

**LEWIS COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
BOARD OF MANAGERS
August 31, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of Lewis County General Hospital was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Michael Young, President. Members present:

*Richard Chartrand
John Lehman
Jennifer Jones*

*Howard Meny, M.D.
Marguerite Mastascusa {entered 4:40 pm}
Philip McDowell*

Donald Musnicki
Susan Ross
Cheryl Steckly
Michael Young*

**Donald Musnicki, Board Member, participated via Google Meet (could not participate in vote).*

Others
Present

*Gerald R. Cayer, Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Hellinger, Chief Financial Officer
Kerry Herbine, Chief Operating Officer
Michelle Kelley, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Skiff, Director of Human Services
Marcy Teal, CNO
Sean Harney, M.D., CMO, Employed Provider Clinics
Frank Pace, Director of Facilities Management
Debra Wurz, Nursing Home Administrator
Christina Flint, Community Services Coordinator
Lyndsey Allen, Director of Quality
Dr. Steven Lyndaker, Medical Director {entered at 4:40 p.m.}
Marylou Feilmeier, Medical Staff President
JoAnne Rhubart, Executive Director, Lewis County Hospital Foundation, Inc.
Scott Sauter, Network Administrator
Ryan Piche, County Manager
Phil Hathway, Board of Legislator {via telephone}
Bea Grause, RN, JD, President, HANY's
Nicholas Henley, MPH, HANY's*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISION, MISSION & VALUE STATEMENTS: The health system's Vision, Mission and Value Statements were read with the group at the start of the meeting by board member, Susan Ross.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

#90. Motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. McDowell, the Board congratulated Johnna Lane, Physician Office Assistant, as the July Employee of the Month. Approved.

VOTE: yes 8, no 0.

CONFLICT INQUIRY: No known conflicts were identified on tonight's agenda for any board member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anyone wishing to send a public comment may do so by sending an email to info@lcgh.net. Mrs. Michelle Kelley noted no emails were received.

GENERATIVE DISCUSSION: Mr. Cayer welcomed and introduced Ms. Bea Grouse, RN, JD, President and Mr. Nicholas Henley, MPH, VP, External Affairs, from HANY's to the Board of Managers. Ms. Grouse and Mr. Henley shared a PowerPoint with the group entitled "State and Federal Update for Lewis County Health System" which covered the following topics:

- ✓ Covering your landscape
- ✓ Kudos and thank you!
- ✓ Federal priorities
- ✓ Preserving CAH status
- ✓ HANYS' fall 2022 federal priorities
- ✓ State Priorities

- ✓ Looking forward SFY 2023-2024
- ✓ Politics and Elections (in a divided nation)
- ✓ New Market Headwinds
- ✓ The Pandemic Aftermath – The Gap

□ **STRATEGIC FOCUS TOPICS:**

- ✓ Ms. JoAnne Rhubarb, Executive Director of the Lewis County Hospital Foundation, Inc. updated the group on the progress of the capital campaign and stated that she and Mrs. Karen Rennie would be reaching out to them to solicit individual donations for the capital campaign.

□ **OPERATIONAL UPDATES:**

- **Patient Safety/Quality:** Mrs. Susan Ross, Chair of the Quality Committee, provided the following update to the board:
 - Quality Council Meetings:
 - ✓ Quality Council Committee – This committee meets quarterly. Mrs. Ross shared the minutes from this meeting will be placed in the board portal quarterly for the boards review.
 - ✓ Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement Committee – This committee meets monthly. The minutes from this meeting will also be placed in the board portal monthly.
 - Mrs. Ross welcomed and introduced Mrs. Lyndsey Allen, Director of Quality, to the board and Mrs. Allen provided a brief overview to the board on the following topics:
 - ✓ Incident management – Just Culture
 - ✓ Upcoming CMS measurer: This is a new measurer for 2023:
 - Hypo/Hyperglycemia – this measurer is currently in trial, and we are meeting 100% of the requirements at this time.
 - ✓ Current measure update:
 - Safe use of opioids
 - Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) prophylaxis
 - ✓ Joint Commission survey update: Mrs. Allen noted that our facility is currently in the 18th month window for the reaccreditation survey with JC and she is preparing daily in anticipation of their arrival.
 - ✓ Mrs. Allen also shared with the board a copy of the 2022 patient Safety – Preventable Harm Events (Q2 & YTD, 2022).
 - Please feel free to contact Mrs. Allen at 315-376-9697 or at lallen@lcgh.net if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Finance:** Mr. Jeff Hellinger, CFO, shared the following updates:

