

MITRE Health Advisory Council

About the Council

MITRE's mission is to solve problems for a safer world. As a not-for-profit organization, MITRE works in the public interest across federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, as well as industry and academia, to tackle challenges to the safety, stability, and well-being of our nation.

We operate multiple federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs) on behalf of the federal government. We address healthcare and public health issues through our FFRDC work for multiple agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Purpose

MITRE established the Health Advisory Council to engage visionary health and human services executives to formulate actionable strategies to solve the nation's most important problems in healthcare, public and population health, and social services. The Council includes former health system CEOs, former government officials, and key health and human services thought leaders.

The Health Advisory Council strengthens MITRE's unique vantage point as an impartial expert advisor to our government FFRDC sponsors and the nation. MITRE's intent is to innovate as a thought partner to bring forward actionable strategies to solve the public's crucial health and human services challenges.

Objectives

- To leverage the experience of senior-level executive thought leaders to inform MITRE actions that achieve strategic outcomes that will transform health and human services in the United States
- To guide MITRE to inform how we operate federally funded research and development centers on behalf of the government, helping MITRE apply new thinking to solve the most important problems in healthcare, public and population health, and social services
- To help MITRE better serve as a trusted advisor who can work across industry and government to pioneer innovative approaches that drive the future of healthcare, public health, and a healthier society

Membership

Health Advisory Council members must be free of conflicts of interest, or the appearance of same, as disclosed to and determined by MITRE.

Government Guest Participation

MITRE may invite government employees to attend Council meetings as guests on a voluntary basis.

Rules Governing Council Discussions

Council discussions operate under the Chatham House Rule. Participants are not allowed to attribute any comments made during the meeting to an individual or organization.

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