
Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council

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Council Overview

- Fourteen Members
 - Chaired by Commissioner of Health and Social Services-Karleen Jackson
 - Two legislative liaisons-Senator Bettye Davis and Representative Peggy Wilson
 - Characteristics of Members
 - Gender
 - Ten men
 - Four women
 - Residence
 - Five Anchorage
 - Two Fairbanks
 - Two Juneau
 - Two Mat Valley
 - Two Kenai Peninsula
 - One Cordova
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Council Characteristics

- Thirteen work in health care industry
 - Four physicians
 - Three nurses
 - Two health care provider associations
 - One tribal health system
 - One medical clinic director
 - One assisted living facility owner
 - One insurance industry executive
 - One mayor
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Council Characteristics

- Three have extensive experience in remote Alaska communities
 - Five have served in other statewide planning efforts
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Issues of Interests

- Access to health care
 - Quality of health care
 - Cost of health care-efficiencies-who pays
 - Prevention-public health
 - Provider recruitment/retention
 - Care for very young
 - Care for elders
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Outcomes Desired

- “We have plenty of studies. What we need to do is review those studies and recommend strategies to the Governor.”
 - Strategies with measurable outcomes.
 - A short, concise plan of action.
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Administrative Order 232

- Established by Governor
 - Purpose
 - Review, not duplicate existing studies and reports
 - Develop a statewide plan
 - Identify short and long term strategies
 - Access to health care
 - Cost and quality of health care
 - Educate the public about health care public policy choices
 - Engage governmental agencies and private sector in finding solutions.
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Duties of Council

- Develop description of current health care system
 - Inventory and analyze existing plans, reports and initiatives
 - Develop short-term and long-term (ten year) strategic plans designed to improve:
 - Access, cost and quality
 - Identify performance measures and accountability measures to access success
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Council Orientation

- The Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council was established in accordance with AS 44.19.145(c) by the Governor, therefore is subject to statutes relating to open meetings of governmental bodies
 - Governmental bodies include the Legislature, Boards, Commissions, Councils, or committees established to set policy or provide advise on policy for the state.
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Boards / Commissions / Councils / etc.

- Common Law provides framework for bodies working for common good.
 - The key legal requirement states, a member “shall perform the duties... in good faith, in a manner such director believes to be in the best interests of the corporation and with such care including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.”
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Two types of boards

■ Governing

- ❑ Those entities identified as legally responsible for establishing, monitoring and enforcing law or policy
- ❑ Such as Congress, legislatures, governing boards

■ Advisory

- ❑ Those entities appointed by a governing body to carry out duties assigned by the governing body.
 - ❑ Such as commissions, councils
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Legal Duties

- Duty of care
 - Duty of loyalty
 - Duty of obedience
 - Duty to act as deliberative body
 - Duty to be informed
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Suggested meeting structure

- Modified Roberts Rules
 - Discussion after fact based presentations; (perceptions, hunches, guesses must be supported by facts)
 - Use existing studies and reports whenever possible; Council should not engage in additional research if possible
 - Minimal time spent listening to reports, experts; maximum time in discussions with each other
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Suggested meeting structure

- Decisions made through consensus whenever possible
 - When consensus can not be reached, Council agrees to provide majority/minority options to be considered
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Introductions

- Name
 - Residence
 - Vocation
 - Key issues; reason agreed to serve on Council
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