Period 7 Review:

 - There was a loss of \$1,142,708 versus a budgeted loss of \$55,400 for the month of July. The YTD loss is \$1,619,626 versus a budgeted loss of \$368,059.
 - He noted the lower acute admissions on the inpatient side in the month of July were one of the factors for the reported loss. Another factor was the decrease in outpatient revenue, and the added expense for traveling staff which cost the facility ~\$300k in the month of July.
 - He noted expenses were better in the month of July with lower salary costs due to open positions.
 - The ED continues to be very busy and we are seeing ~1,000 visits month after month at this time.
 - In the month of July, ~\$1M was paid out in the capital project. Mr. Hellinger shared this is a separate line item on the financials.
 - Mr. Hellinger also provided a brief overview of the 1st draft of the 2023 Budgeted Volumes with the board. He also shared a copy of the final draft of the 2023 Capital Budget. Mr. Hellinger noted he has budgeted 850 acute admissions in the 2023 budget versus the 771 projected total for 2022 and has increased the RHCF occupancy from 75% to 80% in the 2023 budget.
 - The FTE and Operating Budget budgets for 2023 have been submitted from the department managers and Mr. Hellinger is in the process of reviewing.

- Capital Improvement Oversight Committee Report:
 - Chair, Mr. Donald Musnicki, presented a copy of the Capital Improvement Oversight Committee Monthly Report to the board members prepared by Project Manager, Michael Nuffer, from C&S Companies. A copy of this report was also shared with the Capital Improvement Oversight Committee at their monthly meeting on Monday, August 29th, which was discussed in more detail. Mr. Musnicki noted the foundation for the building is currently in the process of being poured at this time with the roof being placed on the building in December. Currently there are 4 phases left in the project and the project remains slated to be completed by December 28, 2023. He added this is a fluid project and adjustments are being made, as necessary. He shared Mike Nuffer, Project Manager, continues to do a great leading this project for our facility.
 - Sub-Landscaping Committee: Mr. Musnicki shared with the group the intent of the Capital Improvement Oversight Committee to create a sub-Landscaping Committee for the purpose of making the final landscaping decisions once the capital project is in its final stages as it is the committee's intent to have an attractive environment for the Nursing Home residents which also compliments the hospital's campus. Board member, Mrs. Susan Ross, expressed her interest to be on this sub-Committee. Ms. Deb Wurz will be reaching out to residents and their families to see there is any interest for 3-4 individuals to also serve on this sub-Committee.
 - Director of Facilities Management Update: Mr. Jeff Hellinger shared Mr. Robert Fargo has accepted the Director of Facilities Maintenance position and will begin on September 6, 2022. He noted Mr. Frank Pace has developed a transition plan and will continue with the Health System in his temporary exempt position through January 27, 2023, to oversee the building project and assist Mr. Fargo in the transition of his new position.
- Human Resources: Mrs. Jennifer Jones, Chair of the HR Committee, shared the following updates from the August 11, 2022, HR Committee Meeting:
 - New Hires, Resignations, Retirements & Terminations: The organizations new hires, resignations, retirements, and terminations for the period of July 18, 2022 – August 8, 2022, were included in Board packets.
 - An update on the tentative agreement with the CSEA Union will be discussed at the end of the meeting in Executive session.
 - The Employee Survey will be going out to staff to complete at the beginning of October 2022.
 - Mrs. Jessica Skiff briefed the group regarding the NYS Health Care Worker Bonus (HWB) Program through a PowerPoint presentation. This was enacted as part of the 2022-23 NYS Budget Governor Hochul and the State Legislature who allocated \$1.2 billion in funding to this program for the payment of bonuses for certain frontline health care workers. The HWB provision allows for the payment of bonuses to “recruit, retain, and reward health care and mental hygiene workers” meeting certain eligibility requirements. Mrs. Skiff noted our facility information is due to the NYSDOH by Friday, September 2nd, and she is currently in the process of evaluating each employee's attestation that was submitted to determine whether or not they meet the eligibility criteria. Currently, Mrs. Skiff noted we have approximately 35 employees who do not meet the criteria and 338 who do. Board President, Mr. Young, questioned Mr. Ryan Piche, County Manager, could any of the hospital employees who do not meet the State's criteria (who are also County employees) be paid a bonus from the County as the County employees are currently slated to receive a 3% bonus pending Legislative approval at the September board meeting. Mr. Piche responded by noting it was his understanding hospital employees did receive a retention bonus before in 2021 if they were employed at that time. He noted he would speak Mr. Cayer regarding this request after the meeting as the Board of Legislators will be voting on this initiative for their employees on Tuesday, September 6th, at their monthly board meeting.

