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Open Government Webcast Series for Commissioners

The Public Records Act and You: What Hospital Commissioners Need to Know

Thursday, June 2 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Public Hospital Districts were created by a vote of the people, are governed by Commissioners elected by the people and receive benefits (including, in most cases, property tax dollars) from the people who reside in the District. Simply put, Public Hospital Districts, as units of local government, are owned by citizens and are subject to the provisions of various laws designed to ensure transparency and provide citizen access.

With this Webcast, AWPHD is launching a series aimed at bringing key information to Commissioners about our state's □open government□ laws including the Public Records Act, Open Public Meetings Act and other related laws and regulations.

Aimed primarily at Commissioners, these webcasts will provide a high-level overview of the laws, address specifically how they impact Public Hospital Districts and offer links to model policies and other information for those who want more depth. After the webcasts, the slides will be put on AWPHD's website with links to additional sources of information.

AWPHD will also be supporting CEOs and their staffs by providing additional information and by referring them to operations-oriented training and resources.

The first webcast in the series – June 2, noon to 1pm – will focus on the Public Records Act (Chapter 42.56 RCW). In recent years, for some jurisdictions, the number of public record requests has increased dramatically and there is reason to believe this trend will continue. Failure to understand and comply with the PRA can be costly, even if the misstep is inadvertent.

Our featured speaker is attorney Joe Levan. Joe is with the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC), an organization that provides legal and policy assistance to local governments, including Public Hospital Districts through an arrangement with AWPHD.

The webcast is aimed at Commissioners, but others are welcome to participate. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection and a telephone.

We hope you can join us!

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