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New York PHHPC Update **New Members Confirmed**

Last month, Governor Andrew Cuomo formally nominated 12 members who were then confirmed by the State Senate to join New York's new Public Health and Health Planning Council ([PHHPC](#)). As the law creating the PHHPC intended, the members represent many different regions of New York as well as all corners of the health care industry, including hospitals, home care agencies, labor organizations, and consumer advocates. The newly confirmed members are:

- Arthur Aaron Levin, Director of the Center for Medical Consumers;
- Ellen E. Grant, Director of Cornerstone Manor of the Buffalo City Mission;
- Angel Alfonso Gutierrez, Doctor contracting with the New York State Department of Health's Office of Professional Medical Conduct;
- John M. Palmer, Executive Director of the Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network;
- Victoria Hines, President and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County;
- Chris Booth, President and COO of Lifetime Healthcare Companies/Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield;
- Jeffrey Kraut, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for North Shore-LIJ Health System;
- John Ruge, CEO and Doctor at Hudson Headwaters Health Network;
- Howard Berliner, Former Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health;
- Ann Marie Theresa Sullivan, Senior Vice President of Queens Health Network;
- Glenn Martin, Director of Medical Informatics for Queens Health Network, and Associate Director of the Program for the Protection of Human Subjects at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine; and
- Anderson Torres, Director of Health Initiatives for Bon Secours New York Health System Schervier Nursing Care Center, and an adjunct Professor at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services.

These new members will join incumbent members of the old Public Health Council on the PHHPC.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2011 to approve bylaws and a calendar. The full PHHPC is scheduled to meet on June 16, 2011 to consider

establishment and construction applications and assorted regulatory matters. More than 30 projects are slated for review and approval at this meeting.

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