

WHA COUNCILS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHA offers a variety of opportunities for its members to become involved in developing the Association's priorities and advancing its agenda. We encourage our members to participate on the councils as they are at the forefront of identifying key policy issues for the membership and making recommendations on positions to the WHA Board.

Annually, WHA seeks member participation on six WHA councils and committees: Advocacy Committee, Council on Finance and Payment, Council on Public Policy, Council on Rural Health, Council on Workforce Development, and the **WHA Physician Leaders Council**.

WHA Physician Leaders Council (PLC)

Overview

Health care in Wisconsin is delivered in one of the most highly-integrated models in the country, and more than seventy five percent of practicing physicians in Wisconsin are a salaried employee of a hospital system. Over the past decade, the growth in physician integration has created an impetus for WHA to look beyond the traditional "walls" of the hospitals to evolve its focus beyond the hospital to that of the broader spectrum that encompasses its members' presence as regional and local community health systems.

Established in 2014 as a natural response to the growing need to tap into the significant resources and perspectives that WHA member physician leaders bring to Wisconsin's health and hospital systems, WHA's Physician Leaders Council consists of Chief Medical Officers, Vice Presidents for Medical Affairs and other physician leaders at WHA's member organizations. The Council meets quarterly and provides key input and guidance on WHA efforts to help address a wide range of policy and other needs facing physicians and physician leaders in WHA's member organizations.

Agenda Content

Examples of issues addressed by the Physician Leaders Council have included:

- *Review and primary input on the **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact** to speed physician licensure.*
- *Review and primary input on the **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**.*
- *Guidance and input on **WHA's telemedicine agenda**.*
- *Guidance and input on **scope of practice and team based care policy**.*
- *Guidance on proposed changes to **Wisconsin's physician health program**.*
- ***MACRA/QPP** input and education.*
- *Guidance and input on **physician engagement and retention strategies**.*
- *Guidance and input on developing WHA **advocacy and education on EHR-related physician workload***

Time Commitment

The WHA Physician Leaders Council meets four times per year at WHA's headquarters, though some members also participate by phone and webinar. Consistent with WHA's Board of Directors and Public Policy Council, the WHA Physician Leaders Council meetings are scheduled for 3 hours to further Council discussion and guidance on WHA's integrated physician agenda.