☐ **CHIEF OPERATOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Kerry Herbine shared the following update with the board:

- ◆ Capital Update:
 - ✓ Radiology CT Scanner – we are currently in the process of vetting and purchasing the new CT scanner, which should be completed by the end of September. Mr. Herbine noted the current CT machine has been down 25% of the time over the last 3 months. The cost of the new scanner will be between approximately \$850,000 and \$900,000 and will take up to six months to implement and install.
 - ✓ Lab – Analyzer – we are currently in the process of replacing the analyzer in the Laboratory. The new analyzer will be able to run more tests and will have built-in redundancy with two lines built in. This will diminish our downtime.
- ◆ Quality Update:
 - ✓ ED – Left Without Being Seen (LWBS): Mr. Kerry shared an action team consisting of Marcy Teal, Tracie Davoy, Lyndsey Allen, Michele Prince (Delphi) and Dr. Mathis and himself has been established to review the LWBS in the ED. He shared five action items and three placeholders the team has implemented or is in the process of implementing to reduce this initiative.
 - ✓ Just Culture: Mr. Herbine shared the definition of a “Just Culture” with the group which is “a concept related to systems thinking which emphasizes that mistakes are generally a product of faulty organizational cultures, rather than solely brought about by the person or persons directly involved.” Mr. Herbine noted “Just Culture” is very critical to work on as an organization and he and his team have invested many hours on this initiative.

☐ **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Time allocated to Generative Discussion

☐ **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- ◆ Strategic Topics for September 2022:
 - ✓ Public Relations {C. Flint}
- ◆ News In General: The Board received a copy of the August 2022 News In General.
- ◆ News Notes: The Board received a copy of the News Notes from the media for the month of July.

☐ **CONSENT ITEMS:**

#91. Motion by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mrs. Steckly, to approve the July 27, 2022, Board of Managers' meetings and acknowledge receipt of the following minutes (all minutes were previously distributed with the board packets):

- 07/18/2022 Quality Council Committee Minutes
- 07/27/2022 Environment of Care Committee Minutes
- 08/11/2022 Human Resources Committee Minutes
- 08/15/2022 Executive Committee Minutes
- 08/15/2022 Finance Committee Minutes

Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

☐ **MEDICAL STAFF:** Dr. Steven Lyndaker, Medical Director, and Dr. Marylou Feilmeier, President of the Medical Staff provided the following update.

- ◆ Credentialing/Recredentialing on tonight's agenda will be discussed in Executive session.

#92. Motion by Mrs. Mastascusa, seconded by Mr. Chartrand, to enter executive session at 6:40 p.m. for credentialing matters. Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

#93. Motion by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mrs. Jones, to return to regular session at 6:57 p.m. Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

□ Credentialing/Recredentialing:

#94. Motion by Mrs. Steckly, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the following:

Reappointments:

- Peter Hotvedt, M.D. – Reappointment to the Consulting Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with Cardiology privileges as requested.
- Francis A.J. Seigers, M.D. – Reappointment to the Active Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with Clinic privileges as requested.
- Shirley Tuttle-Malone, D.O. – Active Staff, Family Practice Service, Clinics

Delegated Appointments:

- James Chatham, M.D. – Courtesy Staff, Radiology Service
- Charles Davis, M.D. – Reappointment to the Courtesy Staff, Radiology Service, with privileges as requested.
- Jonathan Meyer, M.D. – Reappointment to the Courtesy Staff, Radiology Service, with privileges as requested.
- Michael Witkosky, M.D. – Reappointment to the Courtesy Staff, Radiology Service, with privileges as requested.

