

SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AIDS PLANNING COALITION (SWPAPC)

Mission Statement: *To respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Southwestern PA by planning, advocating, and supporting the development of culturally competent, comprehensive systems of high quality care, prevention, and education services.*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Membership is open to INDIVIDUALS regardless of agency affiliation)

The Southwestern Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition (SWPAPC) is a regional network of individuals and organizations committed to meeting the needs of people affected by HIV disease and preventing further spread of the epidemic.

Membership is open to individuals located in the Southwestern Pennsylvania counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland who are interested in furthering the purpose of the SWPAPC.

Individuals may apply for membership by completing the registration form below and returning it to the SWPAPC, 201 South Highland Avenue, Suite 101, Pittsburgh PA, 15206-3949. The membership application is submitted to the Board of Directors for acceptance by a majority vote. Members may exercise voting rights after three (3) months service on any of the six planning committees or the two advisory boards, or through attendance at all General Membership Meetings held six months prior.

Name of Individual: _____

Preferred Mailing Address

Alternate Contact Address
(Work or Home)

Phone:

Phone:

Fax: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail address _____
(Work, if applicable):

Email address _____
(Home)

Affiliation with an Organization (Optional)

Mission/Purpose of Organization (if applicable): * Please Attach Organization's Brochure.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Note: It is assumed that if you are joining the SWPAPC, this has been discussed with your employer. If you need documentation from the Coalition for your participation, please indicate.

___ I need documentation

___ I do not need documentation

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COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BOARDS

The following are the six (6) committees and the two (2) advisory boards and a brief description of their tasks. You must choose at least one committee or an advisory board to serve on in order to be an active, voting member.

- Supportive Services/Case Management Planning Committee*
 - To coordinate planning related to buddy/care team services, day care services, emergency fund services, legal services, advocacy services, benefits/financial counseling services, nutrition/food services, support/self-help groups services, drop-in center services, transportation services, home health services; and case management services
- Housing Services Planning Committee*
 - To coordinate planning related to housing information/referral services, housing emergency fund services, residential services, and rental assistance services.
- Prevention Services Planning Committee*
 - To coordinate planning related to counseling/testing services, venue-based group and individual outreach services, educations/risk reduction services, materials distribution services, and prevention case management services.
- Education/Technical Assistance Services Planning Committee*
 - To coordinate planning related to consultation services, presentation and community education services, instruction/training services, media services, and SWPAPC technical assistance services.
- Corrections Committee*
 - To coordinate planning related to providing resource information and services for an effective re-entry into the community and for planning comprehensive, effective, nationally recognized prevention education to incarcerated populations and former offenders.
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee*
 - To coordinate all regional needs assessment activities, and to coordinate the evaluation of both the effectiveness of the coalition and its processes, and the effectiveness of the regional service delivery system, and to develop a needs assessment process and mechanism.
- Consumer Advisory Board*
 - To provide a mechanism for persons with HIV/AIDS infection to have meaningful input into the development of policies and programs by HIV service providers within SWPAPC.
- Rural Issues Advisory Board*
 - To provide a mechanism whereby issues unique to rural areas are meaningfully represented in the development of needs assessment, planning priority setting, service system evaluation and resource allocation within the SWPAPC.