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MMHC Membership*

Please refer to accompanying membership category explanations.

Check one: **Initial Application** **Renewal**

Membership Categories

Individual	Annual Dues	Organization	Annual Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit	\$ 500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder or Student	\$ 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-For-Profit	\$ 100.00

Advisory

Individual or Organization N/C

Membership scholarships may be available for an individual or organization unable to pay membership dues. Please contact the MMHC office for information.

Make checks payable to **Michigan Minority Health Coalition** or **MMHC**. Mail application and payment to: Michigan Minority Health Coalition, PO Box 4654, East Lansing, MI 48826

Total Enclosed \$ _____

MMHC Committees

Please refer to attached committee descriptions and indicate the committee(s) on which you would like to serve:

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual MMHC Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Media and Public Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> April "Minority Health Month" Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership and Recruitment
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Development	

MMHC Membership Categories

1. **INDIVIDUAL:** Any person interested in the purposes of the MMHC is eligible for individual membership. Individual members shall be entitled to the right to vote, and to receive appointment to a committee.
 - a. **REGULAR MEMBER:** Any individual interested in the purposes of MMHC is eligible for Regular membership. The Regular Member shall be entitled to all membership privileges including: the right to vote, to hold office, and to receive appointment to a committee. Annual membership dues of twenty-five (25) dollars shall be necessary to hold Regular membership status.
 - b. **ELDER MEMBER:** Any person who at least 62 years of age is eligible for Elder Membership. Elder members shall be entitled to all membership privileges including: the right to vote, to hold office, and to receive appointment to a committee. Annual membership dues of ten (10) dollars shall be necessary to hold Elder membership status.
 - c. **STUDENT MEMBER:** Any student enrolled full time in a program of study is eligible for Student membership. Student members shall be entitled to membership privileges that include the right to vote, and to receive appointment to a committee, although they shall be barred from holding office. Annual membership dues of ten (10) dollars shall be necessary to hold Student membership status.
2. **ORGANIZATION:** Any organization interested in supporting the mission of the MMHC is eligible for Organization membership.
 - a. **FOR-PROFIT MEMBER:** Any for-profit corporation or organization interested in supporting the mission of the MMHC is eligible for For-Profit membership. For-Profit Member organizations shall be entitled to all membership privileges including: the right to one (1) vote, to hold one (1) office, and to receive appointment to one (1) committee. Annual membership dues of five hundred (500) dollars shall be necessary to hold For-Profit membership status.
 - b. **NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBER:** Any not-for-profit corporation or organization interested in supporting the mission of the MMHC is eligible for Not-For-Profit membership. Not-For-Profit Member organizations shall be entitled to all membership privileges including: the right to one (1) vote, to hold one (1) office, and to receive appointment to one (1) committee. Annual membership dues of one hundred (100) dollars shall be necessary to hold Not-For-Profit membership status.
3. **ADVISORY:** Any health agency, organization, or individual interested in providing technical assistance to the MMHC is eligible for advisory membership. Advisory members shall be entitled to receive appointment to a committee, although they shall be barred from membership privileges including the right to vote and to hold office. No membership dues shall be required to hold Advisory status.

MMHC Goals

The **Michigan Minority Health Coalition** is a statewide consortium dedicated to developing strategies, creating partnerships and influencing public policy initiatives that will improve the health status of Michigan's ethnic and racial minority populations, as defined by the Michigan Office of Minority Health. The MMHC seeks to build a model of community partnership and engagement that will:

- Empower minority communities by providing educational and advocacy opportunities on issues related to minority health and health disparities,
- Facilitate communication among organizations involved in minority health issues,
- Translate community concerns into concrete public health strategies,
- Participate in the identification, collection and translation of health interventions proven effective in minority communities, and

The elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities is a longstanding, complex behavioral and social issue that cannot be realized or properly addressed without a considerable broad based approach across all racial and ethnic groups. The MMHC is working toward developing action steps as to how the health of minority populations in Michigan can be improved.

MMHC Task Force Objectives

Standing Task Force Groups:

(Must prepare agenda items for meetings when appropriate and submit all activities to the MMHC Steering Committee for implementation.)

Steering Committee

- Develop MMHC mission statement and vision statement
- Develop long-term action plan
- Ensure compliance with 501c3 stipulations
- Submission of information for listserv publication
- Develop guidelines for appropriateness of listserv information

Public Policy

- Monitor legislation activities or issues related to minority health and disparate health outcome issues and defines appropriate interventions
- Issue informational press releases on health-sensitive legislation or activities that impact minority health and disparate health outcome issues
- Identify and develop public policy platform for MMHC position statement
- Develop public health policy information for town hall or other type meetings to educate public pertaining to minority health and disparate health outcome issues
- Develop plans to provide information to legislative agencies and committees concerning issues, data, etc pertaining to minority health and disparate health outcome issues

Media and Public Relations

- Generate press releases of MMHC activities concerning minority health and disparate health outcome issues
- Identify and foster partnerships and collaborative activities with state wide and national, public, non-profit, private organizations and agencies, and academia to improve MMHC's organizational capacity to execute public health policy and programming
- Advise on the development and maintenance of MMHC's website
- Collaboration with staff on the quarterly or semi-annual newsletter and other reports
- Collaboration with staff on the publishing annual reports

Membership and Recruitment

- Development and maintenance of membership rosters and collaborative organizations, including contact info, listserv and mailing lists
- Identify potential new members
- Develop mail and meeting-based membership campaigns
- Develop recommended policy for membership, pending Steering Committee approval, including policies regarding meeting attendance and task force participation

Fund Development

- Develop web-based and direct mail campaigns to generate funds for an operating budget
- Investigate the potential need for annual dues payment for membership in MMHC (individual and organizational)
- Research sources of possible funding and grants for MMHC members
- Submit foundation and other grants for ongoing funding
- Report and submit grant activities to membership list

April Minority Health Month - reports to Media and Public Relations Task Force

- Develop informational resources for participation in MHM
- Collect networking information and transfer to appropriate task force
- Plan Minority Health Month Conference

MMHC Annual Meeting - reports to Membership and Recruitment

- Plan and coordinate annual meeting