

## **Public Issues Council Operational Guidelines**

The Public Issues Council (PIC) champions scholarly activities in public health, preventive medicine and health education. It identifies critical health and disease issues for the region and state, prioritizes them and focuses broad faculty effort to improve both health care delivery and health education on these issues. It makes recommendations regarding priorities for the use of available resources, and seeks to increase community resources through legislative and private educational efforts. Its concerns span a variety of settings [such as affiliated hospitals, physicians' offices, community health centers, and schools] and include our educational partners in the community and across the state.

### **Membership:**

#### **Voting**

- One Chief Academic Officer for Clinical Affairs (*ex officio*)
- One clinical department chair
- Four clinical faculty
- One center representative
- Two basic science faculty members
- Two faculty members from public health programs
- One representative from affiliated hospitals (rotating)
- One representative from the community and not from an affiliated hospital
- One appointed by the Commissioner for Public Health

Total voting membership: 14

Simple majority: 8

Terms of elected and appointed faculty members are staggered, and of 3 years duration. No elected or appointed member may serve more than two consecutive terms. There will be at least 8 meetings per year.

### **Subcommittees**

Each subcommittee will be chaired by a Public Issues Council Member and have at least one additional PIC member. Subcommittees will be no larger than 10 members. The PIC members will recommend committee membership to the PIC annually.

### **Review and Recommendation of School of Medicine Budget Priorities and Public Advocacy:**

- The PIC will monitor the annual budget process and advise the other Councils and the Dean regarding the leadership role of the SOM faculty in regional, statewide, and public health and health education missions.
- The PIC will monitor current public issues in health care and public health and where appropriate advise the Dean of positions and actions which the School of Medicine should take in relation to the administrative cycle of the state budget.

### **Priority Setting for School of Medicine Influence on Public Issues:**

- The PIC will monitor current public issues that are relevant to effective healthcare in Connecticut, to the needs of patients, and to the enhancement of public health in Connecticut communities.
- The PIC will undertake systematic review and priority setting for SOM attention and support of critical public issues so as to provide reports in a timely fashion to influence the budget priorities of UCHC as well as the administrative cycle of the state's budget.

### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

The PIC may convene ad hoc committees as deemed appropriate to achieve the goals of the PIC.