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Restructuring and Merger of the SHRPC and Public Health Council **Consolidated Body to be Called PHHPC**

The State Hospital Review and Planning Council (SHRPC) and the Public Health Council have been merged into a new single entity called the Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC).

The PHHPC will consist of the Commissioner of Health plus 24 members appointed by the Governor (who will also appoint the chair) and confirmed by the State Senate. Appointees are expected to represent the diversity of New York's population, as well as a cross-section of geographic regions. The law creating the PHHPC also calls for members to come from specific parts of the health care industry so that it will have expertise in clinical and administrative aspects of health care planning and delivery, representation of consumer issues, finance, reimbursement, health care regulation and compliance, and public health practice:

- Two members of the Mental Health Services Council;
- Four members representing hospitals or nursing homes;
- One member representing home care agencies;
- One member will represent diagnostic and treatment centers;
- One member will represent health care payers;
- One member will represent labor organizations;
- One member will represent health care consumer advocacy organizations; and
- One member who is also a member of the Minority Health Council.

Although as of this writing the Council membership has not been confirmed by the State Senate, a public meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2011 to address administrative matters of the Council. January 20, 2011 is tentatively scheduled as the first meeting of the committee of the PHHPC, and February 3, 2011 is tentatively scheduled as the first full PHHPC meeting.

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