



GUIDE TO FORMING YOUR OWN REGIONAL GROUP

WELCOME! We are excited that you are interested in creating your own NAHAC Regional Group. We believe that healthcare advocates and the profession of healthcare advocacy will benefit greatly by the creation of Regional Groups across the US and even internationally.

The purpose of Regional Groups is to build collegial relationships between professional health care advocates in a geographic area that fosters networking, ongoing professional education, peer to peer mentoring, business support and the promotion of the profession of healthcare advocacy.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES WORKING TOGETHER AS A REGIONAL GROUP:

- Networking and Support between members
- Opportunity for Peer-to-Peer Mentoring
- Ongoing Professional Education
- Potential Referrals from other members
- Promotion of individual advocacy practices through regional group website
- Connection with NAHAC increases advocate visibility
- Commitment to NAHAC Code of Ethics and Best Practices confirms professionalism
- Reduced NAHAC membership fees *
- Regional voices will be amplified within NAHAC through joint meetings with other regional groups with access to Board of Directors

HOW NAHAC CAN HELP WITH YOUR REGIONAL GROUP:

- Assistance with Group Setup
- Joint meetings with other regional group founders to answer your questions
- Support with suggested speakers and programs
- Additional promotion of your group on NAHAC website
- Quarterly meetings of Regional Group Leaders

DEFINITION OF A REGIONAL GROUP:

- Minimum of 5 members to start a Regional Group
- Group Structure is determined by the Regional Group with coaching from NAHAC
- Structure to benefit members locally
- Name should reflect Healthcare Advocacy profession

- Establish regular meetings to share information and network
- All Regional Group members must be members of NAHAC – Regional Group members receive a reduced annual membership fee*
- National involvement to include meetings with other groups, Regional Group leader meetings and access to NAHAC Board of Directors
- Agreement to be signed between Regional Group and NAHAC defining ongoing relationship

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A NAHAC REGIONAL GROUP

- After receiving the NAHAC Guide to Forming a Regional Group , complete the application that is attached
- Include information about the members forming the Regional Group including primary contacts with their business information; suggested focus of the group and other information about how you hope the regional group will function
- Return application to membership@nahac.com
- After review by the NAHAC Membership committee, an agreement will be created to be signed by both parties signifying the relationship between NAHAC and the Regional Group

We at NAHAC are here to answer any question you may have. Please direct them to membership@nahac.com and we will be back in touch as quickly as possible.

We are very excited by your interest in establishing a NAHAC Regional Group!

*Regional Group NAHAC membership fees to be approved by NAHAC Board -January 2023



APPLICATION TO FORM A NAHAC REGIONAL GROUP

Suggested Group Name: _____

Geographic Coverage: _____

Founding Members: Name : _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name : _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name : _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Description of Proposed Group – Structure, Activities, Focus:

Anything else you would like us to consider?:

Please scan this application to membership@nahac.com.

THANK YOU!