

HANYS MEMBERS FINDING SOLUTIONS

HANYS' COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

SHAPING THE POLICY AGENDA WITH YOU

The Healthcare Association of New York State's members guide the association's policy agenda and strategies by sharing their expertise, viewpoints and ideas in a variety of venues, including HANYS' board of trustees and an array of policy committees, workgroups and task forces.

Members serving on these panels represent diverse constituencies, including rural, urban, small community, suburban, specialty, teaching, academic medical center and public hospitals as well as continuing care facilities from across the state. In addition to guiding HANYS' policy agenda, committee participation

provides members with valuable opportunities to network and discuss important healthcare issues with colleagues from other organizations across the state.

Most of these member committees and forums are open to all members, though some require a nomination or invitation. Groups that require a nomination or invitation are marked with an asterisk (*).

The following list of member committees is divided into those with fixed committee memberships and open forums for anyone to join.

COMMITTEES WITH ESTABLISHED MEMBERSHIP

Board of Trustees*

HANYS' board has fiduciary and governance responsibilities that guide the association's mission and activities. Comprised of hospital and system chief executive officers and trustee leaders, the board represents all facility types and regions of the state. Guided by the HANYS Bylaws, a nominations and governance committee of the board is responsible for nominating candidates to serve on the board.

HANYS Leads: [Bea Grause](#), [Kathleen Morgan](#)

HANYS Services Board of Directors*

HANYS Services, Inc. is a for-profit subsidiary corporation of HANYS that provides valuable marketplace solutions for healthcare and other institutions and helps subsidize HANYS' advocacy activities. HSI operates under the brands of TruePlan Benefit and Retirement Advisors®, DataGen®, Inc. and HANYS Marketplace®. The HSI board commonly includes hospital and health system executives from HANYS' membership. HSI's leadership includes Noah Buck, President, TruePlan®, and Alfred Campanella, President, DataGen and Executive Vice President, HANYS Marketplace.

HANYS Leads: [Noah Buck](#), [Al Campanella](#)

Healthcare Trustees of New York State Board of Governors*

HTNYS, a division of HANYS that serves hospital and health system trustees at every member institution statewide, is led by a board of governors and guided by bylaws specific to HTNYS. HTNYS offers governance education and best practices, hosts one of the largest trustee education conferences in the nation each fall, and supports the advocacy and political action efforts of trustees and senior leaders of our member organizations.

HANYS Leads: [Nick Henley](#), [Kristen Phillips](#)

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COMMITTEES WITH ESTABLISHED MEMBERSHIP

Political Action Committee Steering Committee*

The PAC Steering Committee guides the association's two PACs: HANYS PAC and the Healthcare Association of NYS and Allied Associations' Federal PAC. The committee assists with the annual PAC fundraising campaign and the PAC's political activities.

HANYS Lead: [Nick Henley](#)

Strategy, Innovation and Policy Committee*

In 2018, the HANYS board of trustees undertook a long-range planning process to help members adapt and thrive in a changing world. This process identified overarching strategies to help member organizations be resilient regardless of how the future unfolds. In addition, a HANYS board-level Strategy, Innovation and Policy Committee was formed to examine emerging issues, explore new and promising policies and care delivery developments, and guide advocacy and policy positions. The SIP Committee is comprised of HANYS board members.

HANYS Lead: [Jeff Gold](#)

Statewide Steering Committee on Quality Initiatives

The Statewide Steering Committee on Quality Initiatives is a group of clinical and operational leaders that advises HANYS on policy and educational programming to support advancements in patient safety and care quality across New York. The committee engages in direct dialogue with federal and state policymakers; develops tools, resources and voluntary collaboratives to help HANYS members meet their quality/patient safety goals; and serves as a forum for sharing best practices.

HANYS Lead: [Kathy Rauch](#)

Statewide Compliance Officers Council

This group brings together compliance officers from member facilities and health systems to examine current and emerging federal and state audit activities, review updates on laws and regulations that may impact policies and procedures, and share best practices for establishing and maintaining effective compliance programs.

