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## Budget Strategy Forms Early

Hospital leaders from across Long Island met December 12, 2007 at the offices of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) to discuss a strategy to deal with issues surrounding the upcoming state budget process. Possible cuts to Medicaid, changes to the indigent care pool distribution formula, as well as possible changes to the way Graduate Medical Education funding is calculated and distributed are of great concern to hospital administrators. The Governor's office will present the state budget in late January.

The briefing session was led by Ray Sweeney, executive vice president of the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs). The Hospital Council is the Long Island affiliate of this state organization and represents the 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island.

"The budget process is an opportunity for providers, payors, and government to work together to effectively change health policy," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the NSHC. "We are looking forward to working with the Governor and the legislature in the early months of 2008."



From left: Ray Sweeney, executive vice president, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs) discusses the "politics" of Albany budget making with Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the NSHC, and Doug Melzer, CEO of Long Beach Medical Center at a Budget Briefing sponsored by the Hospital Council and HANYs on December 12, 2007.

## Hospitals Heed Blood Supply, Donations

Long Island's hospitals collected nearly 11,000 pints of blood during 2007 – just about on par with what was collected the previous year. "But we need to do more," said Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, as she addressed hospital CEOs and blood captains at the Long Island Blood Services year-end wrap up meeting held December 17, 2007 at Newsday offices in Melville, New York.

McCarthy is Long Island Blood Services' honorary chair and one of the leading advocates for blood donation. The 2007 hospital chair is Kevin Dahill. "Giving blood loops back to us – the hospitals – as a service," said Dahill. Pictured from left: Sharon Kennish, executive director/CAO, St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center; Phil Bruno, VP, administration at St. Catherine's; Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy; Tim Knight, publisher of Newsday; Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the NSHC; and Dr. Robert Jones, president/CEO of the New York Blood Center.



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