



KENTUCKY MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

KMHC: Our Purpose & Our History

Mission: To bring together the collective voices of consumers, family members, advocates and providers to educate the public, to engage policy makers and to increase the resources necessary to address the Commonwealth's human service needs and to improve the mental health and well-being of all Kentuckians.

In April of 1982, there was a revolution in the mental health community of Kentucky. Representatives of nine mental health organizations formed the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition (KMHC) to support collaboration and to speak with one advocacy voice. Since its inception, KMHC has broadened its mission and includes nearly 90 Consumer, Family, Provider and Advocacy organizations as well as individual supporters.

KMHC SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

Please send this completed application with a check in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition to the address listed below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL – An individual from an organization that is *not* a service provider.

Non-voting. Dues (\$100.00).

The coalition's tax identification number is: 26-1332639.

A Note about KMHC Composition, Actions and Communications:

The voting membership of the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition (KMHC) is composed only of advocacy, service and professional organizations, each of which has one vote. When decisions are made, positions taken or resolutions adopted by the Kentucky Mental Health Coalition as an entity, each member organization reserves the right to let it be known that their own opinion/position differs from that of the Coalition. By the same token, no member organization may let their individual opinion be called that of the Coalition. Thus, membership in KMHC in no way impinges on the ability of any member organization to adopt its own position/action on any given issue. Individuals who are interested in the coalition's activities are encouraged to join as supporting individuals and to attend and participate at meetings, but are not authorized to vote, unless they are the designated voting representative of a member organization.

The Kentucky Mental Health Coalition usually communicates to members and supporters via emails from our Advocacy Action address or from our Executive Director, Dr. Sheila Schuster. **Please make sure that we have your most up-to-date email address.** If regular postal service would be preferable, please let us know.

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