



## Committee Descriptions

IHCA committees are an intricate part of the association. By participating in a committee you are assisting in the association decision-making process and in the development of programs to enhance and improve the long term care continuum. All committees are chaired by IHCA members and participation is voluntary. If you are interested in serving on an IHCA committee, call the IHCA ICAL office at 515.978.2204 or 800.422.3106 or via e-mail at [ihca@iowahealthcare.org](mailto:ihca@iowahealthcare.org). To view a list of current committee members, go to [www.iowahealthcare.org](http://www.iowahealthcare.org), *Members Only*, and scroll down to *IHCA ICAL Committees*.

**Convention and Education Committee.** This committee assists the IHCA ICAL Director of Convention and Education by suggesting education topics and reviewing potential speakers. Committee members assist in a variety of tasks to help ensure the success of the IHCA ICAL Annual Convention and Trade Show held in late September in Des Moines. Peak work time is during August and September leading up to the convention. Meetings are typically held 6 to 8 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Quality Committee.** This committee works with the IHCA ICAL Director of Quality and Clinical Services Director and the Director of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs to monitor the implementation of rules, regulations and quality initiatives by various federal and state agencies, and communicates with these agencies to ensure uniformity and consistency in oversight and quality. Committee members communicate with IHCA members regarding the nursing home quality initiatives in the long term care profession. They also review ways of delivering quality services and share their findings with members. Two focus groups also operate within this committee. The Nursing Facility Survey Results Subcommittee and Life Safety Taskforce monitor survey results and communicate survey trends to members. Meetings are typically held four times a year in West Des Moines.

**Legislative/Payment Committee.** This committee works with the IHCA Executive and Deputy Directors to study, review and make recommendations on legislation at both the federal and state levels that may affect the long term care profession. Using data collected and compiled, the committee makes recommendations to state agencies and legislators regarding the Department of Human Services' budget related to payment and reimbursement for long term care services. Committee members' work together to strategize for the Iowa legislative session and work with Iowa's State and U.S. legislators on issues related to the long term care profession and the frail and elderly citizens of Iowa. Meetings are typically held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Medicare Committee.** This committee works with the IHCA Director of Regulatory and Governmental Affairs to review and monitor all federal policies and regulations and fiscal intermediary changes relative to Medicare Parts A-D and long term care. Committee members help identify education needs and resources to keep members up to date on Medicare issues impacting their operations and residents. Meetings are typically held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Workforce Committee.** Working with the Deputy Director this committee reviews issues facing the long term care profession that relate to personnel recruitment and retention and implement processes to improve recruitment and retention of long term care workers. The committee serves as IHCA ICAL's liaison with state and federal agencies and legislators regarding workforce initiatives. Meetings are typically held 3 to 4 times a year in West Des Moines.

**Public Relations Committee.** This committee assists the IHCA Director of Communications by providing input and direction for communication avenues for members. The committee actively addresses communication needs related to media and public relations at both the association and member levels, and related to National Nursing Home Week, National Assisted Living Week and IHCA ICAL's annual awards programs. Meetings are typical held four times a year in Des Moines.