



GHA POST-ACUTE CARE COUNCIL CHARTER

Purpose: To provide strategic, policy, and educational guidance on post-acute care in the state of Georgia. The GHA Post-Acute Care Council will work with various internal and external stakeholders to explore challenges for rehabilitation hospitals and other post-acute care providers generally, identify future trends, raise awareness of post-acute care issues, and recommend to the GHA Board of Trustees public policy strategies to support post-acute care services.

Functions: Provide a forum where representatives of specialty and acute care hospitals providing post-acute care services can regularly meet, share best practices, network, and discuss issues affecting their specialty.

Work with the Department of Community Health and other state agencies or partners on post-acute care initiatives.

Provide recommendations for educational programs on issues that affect post-acute care providers specifically and health care providers generally.

Provide feedback and guidance to GHA on post-acute care issues and explore and explain the impact of these issues for purposes of advocacy and education.

Provide GHA with advice and counsel regarding ways to enhance Georgians' access to patient-centered, quality post-acute care.

Work with GHA and the American Hospital Association, as appropriate, to provide input and guidance on federal post-acute care issues.

Members: *Eligibility*
The Post-Acute Care Council shall include GHA member rehabilitation hospitals; long-term acute care hospitals; and acute care hospitals with distinct part inpatient rehabilitation units, skilled nursing facilities, swing beds, or other post-acute care services.

Council members shall be represented by their respective CEO, post-acute care services administrator, or an individual who is designated by the CEO and who is in a position to represent the post-acute care interests of entire organization.

Officers: *Number of Officers*
The officers of the Post-Acute Care Council shall include a chair and chair-elect.



Nomination and Election

The Post-Acute Care Council shall nominate and elect an active Council member in good standing to serve as chair-elect of the Council. The chair-elect shall automatically be nominated to accede to the position of chair at the end of the chair's term.

Term

The chair and chair-elect shall serve for a term of two (2) years beginning at adjournment of the GHA annual meeting.

Vacancies

In the event that the chair is unable for any reason to fulfill his or her term, the chair-elect shall automatically accede to the position of chair and shall fulfill both the chair's unexpired term and the following term. In the event that the chair is unable for any reason to fulfill his or her term and the chair-elect is unable to accede to the position of chair, the Post-Acute Care Council shall be authorized, at any meeting of the Post-Acute Care Council or by written ballot to select from among its members a chair of the Post-Acute Care Council to serve until the end of the chair's unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair-elect, either because the chair-elect has acceded to the position of chair or for any other reason, the Post-Acute Care Council may elect a chair-elect at any meeting by written ballot.

Duties

In addition to the duties normally associated with such office, the chair of the Post-Acute Care Council shall serve as an ex officio member of the GHA Board of Trustees and represent the views and priorities of the Post-Acute Care Council to the GHA Board of Trustees.