

# **Pennsylvania Clubhouse Coalition**

## **Member Criteria**

### **Preface**

The purpose of this document is to delineate the qualifications necessary to be included in the Pennsylvania Clubhouse Coalition, herein referred to as PCC, procedures to make requests for membership, procedures for withdrawal from membership, and the PCC's procedures for processing such requests.

### **Membership**

As an organizational affiliation, there are no individual memberships. An affiliate member must be a functioning clubhouse in the state of Pennsylvania. A functioning clubhouse in the state of Pennsylvania shall be determined by its inclusion in the current International Directory of Clubhouses.

### **Qualification Criteria for Membership**

Any Clubhouse operating in the state of Pennsylvania is eligible for membership in the Pennsylvania Clubhouse Coalition upon meeting the following criteria:

- The clubhouse subscribes to the Standards for Clubhouse Programs;
- Is listed in the current Directory of Clubhouse Programs;
- Has sent colleagues to formal Clubhouse training at a Certified Training Base within the first year;
- Has had a faculty consultation by the ICCD, or has consulting pending.

### **Entry into Coalition Membership**

After having met the criteria for membership, the organization's Clubhouse Director shall make a written request for membership to the President of the PCC. The request shall include, but is not limited to, the following statements: (1) The desire to be formally affiliated with the PCC by membership status; (2) The Clubhouse strives to meet the International Standards for Clubhouse Programs; and (3) The Clubhouse supports the Fountain House based Clubhouse Model (if sponsored by a Mental Health Center, that the sponsoring agency supports the club's direction).

The PCC President formally presents the club's request for membership at the next scheduled meeting of the PCC. A decision is made in writing and rendered by the PCC in accordance to the by-laws Article #1 and procedurally via Article #9. Upon approval of membership, all documents, brochures, and information about the PCC shall be updated by the Secretary of the Coalition and forwarded to the new member clubhouse

### **Egress from Coalition Membership:**

Should a Clubhouse choose to withdraw its membership from the PCC, the delegates from the clubhouse shall submit a letter to the PCC President stating their intent to withdraw membership. The issue is presented by the PCC President for review and discussion. No further action is required by the PCC aside from acknowledgment of the clubhouse's withdrawal from membership, and removal of its name from the PCC membership list and any other documents.

Should a peculiarity occur, such as an affiliate member Clubhouse departing from the International Clubhouse Standards and the Clubhouse model as defined by the Pennsylvania Clubhouse Coalition, and said Clubhouse chooses not to withdraw membership, then the PCC shall begin a process of membership withdrawal. A motion to withdraw membership shall be made and a decision rendered by the PCC in accordance with the by-laws Article #11 and procedurally via Article #9.

Programs not yet ready for voting membership may, with permission, attend PCC meetings. Please contact the PCC President for further information.