

MISSOURI HEALTH ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

Mission

Providing a united consumer voice for quality affordable healthcare choices in Missouri

Values

1. All Missouri residents will have access to comprehensive, quality health care services. Access will be timely, equitable, and supported by a full array of social and economic services.
2. Disparities in treatment, service quality, and outcomes will be eliminated.
3. Healthcare services will be affordable by all. Individuals, employers and government will each bear their fair share of the costs.
4. Efficiencies will be encouraged and costs reduced.
5. Preventing disease, maintaining health, and promoting healthy lifestyles will be given as much priority as treating disease.
6. Communities will be engaged in making decisions about their local health systems and invest the resources needed to assure those systems meet the highest quality standards. Among those standards, the most important is respect for the dignity, sanctity and autonomy of the individual.
7. Healthcare providers will receive the best training available, maintain their skills at the highest levels, and provide patients the standard of care appropriate for their diagnosis and clinical circumstance. They will be fairly compensated for their services.
8. Health care providers will have the cultural and linguistic competency to communicate fully with their patients, and the ethics and compassion to do so.
9. Patients will be empowered and educated to question and interact with providers in the determination of their diagnosis and in making appropriate treatment choices. They and their advocates will feel welcome and safe in all health care facilities and settings, have their physical needs fully accommodated, and trust their health care providers.
10. Alternative, complementary and holistic approaches to healing, where appropriate, will become an accepted component of treatment planning.

Vision

Missouri becomes a national leader in health access, quality, equity and outcomes.

Board Member Criteria

Pursuant to the by-laws of the Alliance, the criteria for board members are as follows:

- (1) Be a resident of Missouri or have a substantial connection to health care advocacy in Missouri;
- (2) Agree in writing to the Corporation's Mission, Values and Vision Statement (below).

At this time in our development, the Alliance board of directors is limited to consumers and consumer advocates.

Other important information

- (1) The Alliance expects that board members will spend somewhere from 8-24 hours per month on Alliance business.
- (2) The by-laws provide for at least 12 board members, with one-third serving for one year, a third serving for two years, and another third serving for three years. The staggered terms will be worked out during the nomination process. It should be noted that the Alliance by-laws do not include term limits for board members, so directors may be elected to subsequent terms on the board.
- (3) Officers shall serve a term of two years and may be re-elected to the office by the membership when their term expires.
- (4) Most meetings of the Alliance board are held at our offices in Jefferson City.

Timeline

October 22, 2008: Nominee forms are due to the Alliance.

November, 2008: The Board of Directors will be approved at the November meeting of the Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance membership (Date TBA)

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance is moving forward with our mission to have everyone in Missouri have quality, affordable health care choices. We welcome and need your input and participation as we continue this important work!

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 22, 2008!!**

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NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

3. Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check one: _____ Nominee is being nominated as an individual.
_____ Nominee is being nominated as an authorized representative of
_____ organization.

4. List all present healthcare, advocacy or other relevant affiliations (including the Alliance and its collaborating organizations):

5. Is the nominee directly or indirectly affiliated with a health care provider? _____. If yes, explain: _____

6. Check all of the following constituencies to which the nominee belongs or represents:
African-Americans: _____; Children _____; Low-income Missourians: _____;
Hispanics/Latinos _____; People with disabilities _____; people with mental illness;
Populations with a particular type of illness or disease _____ (specify which: _____);
Union members _____; Urban residents _____; Rural residents _____;
Others _____ (specify which: _____).

7. Does the nominee have training or experience in any of the following:

policy analysis and formulation _____, grassroots engagement _____, communications and messaging _____, educational campaigning _____, legal analysis _____, the legislative process _____, coalition building _____, organizational/financial development _____, other _____ (specify which: _____).

8. How will the nominee contribute to an organization promoting healthcare for all Missouri residents and collaboration among Missouri healthcare advocacy constituencies and geographic areas (PLEASE INDICATE IF NOMINEE IS WILLING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, TREASURER OR SECRETARY)?

9. Why does the nominee want to serve on the Board of the Alliance?

10. How will the nominee contribute to the success of the organization?

Anyone may nominate himself/herself. If the nominator is not the nominee (e.g. is nominated by an organization), please have the nominee acknowledge by signing below or by separate letter the accuracy of the above and his/her agreement to serve for up to three years on the Board, commencing at the Annual Meeting in November, 2008, if elected. Note: Additional nominations may be solicited by the Nominating Committee. Officer terms are two years. Initial Board terms are 1, 2 or 3 years.

Nominee

Nominator, if any

Date

Date

TO BE CONSIDERED THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 20, 2008 BY:

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