

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNCIL

Join us.

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is a home for those who work to improve the health of homeless people and who seek housing, health care, and adequate incomes for everyone.

In the National Council, agencies and individuals, clinicians and advocates, homeless people and housed people come together for mutual support and learning opportunities, and to advance the cause of human rights.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND MISSION

The National Health Care for the Homeless Council, Inc. recognizes and believes that:

- *Homelessness is unacceptable.*
- *Every person has the right to adequate food, housing, clothing and health care.*
- *All people have the right to participate in the decisions affecting their lives.*
- *Contemporary homelessness is the product of conscious social and economic policy decisions that have retreated from a commitment to insuring basic life necessities for all people.*
- *The struggle to end homelessness and alleviate its consequences takes many forms, including efforts to insure adequate housing, health care, and access to meaningful work.*

The mission of the Council is to help bring about reform of the health care system to best serve the needs of people who are homeless, to work in alliance with others whose broader purpose is to eliminate homelessness, and to provide support to Council members.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- I represent an organization that supports the mission of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and wish to apply for Organizational Membership. Please contact me with further information. My organization is (check all that apply):
- A section 330(h) Health Care for the Homeless grantee or subcontractor.
- A provider of Respite Care for homeless persons.
- Other: _____
- I am a homeless or formerly homeless person who participates in a homeless health project. Please add me to the list for the National Consumer Advisory Board.
- Please send me information about becoming an Individual Member of the HCH Clinicians' Network.

Please complete information on reverse

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have:

- Practical, day-to-day assistance from professional staff and peers in the field.
- Personal support in difficult, sometimes isolating work.
- Ways to advocate for a progressive policy agenda that seeks equal access to quality health care for all persons.
- Opportunities to participate in the leadership and the day-to-day work of a unique national organization that is grounded in work with homeless people.

- A place to develop new approaches that make a difference in HCH practice and in the lives of homeless persons, such as Respite Care, Consumer Advisory Boards, and the Health Disparities Collaboratives.
- Solid information about national developments that affect HCH work.
- Training events and publications that are responsive to the unique needs of HCH service providers.
- Recognition as involved leaders in the field of homeless health care.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Agencies that share the National Council's mission may apply for Organizational Membership. Modest annual dues are assessed on a sliding scale based on the amount of the agency's HCH or Respite Care budget, or are determined on an individual basis for other types of organizations. For new Organizational Members, an introductory rate of \$500 is charged for the first year. Organizational Members appoint a representative to take part in two annual membership meetings and to participate in the Council's active committee structure. Organizational Members receive a 20% discount on Council publications.

HCH CLINICIANS' NETWORK

Individuals providing hands-on care to homeless persons are invited to join the HCH Clinicians' Network, a component of the National Council that is focused on clinical practice and the needs of individual clinicians. Please use the attached form to request a Clinicians' Network brochure, or apply for membership online at www.nhchc.org.

RESPITE CARE PROVIDERS' NETWORK

Agencies providing Respite Care are encouraged to participate in the Respite Care Providers' Network (RCPN) and to become Organizational Members of the National Council. RCPN promotes development of Respite Care as an essential HCH service, and is a standing committee of the National Council. Membership dues from Respite Care agencies support the National Council's Respite activities.

NATIONAL CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

Homeless and formerly homeless persons who participate with local HCH projects — as Committee members or staff — make up the National Consumer Advisory Board. NCAB's elected Executive Committee is a Standing Committee of the National Council. No dues are required to belong to NCAB.

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