

ACU Vision Services Committee Charter

Purpose

The ACU Vision Services Committee guides ACU's efforts to increase access to vision services in underserved areas. The Committee discusses current trends and issues impacting vision services at health centers including promising practices in integrating eye care into primary care settings, population-specific needs, clinical best practices, and more. Committee members also support the training and technical assistance needs of health centers working to establish and expand vision services by serving as mentors and subject matter experts. Committee initiatives will be consistent with the ACU mission, strategic plan, and/or direction provided by the Executive Director of ACU and the ACU Board.

Membership

- The Committee shall consist of clinicians and administrators with experience establishing and operating eye care programs in the health center setting.
- Volunteers from all experience levels are encouraged.
- The Committee leadership shall consist of two Co-Chairs. The Committee Co-Chairs will be nominated by Committee members and will serve a two-year term. Co-Chairs can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- The Committee Staff is appointed by ACU's Executive Director to assist the Committee.

Meetings

- Regular Committee meetings shall be held at least quarterly.
- The Committee Staff shall maintain minutes of the meeting and report regularly to the Executive Director and/or Board of Directors.

Time Commitment

- The members of the Committee should plan on a minimum of one one-hour conference calls on a quarterly basis.
- Committee members will serve a two-year term.

Committee Priorities

- Identify barriers patients face in accessing vision services.
- Identify opportunities for ACU to develop meaningful resources to support the needs of health centers establishing vision services.
- Based on level of expertise, provide technical assistance to support health centers integrating vision services into their primary care program.
- Serve as a mentor to support health center clinicians or administrators working to establish or expand vision services in their community.
- Review materials for accuracy and timeliness.