

Call for Resumes: Maryland Health Care Commission

The Maryland Health Care Commission (Commission, or MHCC) is an independent regulatory agency whose mission is to plan for health system needs, promote informed decision-making, increase accountability, and improve access in a rapidly changing health care environment by providing timely and accurate information on availability, cost, and quality of services to policy makers, purchasers, providers, and the public. The Commission's vision for Maryland is to ensure that informed consumers hold the health care system accountable and have access to affordable and appropriate health care services through programs that serve as models for the nation. MHCC's staff is directed by an Executive Director and work is organized functionally in four centers: The Center for Hospital Services; The Center for Long-Term Care and Community Based Services and HealthCare Financing and Health Policy; The Center for Information Services and Analysis; and the Center for Health Information Technology.

A fifteen member Commission directs the work of the Commission's staff. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for 4 year staggered terms. The law that established the MHCC requires that the Commissioners be broadly representative of health care consumers and stakeholders in the Maryland health care system.

The Commission meets in regular session the third Thursday of each month. Commissioners occasionally attend work group meetings and special forums that are necessary for the MHCC to complete its work.

The Governor's Office is currently seeking nominations for several open positions at MHCC. In making nominations, the Governor will select new members that maintain the geographic balance and promote racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in the Commission's membership. Current Commissioners are representative of many regions of the State, having diverse backgrounds in business, consumer affairs, employee benefits, health insurance, health policy, law, medicine, nursing, and religion.

Ideal candidates for the open Commission positions should have knowledge of one or more elements of the health care system. The three essential personal characteristics of prospective Commissioners are: (1) a willingness to volunteer their knowledge and to continue to learn more about Maryland's system; (2) a commitment to work with other Commissioners (some having different perspectives on particular issues,) to reach consensus; and (3) a willingness to set aside professional assumptions and preferences in reaching the best decisions for the public.

Please complete and email the Biographical Information Form found at <http://www.dhmf.state.md.us/pdf/dhmf/11-Bio.pdf> along with a resume to Anna Lieberman at alieberman@dhmf.state.md.us by June 1, 2011 to be considered.

Additional information about the Commission can be found at www.mhcc.maryland.gov