

# PHHPC Health Planning Committee Presentation to PHHPC

A Summary of the Committee's December 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Presented on: December 5, 2024

# 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.**

# Policy Advisement Role – A Closer Look

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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.**

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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.

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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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*Primarily coordinated through the Committee on Health Planning and the Committee on Public Health*

# 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.

# Updating the Committee's Charge

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- 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

Agenda and proposed timeline for future Committee meetings