
Delaware Public Health and Medical Ethics Advisory Group

Official Charge

The Delaware Public Health and Medical Ethics Advisory Group, a formal, inter-agency ethics advisory committee, is charged with addressing critical ethical issues related to declared states of emergencies or exigent public health events in the state of Delaware. The Group shall provide advice and recommendations to the Delaware State Health Officer or other authorized agents based on its deliberations on relevant ethical issues. Group members, which include persons of various backgrounds and interests in public and private sectors, are obligated to deliberate and to decide these issues without conflicts of interests in service to the citizens of Delaware. Among its many actual or potential functions, the Group may:

- Develop a process to receive inquires and provide advice or recommendations to the State Health Officer or other authorized agents;
- Develop statewide ethical guidance concerning emergencies, including issues related to standards of care, that comport with international, national, or comparable state models; and
- Continuously train in non-emergencies using potential scenarios and exercises to enhance the Group's ability to provide ethics advice or recommendations in real-time during government-declared states of emergency or exigent public health events in the state.