Appointments:

- Yulian Yestin, M.D. – Appointment to the Associate Staff, Emergency Medicine Service, with privileges as requested

Advancements:

- Elizabeth Bassity, N.P. – Advancement to the Active Adjunct Staff, Family Practice Service, with Clinic privileges as requested.
- Tom Chen, M.D. – Advancement to Courtesy Staff, Anesthesia Service, with privileges as requested.
- Yohetsor Hargoe, N.P. – Advancement to Courtesy Adjunct Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with privileges as requested.
- Jake King, Ph.D. – Advancement to Courtesy Adjunct Staff, Family Practice Service, with Psychiatry (Category I) privileges as requested.
- Rebecca Matteson, N.P. – Advancement to Courtesy Adjunct Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with privileges as requested.
- Angelo Porcari, M.D. – Hold for one year due to lack of volume
- Yu Sung, D.O. – Advancement to Courtesy Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with privileges as requested.

Delegated Advancements:

- Reema Choudhry, M.D. – Advancement to Consulting Staff, Internal Medicine Service, with Neurology (Tele-Medicine) privileges as requested.
- John Pohl, M.D. – Advancement to Courtesy Staff, Radiology Service, with privileges as requested

Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

□ Other: None

#95. Motion by Mr. Chartrand, seconded by Mrs. Mastascusa, to enter executive session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

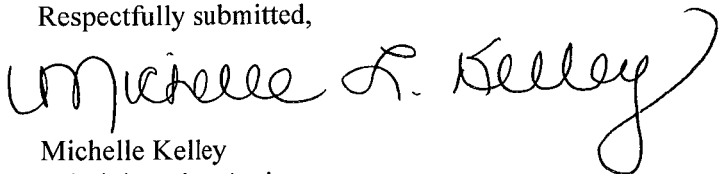
#96. Motion by Mrs. Mastascusa, seconded by Mr. Chartrand, to return to regular session at 6:53 p.m. Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

#97. Motion by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Musnicki, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Approved.

VOTE: yes 9, no 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Kelley
Administrative Assistant

Countersigned:

Philip McDowell, Secretary
Board of Managers

State and Federal Update Lewis County Health System

Bea Grause, RN, JD, President

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Covering *your* landscape

- Focus on your priorities
- Review of federal and state issues, mid-term elections and political dynamic
- Discuss the market environment
- Outline HANYS' draft advocacy priorities
- Brainstorm on hospital messages that could help close the gap between increased expenses and flat revenue streams

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Kudos and thank you!

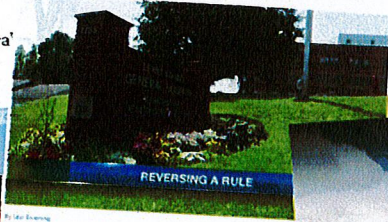


Business

Still In Recovery: Lewis County General health systems rebuilding



7 NEWS
Planned rule reversal to save some north country hospitals millions



REVERSING A RULE

\$32 million construction project at Lewis County Health System being livestreamed



Gerald Cover
CEO of Lewis County Health System

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Preserving CAH status

- In 2015, CMS made regulatory changes to the mileage definition of “primary road” as it relates to mileage requirements for CAH status to include any road in the “National Highway system.”
- The new definition jeopardizes the status of hospitals that received CAH status under the previous guidance.



Stefanik, Delgado Introduce Protecting Rural Access to Care Act

August 11, 2020

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and Congressman Delgado (D-NY) introduced the Protecting Rural Access to Care Act, legislation to ensure financially vulnerable rural hospitals are not at-risk of losing their Critical Access Hospital

H.R. 489

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 7, 2021

The Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

We congratulate you on your recent confirmation as Administrator of the U.S. Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and look forward to working with you on the issues facing our healthcare system. We write today to bring an alarming issue to your attention that will jeopardize healthcare access for rural communities across the country.