HANYS Lead: [Anne Brockenauer](#)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leaders Committee

Comprised of diversity, equity and inclusion leaders from across the state, this committee is charged with developing and recommending educational programming, projects and policies to advance DEI throughout New York's healthcare facilities.

HANYS Lead: [Erin Gretzinger](#)

Infection Control and Prevention Committee

This committee reviews emerging infectious diseases, recent survey activity and discusses challenges and opportunities related to facility-acquired infections. The group identifies policy, procedural and regulatory requirements and shares best practices and solutions that will result in improved clinical, operational and financial outcomes, and assists in HANYS advocacy.

HANYS Leads: [Maria Sacco](#)

Managed Care Advisory Group

Comprised of professionals from managed care, contracting, revenue cycle management, care coordination, legal, denials management and others, the group focuses on how payers and providers interact and operate. The advisory group provides a forum to update members on plan policy changes, HANYS' initiatives and other associated current events, and to gather data and information to troubleshoot common managed

care concerns. The group discusses major health insurance developments, including problematic commercial and governmental payer practices, and federal and state reform initiatives. HANYS staff provide regular briefings to this group and seek input to inform HANYS' advocacy strategy.

HANYS Lead: [Victoria Aufiero](#)

Clinical Staffing Committee Consortium

To support the successful implementation of clinical staffing committees, HANYS, in partnership with the New York Organization for Nursing Leadership, formed a statewide consortium of nurse executives. The group's purpose is to guide HANYS' advocacy and educational programming; engage in issue spotting and collective problem solving; and identify best practices, tools and other resources that will be shared with the broader HANYS and NYONL memberships.

HANYS Leads: [Amy Nickson](#), [Kathy Rauch](#)

Behavioral Health Task Force

Comprised of behavioral health leaders from across the state, this task force guides efforts to advance patient care and navigate policy and practice challenges relating to the provision of services to individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders and intellectual or developmental disabilities by creating and providing recommendations for state and federal policy.

HANYS Lead: [Victoria Aufiero](#), [Kathryn Molanare](#)

Statewide Human Resource Advisory Council

Comprised of healthcare organization human resource leaders, the council provides input into the association's statewide workforce agenda, including advocacy, developing innovative solutions to workforce shortages, developing operational and educational support and best practices, redesigning the workplace.

HANYS Lead: [Kathy Rauch](#)

Statewide Committee on Healthcare Auxiliaries

This committee helps shape the development of HANYS' advocacy and education agendas for auxiliaries and volunteers, and helps strengthen the participation of auxiliaries in their healthcare facilities and communities.

HANYS Lead: [Kristen Phillips](#)

Advisory Committee for the Annual Workshop for Executive Assistants and Board Coordinators

Comprised of executive assistants and board coordinators, this committee helps identify potential topics and areas of interest for the annual programming dedicated to healthcare administrative professionals. Committee members support our planning to ensure the agenda meets the professional development needs of staff at our healthcare facilities.

HANYS Leads: [Madison Hubner](#), [Kristen Phillips](#)

Community Health Task Force

Comprised of community health leaders from across New York state, this task force focuses on building partnerships that improve the health and wellness of all New Yorkers and demonstrate healthcare facilities' contributions to communities. The task force's input on issues related to the New York State *Prevention Agenda*, the development of community service plans and community benefit reporting is critical to the development of HANYS' community health advocacy agenda.

HANYS Lead: [Kristen Phillips](#)

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Healthcare Innovation and Lean Network of New York Leadership Committee

HILNNY brings together Lean and innovation practitioners from hospitals and other healthcare facilities across the state to advance process improvement, change management and innovation. Working closely with HANYS, the HILNNY leadership committee collaborates and plans programming to showcase Lean management best practices.

HANYS Lead: [Tom Hallisey](#)

HANYS/HAWCNY Privacy and Security Committee

This committee brings together cybersecurity, privacy and compliance leaders from across the state to discuss the latest concerns and regulatory updates related to privacy and security. The group discusses emerging issues facing facilities, shares best practices and guides HANYS' regulatory work in this area.

