

Appalachian Kentucky Health Care Access Network (AKHCAN)

Bylaws

ARTICLE 1: Name

The name of this network shall be the Appalachian Kentucky Health Care Access Network (AKHCAN)

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

The purpose of AKHCAN is to bring together experts and stakeholders in the area of increasing and improving healthcare access for all low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents, documented and undocumented, of rural Kentucky.

ARTICLE 3: GOAL

The goal of AKHCAN is to increase the number of Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Kentucky and developing training centers and a certification process for all CHWs.

ARTICLE 4: SERVICE AREA

The AKCHAN service area shall include all rural counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including: following counties of the Commonwealth of Kentucky: Allen, Bourbon, Bullitt, Butler, Christian, Clark, Edmonson, Greenup, Hancock, Jessamine, LaRue, McLean, Scott, Shelby, Trigg, Trimble, Woodford, Adair, Anderson, Ballard, Barren, Bath, Bell, Boyle, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Carroll, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Garrard, Graves, Grayson, Green, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Marshall, Martin, Mason, McCracken, McCreary, Menifee, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Union, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Whitley, and Wolfe

ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP

The network shall consist of individuals committed to the AKHCAN purpose and goal. Members shall embody a variety of disciplines representing the commonwealth and/or the identified service area of Kentucky Appalachia.

Membership may include, original members of the Montgomery County Migrant Coalition; state public health; local health departments; CHES Solutions Group; Federally Qualified Health Care Centers; area health education centers, regional health information organizations, hospitals, universities, Kentucky Population Health Institute, providers and other organizations with a stake in AKHCAN's purpose and goal.

Members shall serve on a volunteer basis, without compensation.

Section 1: Condition of Network Membership

- Membership on the network shall be initiated by invitation from the Executive Committee or request made by individual wishing to serve in this capacity and approved by the Executive Committee.

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- . Members shall commit to serving on the network for a minimum of one year.
- . Members representing agencies shall have (or be designated) decision making authority and ability vote on behalf of the agency represented within the scope of work of the network.
- . The AKHCAN Network will meet two times annually. Membership is contingent upon participation in a minimum of one of two annual network meetings.
- . Member agencies and organizations must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Section 2: Executive Committee

- . Membership on the Executive Committee shall be initiated by invitation from the Executive Committee or request made by individual wishing to serve in this capacity and approved by the Executive Committee.
- . Members shall commit to serving on the Executive Committee for the duration of the grant.
- . Members of the Executive Committee representing agencies shall have (or be designated) decision making authority and ability vote on behalf of the agency represented within the scope of work of the network.
- . The AKHCAN Executive Committee shall meet four times annually. Executive Committee membership is contingent upon participation in a minimum of two annual meetings.

ARTICLE 6: Network Meetings

The Network shall meet a minimum of two times annually. The Executive Committee shall meet an additional two times annually. Ad Hoc committees appointed by the network may meet on a more frequent basis. Travel to and from network meetings may be reimbursed at the prevailing state rate at the time of travel.

Article 7: Duties of Members

The network will utilize the expertise and commitment of network members to further the AKHCAN purpose and goal. Specific activities of members will be determined by the network and subsequent work plans created and approved by the network.

Article 8: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most current version of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all rules of this body, in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or special rules of this body.

A quorum (majority of members) must be present do conduct business. When voting, majority of quorum present and voting rules.