

Health Center Advocacy Committee Charter SAMPLE

Background

The following sample language can be used when establishing an advocacy committee at your Community Health Center. This should be personalized to your organization and approved by the board of directors.

Advocacy Committee Charter

- **<Insert Name of Health Center>** hereby states there shall be an advocacy committee comprised of # board members appointed by the chair.
 - *Note: some state nonprofit laws allow non-board members to serve on committees. If that is permitted under state law, the health center would have the option of adding non-board members, including staff, on the committee. However, board members should always constitute a majority of the committee.*
- The advocacy committee shall be responsible for monitoring legislative and regulatory issues that may impact **<Insert Name of Health Center>** and shall make recommendations to the board of directors regarding appropriate advocacy actions.
- Subject to the general advocacy policies established by the board of directors, and under the general supervision of the executive director/CEO, the advocacy committee shall inform advocates about issues relevant to Community Health Centers and recommend appropriate action.
- The advocacy committee shall evaluate and report to the board of directors on the performance and impact of advocacy efforts.

Prohibition Against Political Activities and Limitations on Lobbying

- **<Insert Name of Health Center>** shall not participate, or intervene, in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- No substantial part of the activities of the Community Health Center shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence, legislation, except to the extent permitted by law for nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations.
- No federal funds shall be used to support lobbying activities.