

Board Resolution 2015

Corporate Ethics and Compliance Program

WHEREAS, Hometown Health Centers has been authorized as a non-profit, duly incorporated under the Laws of New York, to operate two federally qualified health centers (FQHC);

WHEREAS, Hometown Health Centers is committed to serving all residents of the communities in greater Schenectady and Amsterdam without regard to ability to pay and with a particular sensitivity to the underserved population;

WHEREAS, Hometown Health Centers has a duty to obey state and federal law; provide quality, affordable care to its patient-customers while being good stewards of all resources;

WHEREAS, the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) policy initiative will become a critical factor in the provision of healthcare services, Hometown Health Centers shall commit necessary resources to its oversight;

WHEREAS, Hometown Health Centers achieves and maintains excellence in healthcare, customer service and prudent, honest use of resources, in part, through the implementation and annual review of its Corporate Ethics and Compliance Program (also called Compliance Program);

WHEREAS, Hometown Health Centers Corporate Ethics and Compliance Program is modeled after the eight elements as outlined by the New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG):

1. Written Policies and Procedures – promoting an ethical culture with a written Code of Conduct;
2. Designation of independent Corporate Ethics and Compliance Officer (also called Compliance Officer) with authority to act;
3. Ongoing training and education;
4. Direct access by staff vendors, consultants, and Board Members to the Corporate Ethics and Compliance Officer;
5. Corrective and disciplinary policies;
6. Ongoing identification of compliance risk areas and implementation of action plans departmentally and organizationally;
7. Quickly responding to compliance issues; and
8. Enforcing a policy of non-intimidation and non-retaliation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for Hometown Healthcare Centers will maintain a standing Compliance Committee to whom the Compliance Officer will report and work with on compliance matters on a regular basis;


WHEREAS, the Board of Directors directs the Corporate Ethics and Compliance Officer to have a separate internal Compliance Committee composed of staff to assist in furthering awareness about audits, compliance and the need for departmentally self-initiated risk assessments;

THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED,

The Board of Directors of Hometown Health Centers passes this Resolution to underscore its commitment to Corporate Ethics and Compliance and nurturing an ethical culture at all times.

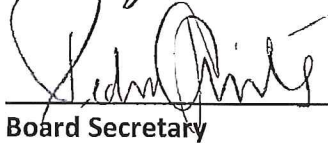
THEREFORE, BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors mandates staff, vendors, consultants, Board Directors, and anyone doing business or affiliated with the organization to embrace and actively work for the success of the Corporate Compliance Program at Hometown Health Centers.

THEREFORE, BE IT, AND FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors directs this Resolution be distributed and made available at Hometown Health Centers.



Board Chair

10-22-15
Date



Board Secretary

10-22-15
Date

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