

# BACKGROUND

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*Bucks Voices for Health Care Reform is a grassroots countywide effort that has grown out of a shared interest in working toward effective ethical solutions to what is broadly-perceived as a health care crisis.*

*The current health care system is a complex patchwork of government and private programs that were developed over time in response to a variety of needs. It is barely navigable by even the most informed person, and too many people fall through the cracks. Some receive no health care at all until they enter an emergency room, thus driving up costs for all.*

*Members of Bucks Voices believe that reform must start with agreement on basic principles. We intend to engage in the careful analysis of options based on these principles and to work together toward a comprehensive, integrated national health care policy.*

*We believe that health care is a public good, like police protection and education, and we want to see a health care system based on fundamental ethical principles that respect the dignity of all persons.*

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## **Bucks Voices Leadership Team**

Tam St. Claire, Chair

Kip Malloy, Secretary/Treasurer

Mary Ann Sircely, Director of Online Services

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# Bucks Voices for Health Care Reform Mission Statement

Founded in 2007, **Bucks Voices for Health Care Reform** is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to promoting fundamental principles to build a fair and just national health care system.

We carry out this mission by:

- *educating* the public about health care reform and resident-adopted healthcare principles,
- *evaluating* programs by applying the groups of principles to the existing/proposed health care systems, and
- *building* a virtual grassroots network to promote these principles and develop further dialogue and analysis throughout Bucks County.

## Vision and Principles:

Health care should be considered integral with the common good that promotes human dignity for all. Both individuals and society have responsibilities for health care: we as individuals need to protect our health and we as a society need to provide a sustainable health care system that includes:

1. Health promotion and disease prevention.
2. A balanced continuum of care throughout the life cycle from birth to death.
3. High quality care, including, for example, attention to evidence-based medicine.
4. Financing care based on one's ability to pay.
5. Improved methods of healthcare cost control.
6. Transparency and accountability in what may be inevitable treatment-rationing decisions.
7. Minimal spending for administrative costs.
8. Consistency of health care standards and policies among all states across the country.

## Who can join?

Membership is open to everyone.

Please see application form.

## How do I benefit?

You will:

- Be able to participate in Bucks County's first grassroots organization dedicated to health care reform based on our citizens' vision for a just, workable system for all.
- Be able to track health care meetings, seminars and forums in Bucks County through Voices' clearinghouse of information.
- Be invited to take part in deliberative health care evaluations based on a citizen-adopted vision and health care system components.
- Receive action notices at critical times.
- Receive updated links to current research and statistical, anecdotal, and evidence-based studies.
- Help formulate key questions for candidate forums on the issue of health care.
- Be invited to post articles and participate in the Bucks Voices blog for a virtual conversation on health care reform.

If you join a Bucks Voices committee, you will be able to delve even deeper into health care reform issues and help further the deliberative dialogue in Bucks County.

### Bucks Voices' Committees

- Education
- Action
- Networking/Membership
- Communications

***Become a force for change.  
Join Bucks Voices for Health  
Care Reform today!***

## Membership Form

Your membership dues will help fund the Voices web site, meeting expenses and program materials.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership Dues  
@ \$15 per member

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Contribution

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

Committee(s) I'm interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dues are not tax deductible.*

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