As you know, millions of Americans living in rural communities depend on their local hospital to provide life-saving care and treatment, yet the unique challenges of serving remote areas has led an increasing number of rural hospitals to shut down over the past decade. We are concerned that a policy implemented by CMS in 2015 only serves to accelerate this alarming trend and, if left unaddressed, will continue to threaten access to care for many vulnerable populations.



Member Update

July 1, 2022

CMS proposes changes to CAH mileage criteria and REH and CAH CoPs

Yesterday, CMS released the [Condition of Participation for Rural Emergency Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals](#) proposed rule which contains long-awaited CAH mileage criteria changes. The CAH mileage definition/criteria is a high-priority advocacy issue for HANYS. We are pleased that CMS proposes to revert almost exactly to the 2015 primary road definition with one modification in the proposed rule.

HANYS' fall 2022 federal priorities

Address 2% Medicare sequestration cut

Delay 4% Medicare statutory "PAYGO" cut

Amend Medicaid DSH cap calculation impacting New York's public hospitals

Extend Medicare Dependent Hospital Program and low volume adjustment

Address Medicaid DSH cuts that are set to go into effect the start of the next federal fiscal year (Oct. 2023)

Streamline overutilization of prior authorizations by MA plans by passing the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act

Invest in the healthcare workforce: Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act, the Opioid Workforce Act/Substance Use Disorder Workforce Act; and enhance transparency into staffing agency behavior by passing the Travel Nursing Agency Transparency Study Act

DSH cap calculation changes

- Section 203 of CAA negatively impacts access to Medicaid DSH funding to certain hospitals by eliminating Medicaid dual-eligible enrollees from the DSH cap calculation.
- Efforts underway to amend how hospital-specific DSH caps are calculated to hold harmless hospitals disadvantaged by Section 203 that took effect Oct. 1, 2021.

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Medicaid DSH cap calculation and the impact of Section 203 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act
June 2022

Summary

Section 203 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 negatively impacts Medicaid Dual-eligible State Medicaid caps by calculating them from the combined (dual) Medicaid and Medicare cap. This means that dual-eligible enrollees are no longer counted as Medicaid DSH-eligible for New York's public hospitals and must be excluded.

Background

Discretionary DSH funding gives private access to care at hospitals with health systems that are not Medicaid or DSH certified or accredited. This funding supports access to services in underserved communities and provides a safety net for vulnerable populations.

Medicaid DSH funding is used to offset the governmental burden imposed by the state and government. Each state receives a set amount of federal Medicaid DSH funding, as well as a 2% limit on services provided. States have the authority to determine the ratio of dual-eligible enrollees to Medicaid DSH funding, with the cap on dual-eligible enrollees being 2% of the total Medicaid DSH funding. This funding is used to offset the cost of care for dual-eligible enrollees.

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the Medicaid DSH funding is to be calculated based on the total Medicaid DSH cap, not the maximum amount of Medicaid DSH funding that can be used. This means that dual-eligible enrollees are no longer counted as Medicaid DSH-eligible for New York's public hospitals and must be excluded from the DSH cap calculation.

- Excluded
- Medicaid enrollees (Medicaid and Medicare)
- Medicaid enrollees (Medicaid and Medicare) with Medicaid coverage
- Medicaid enrollees (Medicaid)

The fact that dual-eligible enrollees are no longer counted as Medicaid DSH-eligible for New York's public hospitals means that the total Medicaid DSH funding available to public hospitals will be reduced by the amount of dual-eligible enrollees.

