

The logo for the New York State Dental Association features the words "New York State" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Above the letter "Y" in "York" is a stylized blue flame icon. Below "New York State" is the word "Dental Association" in a lighter blue, sans-serif font.

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Council on Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?

The goal of the Council on Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry is to review and develop plans and programs to improve access to care and promote oral health to both the public and the other health professions. The Council considers obstacles to care encountered by patients with special needs and programs to help mitigate those obstacles. The Council addresses issues involving clinical settings beyond private practice, including hospitals, FQHCs and post graduate training programs within the framework of policies adopted by the NYSDA House of Delegates.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General responsibilities of a Council on Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry member:

- Engage in the development of plans and programs to ensure the public receives necessary oral health care and the promotion of the dental health of the public within the framework of policies adopted by the NYSDA House of Delegates.
- Participate in discussions on the Council’s activities in your local dental society, if you attend membership meetings.
- Assist component societies in the development of dental health policies and programs within their jurisdiction.
- Attend one live meeting at NYSDA’s Albany office and participate in one meeting via video conference annually.

SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

Approximately two days per year. There is an in-person meeting in Albany and one video conference meeting a year. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda materials in advance of the meeting. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)

You will gain first-hand experience in participating in the deliberative process and association leadership. You will achieve a better understanding of the differences between patient care settings and the interrelationship between the private practice and hospital professional communities. You will have the opportunity to better understand the obstacles patients face in obtaining oral health care and strategies to remediate these obstacles.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

The New Dentist member’s term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.