MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

As an organizational member of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, you will have unique opportunities to network, collaborate, and advocate alongside an expansive group of leaders and professionals that work every day at the intersection of homelessness and health care. Additionally, you will be afforded special cost savings opportunities. We can’t do the vital work that we do without the support of our members. We’re better together.

Why join? – Organizational Membership Opportunities and Benefits

Advocacy
Your Organizational Membership dues and personal donations help fund the Council’s active and vital Advocacy efforts which are targeted at advancing the interests of the HCH Community in the areas of funding, proposed regulations, and legislation. Publishing The Mobilizer (our monthly action alert), facilitating Hill visits, and engaging directly with members of Congress are some of the activities your dues and donations support. Our priorities are to preserve and expand access to health care and housing for all people and to incorporate the voice of providers and consumers in public policy discussions at the federal and local levels.

Governing Membership and Committees
Each member organization has the opportunity appoint a representative to the Governing Membership, the body of leaders that orchestrates the Council’s priorities and works together to meet the challenges in our communities. In addition to having a Governing Membership representative, there are several committees on which one can serve. This is an opportunity to contribute your expertise to issues related to research, policy, fundraising and more, while learning from the insights of your colleagues.

Annual National Conference
The National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium, which averages more than 800 attendees annually, is the premier gathering of professionals and consumers in homeless health care. Organizational Members benefit from a significant registration discount and are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Governing Membership.
**Annual Governing Membership (Leadership) Summit**

While the National HCH Conference is truly the premier gathering of the homeless health care field, the Leadership Summit on Homelessness & Health Care (one of two annual membership meetings) is a unique opportunity to engage in intensive dialogue on emerging issues affecting our field. This invitation-only meeting for the designated representative of Organizational Members provides fruitful networking opportunities while instructing the Council’s staff on members’ priorities.

**Solidarity and R & R (Registrations & Resources) Newsletters**

*Solidarity* and *R & R* are monthly publications where your organization will receive the latest information affecting HCH providers and consumers, and have the opportunity to share achievements or noteworthy events. Each issue reaches over 5,000 subscribers.

**Training and Technical Assistance (TA)**

Training and TA connect you to experts, peer mentors, and resources. Our TA tools range from brief informational responses to site visits, according to the level of need and available funding. Webinars are helpful avenues to learn about our new projects and to share your own expertise. Our members are especially helpful in co-presenting and inspiring relevant content.

**Subject Matter Experts**

The Council administers our Technical Assistance program predominantly through peer-to-peer interactions. We draw from the expertise of our constituents to meet the needs identified by others. You can make a measurable impact on the national HCH community by offering your insight as a Subject Matter Expert or by hosting a TA requestor at your site. Modest compensation is available for certain in-depth consultations.

**Jobs Board**

Organizational Members are eligible to post job listings at no cost on our online careers page, accessed by jobseekers more than 9,000 times per year.

**Pharmaceutical Donations**

The Council can get your organization connected with Americares US, which provide FREE medicines, vaccines, medical and dental supplies, and hygiene products.

**Free Journal Access**

Members of the Council receive access to subscriber-only online content of *Health Affairs*, the leading journal of health policy thought and research. This is a value of $550.
**Group Purchasing Discounts**
The Council connects member organizations with the CommonWealth Purchasing Group (CPG), the leading group-purchasing organization for health centers. Discounts include call center services, interpreter services, accounting software, appointment scheduling application, office equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals and prescription drugs, wireless phone, business planning consultation, graphic design work, recruiting services and PR and marketing consultation.

**Quality Health Benefits**
Nonstop Wellness is a proprietary health insurance product that combines the benefits of a self-funded plan with the financial predictability of a fully funded plan. By combining a major medical plan with the Nonstop Wellness program, nonprofits can gain greater control of their employer-sponsored health insurance spending while offering their workforce excellent health benefits. This is your opportunity to improve the quality of health benefits you offer to your nonprofit staff while saving money!

**Research Collaborations**
Join the Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) to participate in research initiatives identified by the Council’s stakeholders and staff. The Council periodically engages in research projects that allow us to reach out to our community to participate as subject matter experts to provide feedback to cutting edge practices. We turn to our members first for such partnerships.

**Members-Only Awards**
The Council has two opportunities made available exclusively for members:

- The John N. Lozier Scholarship for New Members helps cover expenses for the awardee to attend the National HCH Conference. Applicants must work for Organizational Members and have never attended a previous HCH conference.

- The Philip W. Brickner National Leadership Award recognizes an exemplary leader in the homeless health care field with a career of demonstrable impact. Applicants must be individual members or staff of Organizational Members.