



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MANUAL

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BOARD DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE

Policy:

Each Director shall exercise reasonable effort to attend scheduled and special meetings of the Board as well as Committee meetings that the Director has been assigned to and has accepted. It is an expectation that each Director will attend a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of all Board and committee meetings.

Purpose:

The Board of Directors and the Committees of the Board have been entrusted to direct and monitor hospital operations. Unreasonable Director absenteeism limits the full capability of the Board to fulfill its obligation to hospital stakeholders.

Procedure:

1. To ensure maximum attendance the Board Chair and Committee Chairs shall:
 - establish a schedule of regular meetings;
 - establish required 'special meeting' dates and expected outcomes, giving the longest possible lead times;
 - ensure members have the ability to join by phone or by other electronic means.
2. Directors shall:
 - give notice of absenteeism to the Secretary of the Board, or Committee Chair, with reason for absenteeism;
 - give best efforts to attend by telephone or other electronic means if unable to be present in person;
 - provide written input and/or an alternate Director to present their input.
3. When Director absenteeism impacts the ability of the Board and/or Board Committee performance the Governance Committee or the Committee Chair shall:
 - determine the cause of the absenteeism;
 - determine if future absenteeism may continue;

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- establish a plan for corrective action as may be required with the Director.
4. When future absenteeism is expected:
- Committee Chairs will recommend remedial action to the Governance Committee;
 - the Governance Committee may recommend a Director's 'leave of absence' or replacement.

References:

Northumberland Hills Hospital By-laws

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January 18, 1999

February 2001

April 2002

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