health facility plans, and emerging health care issues.**
- **Monitors major health care initiatives and advises the Council on progress and/or problems.**
- Evaluates high technology equipment and advises the Council on such specialized services as organ transplants.
- **Considers matters relative to the collaboration with the Rural Health Council.**
- Assumes functions from the SHPRC's Committee on Major Medical Equipment and Appropriateness, whose responsibilities were to develop and review appropriateness standards (10 NYCRR Part 708) for various services.
- Handles matters that were considered under the SHPRC's Information Systems Review Committee whose general purpose was to advance a framework for CON to ensure interoperable health information technology is an underpinning to health care delivery and supports health care stakeholders.
- Advises DOH on health information policy relevant to health care stakeholders.



Committee Subject
Areas,
Accomplishments, and
Format

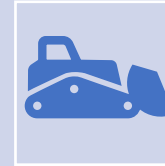
CON Reform (June 2012)

- [Made recommendations](#) in a written report (white paper) to re-design the State's certificate of need (CON) process.
- Focused first on administrative streamlining.
- Held 6 meetings, including joint meetings with the Public Health Committee.
- Meetings involved: reviewing background papers on CON and health planning in New York, discussing recommendations submitted by stakeholders, developing its own recommendations, and hearing from members of the public who spoke at each meeting.
- Through these meetings, the Committee also developed a mission and vision for CON in New York and [adopted a set of principles to guide its work](#).

Ambulatory Services Recommendations (Dec. 2013)



[Ambulatory Services: Urgent Care Centers/Clinics and Practices \(ny.gov\)](#)



Recommendations contained in a detailed PPT presentation.



Set forth recommendations regarding multiple settings, including: retail clinics, urgent care centers, **free standing EDs, non-hospital based surgical care** (office-based surgery, ambulatory surgery), and **upgraded D&TCs**.*



For each service line, the presentation covered: the definition of the service, recommendations for improvement (e.g., accreditation standards), and regulatory and/or statutory changes necessary to achieve recommendations.

* Topics identified in **green** were taken on by DOH for further action based on the Committee's work. These were tangible work products.

PHHPC 2-Year Policy Agenda (Nov. 2018)

- The Committee set forth an agenda including **policy topics** and **Committee timeline**

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Cardiac Services--PCI: Update the CON process & regulations to recognize new systems of care	Nov 2018 (scheduled)
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Update basic & ancillary standards for licensed primary care facilities	Jan-Mar 2019
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Topics Suggested by Members

- Mental/Behavioral Health patients and the impact on the ED
- Community health and local impacts:
 - Why does NYS continue to have underserved areas and populations, and how can the Committee's recommendations for ED reform take this underlying issue into account?
 - How to ensure local practitioners and facilities adhere to the Department's recommendations.
- Access to care: A detailed discussion of the complex factors that impact access to both medical and dental care, and how the Committee's recommendations can take these access issues into account
- Medicaid Managed Care Reform relating to:
 - Encouraging more provision of dental care, and
 - Training ED staff to contact managed care plans for better coordination
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For Discussion

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Updating the Committee's Charge

- To guide future work of this Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair recommend that the members create a new charge, which will be recommended to full Council.
- Proposed revised statement, for discussion:

The Health Planning Committee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, monitors and makes recommendations to the Council regarding emerging health care issues and initiatives through membership expertise, data and research, stakeholder engagement, and consultation with other relevant State agencies, advisory committees, and regulatory bodies.

Open Discussion

Priority topics

Target timelines

Possible work product(s)



Next Steps

Setting an agenda and proposed timeline for future
Committee meetings