

**The National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations is united by these values:**

◆ **Recovery:**

We believe it is possible for everyone.

◆ **Self Determination:**

We need to be in control of our own lives.

◆ **Holistic Choices:**

We need meaningful choices, including a range of recovery-oriented services.

◆ **Voice:**

We must be centrally involved in any dialogues and decisions affecting us.

◆ **Personhood:**

We will campaign to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

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## National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations

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Dear Consumer-run Organization Leader,

Thank you for your interest in the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/ Survivor Organizations (NCMHCSO). The mission of our organization is to ensure that consumer/survivors have a major voice in the development and implementation of health care, mental health, and social policies at the state and national levels, empowering people to recover and lead a full life in the community. You can learn more about this organization by visiting our website at [www.ncmhcsso.org](http://www.ncmhcsso.org).

On a state and national level we are promoting self-directed recovery and the services and supports needed to put this into place. We hope you will join us as we build a grassroots base of support across the country. Our voice is increasingly being heard in our nation's Capitol as we gain recognition and grow in numbers. We have a seat at the table and we are making a difference.

It is with great enthusiasm that the Membership Committee of the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations offers your organization this opportunity to submit an application for membership in this groundbreaking organization. Your completed application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, and a recommendation regarding membership status will be made by the Coalition's Steering Committee.

We believe we have included the pertinent information that is required for the Committee to evaluate your application. However, if you have any questions or comments we encourage you to contact the National Coalition at [info@ncmhcsso.org](mailto:info@ncmhcsso.org) or 877-246-9058.

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing and timely basis. We encourage you to return your application as soon as possible so you can play a meaningful part in that process. The fee structure for membership in NCMHCSO is .1% of your organization's annual operating budget. However, if there is a hardship based upon this fee structure your concern can be raised in writing and the Steering Committee will review and make a determination.

Membership in NCMHCS is limited to eligible consumer-run organizations that are statewide or regional. There is no provision for individual memberships at this time.

On behalf of the Membership Committee we look forward to your participation and support.

Sincerely,  
Peter C. Ashenden  
Membership Committee Chairperson