



Healthcare Trustees of New York State



Stay informed. Keep up with the latest news. Share ideas with your colleagues.

HTNYS has created a blog to keep trustees informed about key state, federal, and governance issues. To access the blog, go to www.htnys.org and click "Blog." HTNYS hopes that trustees will become frequent visitors of the blog and add comments on the topics that are raised.

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TRUSTEES

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE—HEALTH CARE REFORM IS HERE TO STAY

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The new federal health care reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act of 2010, contains Medicare and Medicaid payment reductions for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies, and initiatives that will transform health care delivery and reimbursement. Healthcare Trustees of New York State (HTNYS) is advocating for changes to these payment reductions and reform initiatives that will ensure New York’s health care providers have the resources needed to implement reform and care for patients and communities.



The new law presents opportunities for innovative service and payment delivery system reform, such as bundling payments and creating Accountable Care Organizations. Governing boards must understand these initiatives and determine whether it makes sense for their organizations to participate in them.



Federal health care reform also presents a host of new challenges to governing boards as they lead their hospitals and health systems into the future. To assist trustees, HTNYS has developed a new “Federal Health Care Reform Resources for Trustees” Web page: www.htnys.org/reform. I encourage you to use the resources on the Web page to educate your board members.

In the coming months, we will post additional resources on the site to meet your needs.

HTNYS’ Annual Conference, which will be held September 24-26 at The Sagamore in Bolton Landing, will focus on what health care reform means for governing boards. Our key speakers include governance experts Jamie Orlikoff and Larry Walker; James R. Tallon, President, United Hospital Fund; Steve Berkowitz, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, St. David’s Healthcare, Texas; and political analyst Charlie Cook.

I look forward to seeing you at the HTNYS Conference in September, and working with you to meet health care reform challenges.

Sue Ellen Wagner
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HTNYS’ MISSION:

To assist voluntary health care trustees through education, communication, and advocacy to promote the delivery of quality health care to all communities in a cost-effective manner.



HTNYS BOARD EDUCATION

HTNYS Creates Health Reform Glossary for Trustees

To educate trustees about the new terminology and initiatives that are included in the new federal health care reform law, HTNYS has created a *Glossary of Health Care Reform Terms for Trustees*. This resource will be sent to all trustees in June and will also be available online at www.htnys.org/reform.

HTNYS Offers Board Programs on CD

As part of its Center of Excellence for Trustee Training (CETT), HTNYS has made programs available on CD or downloadable file to provide governing boards with education on governance and leadership topics such as *Strategic Planning*, *Governance Self-Assessment*, and *Supercharging Your Hospital's Governance Substructure*. The programs, which are 15 to 20 minutes long, are perfect to use as part of a board meeting. For more information, visit www.htnys.org/training.

HTNYS Available for Board Consultation

HTNYS staff are available upon request to make presentations to hospital and continuing care governing boards on a variety of policy, health reform, and governance issues. Contact us at (800) 360-7211 for more information.

GOVERNANCE POLICY TOOLKIT AVAILABLE THROUGH HTNYS

HTNYS is pleased to offer for purchase, a new resource designed to ensure that boards have the policies and procedures of an accountable, effectively governed organization. The Walker Company's *PolicyWORKS™ Governance Policy Toolkit* includes sample governance policies and procedures that contain everything needed to develop a comprehensive policy manual. The *Toolkit* includes a guide to key board policies, including sample policies that may be adapted. A CD is included with ready-to-print policy templates. For more information or to place an order, visit www.htnys.org/publications. Other resources, including downloadable board education programs, are available at no cost to members at www.htnys.org/training.



Looking for a comprehensive resource that contains all the information you need about the core elements of governance?



BOARDROOM BASICS:

WHAT EVERY HEALTH CARE TRUSTEE NEEDS TO KNOW
is now available.

It's a simple, easy-to-read guide on health care governance issues from Healthcare Trustees of New York State.

There's also a companion Web site (www.htnys.org/boardroom_basics) with further details, resources, and best practices.

For more information about BOARDROOM BASICS, contact Healthcare Trustees of New York State at (800) 360-7211.

To order copies, go to www.htnys.org, click on "Training Center," and then click on "Boardroom Basics."



HTNYS' BOARD MEMBER HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP

Joan Conboy, member of the HTNYS Board of Governors and a trustee at Little Falls Hospital, recently received The Genesis Group and The Medical Societies Regional Healthcare Hall of Distinction Award. Ms. Conboy's accomplishments as a trustee serve as a great example for others—her dedication and leadership within her community and throughout New York State are extensive and admirable.



HTNYS extends sincere congratulations!