

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



SUBJECT: RELATIONSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE
HOSPITAL COMMISSION

POLICY NO. 156.3

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- PURPOSE::** To affirm the Department's relationship with the hospital Commission.
- POLICY::** The Department's relationship with the Hospital Commission will be pursuant to applicable County Code and Policies established by the Board of Supervisors.
- COMPOSITION::** The Hospital Commission is a fifteen member panel appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Commission's composition, appointment, tenure, and compensation shall be established in accordance with County Code.
- ORGANIZATION::** The Commission will be organized pursuant to BYLAWS adopted by the Commission.
- DUTIES::**
- A. Consult with and advise the Director of Health Services and the Board of Supervisors on all matters pertaining to patient care policies and programs of the County hospital system, including but not restricted to:
 - 1. The need for additional hospital and/or other patient care facilities.
 - 2. The relationship of County hospitals and other health care facilities, public or private.
 - 3. Health manpower problems.
 - 4. The utilization of County hospital facilities and other health care facilities;
 - B. Conduct studies and make recommendations concerning patient care policies and programs of the County health system, also in special cases where requested by the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Health Services and/or other officers of the County;
 - C. Act as liaison between the Director of Health Services, the Board and the public in matters relating to the County hospital system;
 - D. Perform such other services as, from time to time, may be requested by the Board of Supervisors.

- RELATIONSHIP::**
- A. The Department recognizes the Commission's right and responsibility to initiate contacts with the Board of Supervisors at its discretion and its obligation to report to the Board on matters referred to it for review by the Board.
 - B. The Department also recognizes its obligation to provide adequate staff support to the Commission, within the limits of available resources.
 - C. The Department further recognizes the right of Commission members, in the course of their duties, to make direct contact with staff at any level of the Department of Health Services and with staff and patients at any facility within the County hospital system.
 - D. Access to the Director, Chief Deputy Director, and Deputy Directors is available to the Commission on request and commensurate with the demands on their time.
 - E. The Chief Deputy Director routinely will be available to the Commission during its monthly meetings. When the Chief Deputy Director is not available, an appropriate representative of the Executive Office will be available. The Director should meet with the Commission quarterly. One of the meetings should be before the final Budget is adopted.
 - F. Any impasse with the Department perceived by the Commission should be referred to the Director of Health Services.

AUTHORITY:: Los Angeles County Code. Title 3. Chapter 3.32.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 01, 1983

SUPERCEDES:

APPROVED: Signature on File
