

City / Hospital Governance Committee

Purpose

Establish a temporary City/Hospital Committee to explore best practice around governance models/practices for a stronger working relationship between NH+C and the City.

Deliverables

- Provide findings and recommendations for governance and related issues that will build a stronger working relationship between the City Council and the NH+C Board.
- Ensure that there is good communication, consideration of process for authority reserved by the City, and thoughtful understanding about the critical issues of both entities.
- Ensure that the strategic priorities of each entity are well understood and look for ways to leverage our efforts.
- Ensure that the relationship acknowledges the role of the City and NH+C Board as identified in governing documents such as the City Charter, city ordinances, and NH+C Bylaws.

Guiding Principles

- Both organizations are committed to:
 - Protect the health and healthcare of our citizens
 - Leverage the best of both groups
 - Mutual respect
 - Create a strong hospital that is around for the long term

Timeline and Structure

The Committee would develop findings and recommendations within 6 months.

A subset of the City Council and the NH+C Board will come together as a joint committee monthly in 2018 until the review is completed as determined by the representatives (additional or special meetings may be called as appropriate).

The Mayor and NH+C Board Chair will make appointments, City Council confirms.

Membership

- Three NH+C Board members – including the Chair
- Three City Council members – including the Mayor
- Ex-officio staff:
 - ✓ City Administrator
 - ✓ NH+C Chief Executive Officer

Reporting and Recommendation for Action

Both constituencies would be expected to communicate with their peers by bringing items forward to the committee, and by carrying communications back.

In the event there is an action recommended, the committee would refer its recommendation and related reasoning to the NH+C Board, the City Council, or both depending on the type of recommended action.