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Objectives

- To represent the needs and concerns of metropolitan associations and to focus attention on the problems associated therewith.
- To provide a method of communication between metropolitan hospital associations and other healthcare agencies and organizations.
- To develop and maintain methods and mechanisms for exchange of ideas and information between Metropolitan Hospital Associations.
- To conduct educational programs for Metropolitan Hospital Associations designed to improve staff understanding of professional issues and approaches to improving hospital care and association management per se.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information and the sharing of experiences among associations and to focus attention upon common interests and problems and offer solutions thereto.
- To conduct studies and surveys and provide other services as indicated in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.

Creating Additional Venues for Idea Exchange and Sharing of Best Practices

- Conducted three membership meetings during the year.
 1. CMHA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX
 2. Yearly meeting held in conjunction with AHA Washington meeting
 3. Mid-year “fly-in” in Chicago, IL

- Established special task force of Human Resource specialists focusing on work-force issues. First meeting is scheduled for mid-January in New Orleans. Chairman is Dino Paternostro. The Board of Directors at the Washington meeting approved the formal “charge” to this group.

- Concentrated efforts to increase communication with each member during the year via multiple phone contacts.

Fund Raising

- Succeeded in recruiting sponsorship for the San Diego Annual Meeting:
 1. Quality Data Management, Inc.
 2. Witt Keiffer Ford, Inc.
- Eliminated registration fees for the Annual Meeting.

Staffing

- Developed job description for Executive Director.
- Established position of Executive Director.

Organizational Structure

- Reviewed and discussed appropriateness of existing by-laws.

Outreach/Liaison

- Recognized formally by AHA.
- Assigned professional staff – Carmela Coyle and Robyn Cooke.
- Received invitations to key AHA events.
- Arranged for SHAEF interchange at Washington meeting
- Established a working relationship with the U.S. Conference of Mayors resulting in improved coordination and recognition plus legislative support for the Medicaid safety net and upper payment limit proposals.
- Appointed representatives to the State Issues Forum.
- Appointed representatives to the AHA Governing Council on Metros.

Surveys and Studies

- Conducted and distributed CEO salary survey.
- Conducted and distributed association-based Operations survey

Educational Programs

- Continual updates on legislative and regulatory strategies – Carmela Coyle
- Questioning the Competitive Model in California – Jim Barber
- Strategies for Success in Lobbying – Peter Sullivan
- Emergency Room Diversions – A group-sharing of surveys and methodologies
- Healthy Community Initiatives – Lynn Olman
- Employer Initiative Aimed at Quality Improvement (Leapfrog) – Don Potter
- Staffing Shortages – Reducing Expenses Associated with Temporary Agencies – Kevin Weaver
- Internet Technology and Association Resource – Bill Pike and Gary Fitzgerald



- Managed Care Monitoring – A Proposed Internet Initiative – Andrew Wigglesworth and Howard Peterson
- Strategic Approaches to the Energy Crunch – Bob Moyer, Trammel Crow/Eastman Kodak
- Patient Safety and Medication Errors – Andrew Wigglesworth
- How Managed Care Companies “Game” the System – Jeff Gold
- World Trade Center Disaster – Lessons from the Field – Susan Waltman
- Succession Planning/Retirement Planning – Wayne Rice and Steve Gamble
- Bio-Terrorism Preparedness and the USA — Lt. General P.K. Carlton, Air Force Surgeon General
- Disaster Preparedness: The AHA’s Initiatives and Activities – Jim Bentley
- Blood Banking Activities – William H. Portman



Membership

State	Member
California	
Healthcare Association of Southern California	Jim Barber
Hospital Council of Northern & Central California	Gregg Schneppe
Healthcare Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties	Steve Escoboza
Florida	
South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association	Linda S. Quick
Illinois	
Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council	Earl C. Bird
Kentucky	
Healthcare Council of Metropolitan Louisville	Nancy C. Galvagni

Louisiana

Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans John J. (Jack) Finn

Maryland/District of Columbia/ Northern Virginia

Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area Joseph P. Burns

Michigan

Healthcare Council of Mid-Michigan Marlene Soderstrom

Southeast Michigan Health & Hospital Council Donald P. Potter

New York

Iroquois Healthcare Alliance Gary J. Fitzgerald

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Peter M. Sullivan

Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association Arthur E. Weintraub

Greater New York Hospital Association Ken Raske

Rochester Regional Healthcare Association Robert Swinnerton

Western New York Healthcare Association William D. Pike

Ohio

Greater Cincinnati Health Council Lynn R. Olman
Akron Regional Hospital Association Marianne Lorini
Center for Health Affairs C. Wayne Rice
Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association Joseph M. Krella
Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio W. Scott Fry

Pennsylvania

Delaware Valley Healthcare Council of HAP Andrew Wigglesworth
Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania Ian G. Rawson

Texas

Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council John C. Gavras
Greater San Antonio Hospital Council William D. Rasco

Organizational History

Howard Cook, Past President of the Chicago Hospital Council will personally recount the origins of CMHA during the meeting on Thursday.

Past Board Members of CMHA include:

1. Carol McCarthy
2. John Apostalakos
3. Dick Benoit
4. Bill Mays
5. Dale Bangston
6. Cheryl Jernigan
7. Jerry Rancahoft
8. Al Popoli
9. Jim Nell
10. R. Proctocor
11. Rufus Rorum
12. John Connorton
13. Jack Robinette
14. Jim Grisonde
15. Del Nyland
16. Sue Jenkins
17. Ed Rode
18. Avery Millard
19. John Brewer
20. Don Woods
21. Kenny Williamson
22. Joe Williams
23. Ed Farrell
24. Ned McRossen
25. Mark Collins
26. Mike Gallagher
27. Dave Pomrinse
28. Howard Cook
29. Garrett Graham
30. Alan Johnson
31. Steve Dorn
32. Jerry Malloy
33. Steve Gamble
34. John Snyder