



GHA COUNCIL ON PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER HOSPITALS CHARTER

Purpose: The Council on Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorder Hospitals of the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) provides a forum where representatives of specialty and acute care hospitals providing psychiatric or substance use disorder services can regularly meet, share best practices, network, and discuss issues affecting their specialty. As requested, the Council shall recommend to the GHA Board of Trustees and/or GHA leadership public policy strategies to improve and/or facilitate the provision of psychiatric or substance use disorder services.

Objectives: Monitor legislative, regulatory, and policy updates that affect psychiatric or substance use disorder providers.

At the request of the GHA Board of Trustees and/or GHA leadership, participate in the review and development of legislation and/or regulations that affect psychiatric or substance use disorder providers.

Provide educational programs on issues that affect psychiatric or substance use disorder providers specifically and health care providers generally.

Work with GHA and the American Hospital Association, as appropriate, to provide input and guidance on federal behavioral health and substance use disorder issues.

Members: Members shall consist of psychiatric hospitals or acute care hospitals with distinct part inpatient psychiatric or substance use disorder units which are members of GHA in good standing.

Member organizations shall be represented by their respective CEO, behavioral health director, or other individual(s) who is/are designated by the Member.

The Council shall have a Chair who is designated by the Council membership in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Council.