HANYS Lead: [Tom Hallisey](#)

Complex Case Discharge Delays Workgroup

Comprised of multidisciplinary leaders from across the state, this workgroup aims to coordinate a response to and increase awareness of the alarming rise in patients with complex needs who are unable to be safely discharged and remain in emergency departments/inpatient units for weeks and even years.

Leads: [Victoria Aufiero](#), [Kathryn Molanare](#)

Workplace Violence Prevention Workgroup

This multidisciplinary workgroup aims to provide education, share best practices/protocols and advocate for resources to help promote a safe and welcoming environment, as well as protect patients and healthcare staff.

Leads: [Victoria Aufiero](#), [Kathryn Molanare](#)

OPEN MEMBERSHIP FORUMS

Government Relations Update Calls

HANYS state and federal governmental affairs teams hold regular calls to discuss the latest legislative and advocacy issues in Albany and Washington. These calls are open to all HANYS members and are geared toward c-suite, governmental affairs and public relations staff.

HANYS Leads: [Cristina Batt](#), [Stephanie Davis](#)

Fiscal Policy Update Calls

HANYS Economic, Finance and Informatics team holds quarterly calls to discuss the latest state and federal fiscal policy impacting hospitals, health systems and nursing homes. These calls are open to fiscal officers across the HANYS membership.

HANYS Leads: [Kevin Krawiecki](#)

Post-acute and Continuing Care Update Calls

HANYS post-acute and policy staff hold regular calls for nursing home administrators, finance professionals and others to gather input and feedback on all fiscal, policy, regulatory and operational issues impacting post-acute care to steer HANYS' post-acute and continuing care policy and advocacy work.

HANYS Lead: [Laura Palmer](#)

Health Information Technology Strategy Group

HANYS' HIT Strategy Group is a policy and education focused leadership group whose mission is to advise HANYS on state and federal HIT priorities and provide guidance on the implementation of key educational and advocacy programs.

HANYS Lead: [Tom Hallisey](#)

Epic EMR User Group

This group, comprised of electronic medical record application leaders whose facilities currently use or are implementing the Epic platform, meets monthly to share ideas and discuss the latest Epic guidance and updates.

HANYS Lead: [Tom Hallisey](#)

Telehealth/Virtual Care Workgroup

This group of telehealth leaders from across the state meets bimonthly to discuss regulatory issues, share best practices and guide HANYS' advocacy related to telehealth payments, state licensure rules and other regulations pertaining to new digital care initiatives.

HANYS Lead: [Tom Hallisey](#)

Health Equity Forum

Comprised of and co-chaired by health equity leaders at HANYS member organizations, this group shares strategies and provides education on key state and federal health equity topics, requirements and priorities. This helps New York's healthcare providers deliver high-quality healthcare across diverse populations in their communities.

HANYS Leads: [Kathy Rauch](#), [Erin Gretzinger](#)

Behavioral Health Utilization Management Workgroup

This group, comprised of behavioral health and managed care professionals, meets quarterly to discuss health plan utilization management practices for behavioral health services. The group shares expertise and develops strategies to address persistent reimbursement and denial obstacles for BH services.

Lead: [Victoria Aufiero](#)

340B Strategy Group

This group is made up of hospital and health system leaders from across the state who participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program. This group helps inform and guide HANYS' policy and advocacy work to protect access to this important program.

Leads: [Kevin Krawiecki](#), [Cristina Batt](#), [Amy Nickson](#)

Chief Nursing Officer Forum

HANYS' quality advocacy, research and innovation team convenes with hospital chief nursing officers bimonthly to discuss relevant topics, including policy and regulatory updates, educational programming and best practice sharing. The CNO forum provides a venue for nursing leaders statewide to network and learn from each other and assist HANYS in our advocacy work. This forum is open to all hospital CNOs in HANYS membership.

Lead: [Kathy Rauch](#)