

#### ALAMEDA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT

#### BEING AN EFFECTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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#### TODAY'S DISCUSSION

## Being an Effective Board of Governors

#### Board Roles and Responsibilities

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

#### What Do You Think Are The 3 Most Important Functions/Roles Of The Alameda Alliance Board Of Governors?

## Being Effective as a Board: HEARTS AND MINDS

- Quality of boardroom dialog and debate
- Ability to ask tough questions of management
- Diversity of thought and experience
- Meetings and materials well planned
- Board Chair 'manages' the Board
- Members well oriented
- Commitment to participation and engagement

## IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

- Board Roles and Responsibilities
  - Legal and Financial Oversight
  - Strategic Leadership and Policy Development
  - CEO Selection and Support
    - Sets annual performance targets for CEO and organization
    - Consults with the CEO on corporate matters.
  - Regulatory Oversight
  - Risk Management
  - Enhance Organization's Public Standing
  - Evaluation of Organization
  - Conflicts of Interest and Perceived Conflicts of Interest
  - Board Development

#### Relationship with CEO and Executive Staff

- Board hires only one employee CEO
- Advises and supports CEO
- Asks tough questions
- Evaluates & compensates CEO
- Acts collaboratively with CEO
- Active leadership on organizational strategies and policies
- Demonstrates full commitment and engagement

### ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY

	Board	CEO	Exec Staff
Personnel policies	Approves	Recommends	Administers
Salary scales	Approves	Recommends	Administers
Annual budget	Approves	Recommends to Board for approval	Prepares
Day-to-day operations	Monitors Dashboards/KPIs	Accountable	Oversees
Operations Expenses & Capital Projects	Approves in budget	Manages to budget	Prepares and justifies request
Compliance	Monitors	Oversees	Administers
Contracts	Develops contract policies; no approval of contracts to avoid conflicts of interest	Approves based on Board contract policies	Prepares for CEO approval

#### WHERE CAN WE IMPROVE?

# What areas can our board of governors improve our performance in? What responsibilities can we carry out more effectively?