	Included	Medicaid enrollees	Medicaid dual-eligible enrollees
Excluded	2021 - 2022	2021 - 2022	2021 - 2022
Financial impact	Financial gain	Financial loss	Financial gain



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Key healthcare SFY 2022-23 budget provisions

\$1.6 billion
capital
investment

1.5% ATB
Medicaid cut
reversal

1% Medicaid
rate increase

Financially
distressed
hospital funding

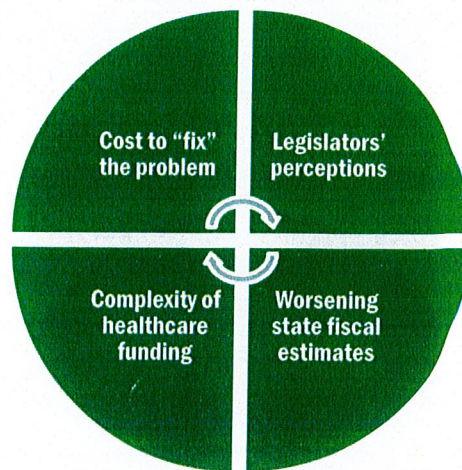
Other provisions:

- Telehealth payment parity
- Medicaid global cap revisions
- Workforce support
- Healthcare worker bonuses
- Coverage expansion

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Looking toward SFY 2023-2024

No shortage of budget challenges we will need to address ...



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Looking toward SFY 2023-2024

Need a multi-faceted approach to stabilize hospitals and health systems:

- **State supportive funding** — Continue current support and secure additional investments
- **Medicaid rates** — Build upon last year's rate increase to begin closing the growing shortfall
- **Capital support** — Secure additional investments to provide needed debt relief and infrastructure support
- **Other budget and policy areas** — Advance proposals related to commercial insurer practices, workforce and other areas to drive hospital fiscal and administrative relief

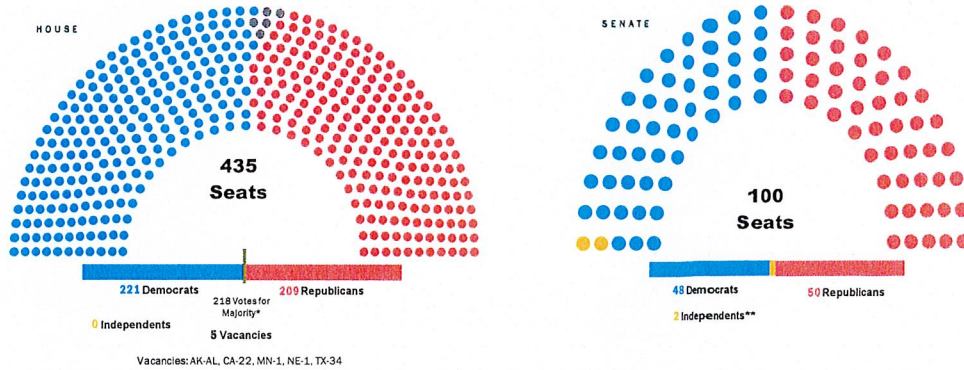
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Politics and elections (in a divided nation)



2022 midterm elections

Composition of the 117th Congress



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NY congressional delegation changes

Retiring from Congress



Rep. Tom Reed
(R-Corning)



Rep. John Katko
(R-Camillus)



Rep. Kathleen Rice
(D-Garden City)



Rep. Chris Jacobs
(R-Orchard Park)

Ran/running for Governor/Lt. Governor



Rep. Tom Suozzi
(D-Glen Cove)



Rep. Lee Zeldin
(R-Shirley)



