



Health Planning Council

a program of the Human Services Coalition

MISSION STATEMENT

More than 260 people in Tompkins County, both consumers and providers of health care, participate in the Health Planning Council. Established more than 40 years ago, the HPC has helped initiate many projects including Family Medicine Associates, Hospicare, the dental clinic in Ithaca, supplying bathroom safety equipment, the infant mortality task force, a health education directory and community forums on health care reform proposals.

The purpose of the Council continues to be as outlined in Health Planning Legislation and as advisory to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Tompkins County Legislature:

- to conduct community health planning and promote the development of health services and resources;
- to improve the health of Tompkins County residents;
- to increase accessibility, including overcoming financial, geographic, architectural and transportation barriers;
- to increase acceptability, continuity and quality of health services;
- to prevent unnecessary duplication of health services;
- to preserve and improve competition of health services; and
- to encourage integration of the various private and public components into a well organized system.

Membership in the Council is open to residents who are interested in furthering our mission.

If you would like to join or to receive a monthly notice of our meetings contact Betty Falcao, Program Director, 273-8686, bfalcao@hsctc.org. You can also find additional information about our work on www.hsctc.org. We encourage interested people to join the Council and get involved in this community effort.