

## **HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE TASKFORCE (HGT)**

### **LIST OF CRITERION / PRINCIPLES (tentative)**

To be ranked in order of priority

1. An organization and governance structure that provides independence, flexibility, and nimbleness for the organization
2. Sets forth a clearly stated mission statement / vision for the health system
3. A governance model that provides clear lines of accountability for the governing body to the County government and the public / Commitment to Conflict of Interest/Ethics Standards
4. Transparency/modification to Sunshine Laws (applicable to public hospitals/healthcare)
5. An organizational structure that provides health care funding based on a defined criteria, a process for determining the amount and for define purposes for the funding ( e.g inpatient, outpatient care, emergency care, mental health care, primary care etc)
6. Reaffirm Jackson – role as Teaching and /Safety Net Hospital/Health System/ Academic Relationships
7. Self perpetuating board with designated seats for affiliated institutions
8. Limited Board size / Mix of board members and expected qualifications / Defines how governing body members are selected and replaced, and by whom
9. Recognizing the need to be able to adapt to known and unknown future changes in health care delivery and financing , such as the American Healthcare Affordable Act
10. Relationship between hospitals and government
11. Clarity on funding financing (capital) and what entity owns the capital assets ( can buy, modify or sale) / Eligibility for county, state and federal funding
12. Independent personnel , union contracting and service and purchasing contracting authority / Ability to negotiate union contracts / control of contracts / contracting rules
13. Taxing Authority or not
14. Financial – Sovereign Immunity/Public funding whether ad valorem , ½ penny, MOE
15. Access to capital (public / private); Access to other sources funding, for example grants, private donations, etc / Fundraising
16. Process of Transformation/Mode for model change (sale, merger, management contract, joint venture, affiliations)

**IMPORTANT:** Governance structure to be set up as public entity with exceptions to some Sunshine laws