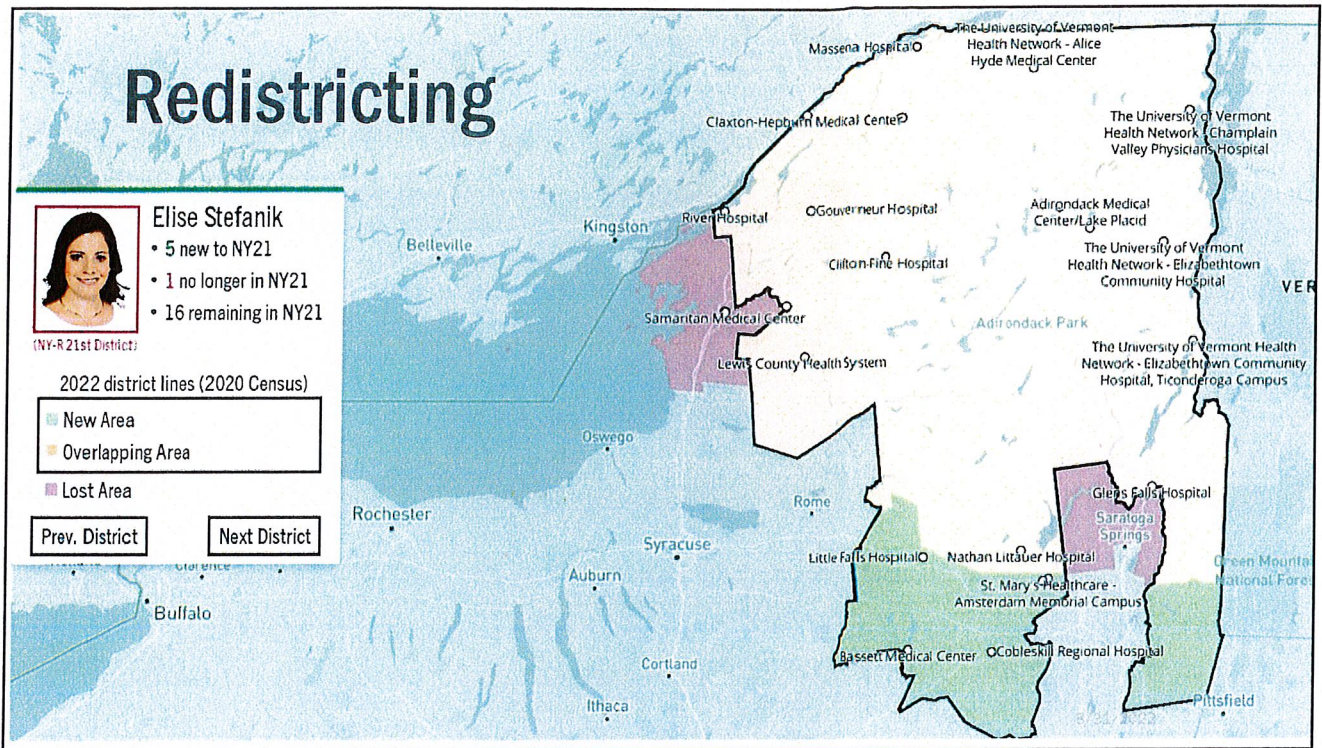
Rep. Antonio Delgado
(D-Rhinebeck)

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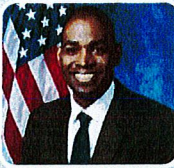


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Statewide elected seats

			
Governor	Lieutenant Governor	Attorney General	Comptroller
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Hochul * • Lee Zeldin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Delgado * • Alison Esposito 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letitia James * • Michael Henry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas DiNapoli * • Paul Rodriguez

* incumbent

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Impact of redistricting on state reps



NYS Senator Joseph Griffo

- Will continue representing Lewis County Health System through Dec. 31, 2022.



NYS Assembly Member Mark Walczyk

- Anticipated to represent Lewis County Health System in the new 49th Senate District beginning Jan. 1, 2023.



NYS Assembly Member Ken Blankenbush

- Will continue representing Lewis County Health System until Dec. 31, 2022.
- No changes are anticipated in 2023.

Changes in key legislative roles



Senator Gustavo Rivera

- Chair, Senate Health Committee
- Likely to win re-election bid on 11/8



Assemblyman Richard Gottfried

- Chair, Assembly Health Committee
- **RETIRING**



Senator Neil D. Breslin

- Chair, Senate Insurance Committee
- Likely to win re-election bid on 11/8



Assemblyman Kevin Cahill

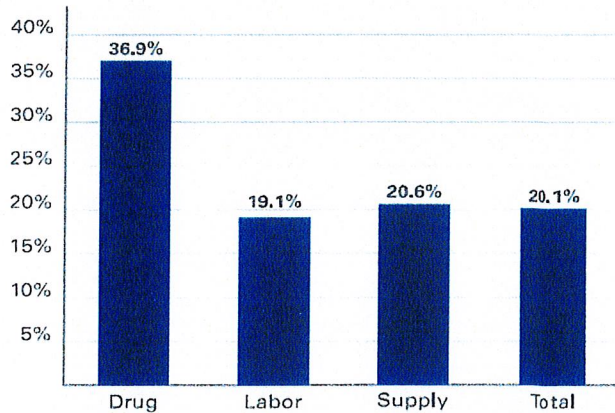
- Chair, Assembly Insurance Committee
- **LOST primary challenge on June 28**

