DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the implicit, longstanding assumptions about health care governance and the changing societal expectations and values that may no longer support our current model of governance?

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2. Does community-based governance, with board members drawn primarily from communities served, provide the expertise and competencies needed to effectively govern an increasing complex health care system?

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3. What alternative models of governance (for example compensating board members, professional boards) may be necessary to effectively guide our health care organizations through the transformative changes they are now facing?

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4. What warning signs has our board experienced (such as difficulty recruiting/retaining younger members, lack of willingness among board members to participate in continuing education, low levels of attendance at board and committee meetings) that indicate the need for a new model of governance?

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5. Has our board already adopted best governance practices to allow time for testing new approaches that would support a transition to a new model for governance over time?

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