

Consumers shall be defined as persons not active in the profession of health care or services and, to the extent possible, shall be representative of age, geographic, economic, and ethnic population groups.

Section 2. Terms of Office: Terms shall be four (4) years. Any member may serve successive terms if reappointed by the Board of Commissioners. Terms begin on July 1 and end on June 30. Terms shall be staggered, with approximately one-fourth of the members' term expiring each year.

Section 3. Responsibilities: Committee members shall regularly attend meetings of the Committee and any meetings of the subcommittees to which they are appointed, and shall fulfill other duties as appointed by the Chairman.

Section 4. Termination of Membership: The Board of Commissioners shall follow Benton County Code Chapter 3 in appointing and removing Committee members.

- (1) The Board of Commissioners may remove any appointee for failure to attend three or more consecutive regular committee meetings.
- (2) The Board of Commissioners may also remove any appointee for cause following public hearing, for reasons including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Commission of a felony;
 - (b) Corruptness;
 - (c) Intentional violation of open meetings law;
 - (d) Failure to declare conflicts of interest;
 - (e) Incompetence.

Section 5. Vacancies: The Board of Commissioners shall make appointments to fill vacancies as they occur. Such appointments shall be for the duration of the unexpired term of that position.

ARTICLE 4 Officers

The following officers shall be elected from the Committee membership during its last meeting of the year:

Chair: The Chair shall have the responsibility of conducting all meetings and hearings in an orderly manner. The Chair may not initiate a motion, but may second, and shall vote on each issue after the question is called. In the event the Chair's vote would create a tie vote, the Chair shall refrain from voting. The Chair shall serve for a term of one year, and not more than two consecutive years. A Chair who has served more than one-half of a term is considered to have served a full term in that office.

Vice Chair: The Vice Chair shall be elected to serve in the absence of the Chair.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be the Health Administrator.

ARTICLE 5 Subcommittees

Section 1. Creation of Subcommittees: The Committee shall have the power to create subcommittees with such responsibilities as the Committee directs.