New market headwinds

- Severe workforce challenges persist:
 - Critical staffing shortages
 - Rising labor costs
 - Impacts of using contract staff
- Consolidation
- Physician competition

The pandemic aftermath – the gap

Increase in Hospital Expenses Per Patient from 2019 to 2021



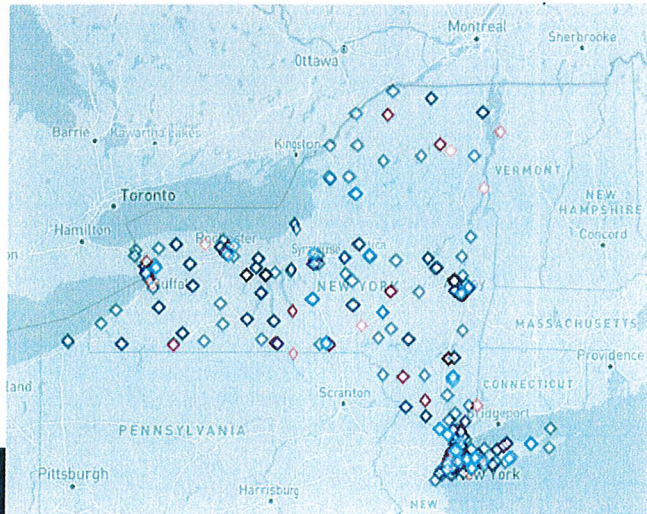
Source: January 2022 Kaufman Hall National Hospital Flash Report



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Every hospital/health system impacted

Rural, urban, public, independent community hospitals, large academic medical centers . . .
all face intense fiscal pressures.



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HANYS' draft efforts to close the gap

- Advocacy to release appropriated state funds
- Urge state to release additional emergency funds
- HANYS survey on hospital finances
- Compiling budget requests for next session
- Packaging regulatory reform and workforce initiatives

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Challenges in closing the gap

- The size of the gap
- Government ability to close the gap
- Mid-term elections
- COVID fatigue
- Vague urgency and conflicting media messages



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To the rescue!
(again)

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Union messages

- Hospitals are institutions that don't care
 - About patients
 - About nurses
 - About their community
- They overpay their executives at the expense of everyone else
- Poor quality (because they don't have enough nurses)



Labor Unions Band Together To Tackle NY's High Hospital Prices

By Brian Aho

Updated on 10/10/22



A group of protesters at 217 West 42nd Street in Midtown Manhattan on Oct. 10, 2022, in support of the Affordable Hospital Care Act (AHCA).



NYSN FULLY ENGAGED ON LONG ISLAND



A group of nurses and hospital workers in a parade in support of the Affordable Hospital Care Act (AHCA) in New York City.

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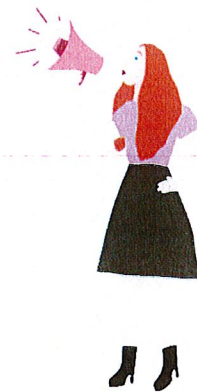
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Commercial payer messages

- They care about consumer health (and hospitals don't)
- They will keep consumers out of hospitals (so they make more from consumer premiums)
- Hospital prices are outrageously high

How you can help

- Keep speaking out — the more messengers and messages the better
- Share your connection with your community
- Highlight your involvement in community settings
- Support your CEO and other hospital leaders
- Advocate, advocate, advocate



Stronger Together
 a unified voice for New York's Hospitals and Health Systems

ELECTION 2022 FEDERAL AND STATE PAC CAMPAIGN

HANYS **PAC**
 Healthcare Association of NYS and
 Allied Associations' Federal PAC

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**We will weather this storm
 — Together**

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