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HOMELESS  
COUNCIL

2019-2020 member handbook

# maximize your membership

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## 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— including by advocating for a Single Payer solution—and to incorporate the voice of providers and consumers in public policy discussions at the federal and local levels. Learn more: [nhchc.org/policy-advocacy](https://nhchc.org/policy-advocacy).

## 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 major registration discount and are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Governing Membership. *Save the date for the next National Conference on May 11-14, 2020, in Phoenix, AZ.* Watch for more details: [nhchc.org/national-conference](https://nhchc.org/national-conference).

## 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 belong to 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. Three other awards are presented by the Clinicians' Network, National Consumer Advisory Board, and Respite Care Providers Network of the Council, each with their own criteria. Learn more: [nhchc.org/awardees](https://nhchc.org/awardees).

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## Networking

The standing committees of the Council are the best vehicles for you to connect with other members—homeless services leaders from around the country—without traveling. You can contribute your expertise to issues related to research, policy, fundraising, and more, while learning from the insights of your colleagues. Most committees meet monthly by conference call. Note that committee participation is considered a prerequisite for Board service. Learn more: [nhhc.org/who-we-are](http://nhhc.org/who-we-are).

## Annual 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. *Save the date: October 3-4, 2019.* Watch for more details: [nhhc.org/leadership-summit](http://nhhc.org/leadership-summit).

## Research Collaborations

Join the Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) to participate in research initiatives identified by the Council's stakeholders and staff. Previous studies have included assessing the need for medical-legal partnerships at health centers and measuring clients' experiences of interpersonal violence, substance abuse among women experiencing homelessness, a Nicotine Anonymous pilot study, and patient experience. 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. Learn more: [nhhc.org/pbrn](http://nhhc.org/pbrn).

## Training & Technical Assistance (TA)

Training and TA connects 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. Watch for upcoming webinars: [nhhc.org/webinars](http://nhhc.org/webinars). For TA needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Council. Even if you are not an HCH grantee, you can still use our TA! Learn more: [nhhc.org/training-technical-assistance](http://nhhc.org/training-technical-assistance) and [nhhc.org/get-assistance](http://nhhc.org/get-assistance).

## Subject Matter Expert

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. Learn more: [nhhc.org/experts](http://nhhc.org/experts).

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## Pharmaceutical Donations

Organizational Members of the Council are encouraged to apply for the AmeriCares US Program, which provides free medicines, vaccines, medical and dental supplies, and hygiene products. See our website for more details and access to the application.



## Discounted Quality Background Checks

Sterling Volunteers, formerly Verified Volunteers (VV), delivers high-quality background screening with unmatched self-service features, sharing capabilities, and management tools. Sterling Volunteers provides NHCHC members steep discounts on volunteer screenings and honors the same discount for personnel screening through Sterling Talent Solutions. Contact the Council to be connected to Sterling Volunteers.



## Discounts on Preassembled Outreach Kits

Members of the Council receive a 25% discount on their first purchase of Convenience Kits' products, and 10% off all future purchases. Go to [nhchckits.org](http://nhchckits.org) to access your discounted outreach kits.



## 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. Contact the Council to gain access.



## Jobs Board

Organizational Members are eligible to post job listings on our online careers page, accessed by jobseekers more than 9,000 times per year. Send your listings to the Council at [council@nhchc.org](mailto:council@nhchc.org).



## Recognition

Share your achievements or noteworthy events through the Member Spotlight section of our monthly newsletter *Council News*, which reaches more than 4,200 colleagues each issue.



## Conference Discounts

Organizational Members receive a major discount on registration for the National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium. The 2020 discount is \$225 off registration for Pre-Conference Institutes, Main Conference, and Learning Labs.

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## COMMONWEALTH PURCHASING GROUP, LLC

### Group Purchasing Discounts

CommonWealth Purchasing Group (CPG) is the leading group-purchasing organization for health centers, founded by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. Membership is cost-and risk-free. Contact the Council to be connected to CPG.

#### vendor discounts include:

- Call center
- Interpreter services
- Accounting software
- Appointment scheduling application
- Office equipment/supplies
- Medical and dental supplies
- Pharmaceuticals and prescription drugs
- Wireless phone
- Business planning consultation
- Graphic design
- Recruiting services
- PR & 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 spend 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!

Nonstop Wellness makes access to primary care part of its health care strategy by reducing or eliminating employee out-of-pocket costs—without requiring a change of medical insurance carriers or cost-shifting to employees. Nonstop Wellness helped their clients reduce their premiums by more than \$20 million in 2018 and saved their clients' workforce more than \$6 million in out-of-pocket costs.

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→ Medication-Assisted Treatment and Recovery Symposium: Portland, OR

*September 16-17, 2019*

→ Leadership Summit (*Members Only*): Nashville, TN

Network Steering Committee Meetings — *October 1-2, 2019*

Governing Membership Fall Meeting — *October 3-4, 2019*

→ 2020 National HCH Conference & Policy Symposium: Phoenix, AZ

*May 11-14, 2020*

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