

Universal Health Aid Chapter, Michigan Health Aid

“Help All, Serve All”

Preamble

With rising costs and limited access in the healthcare industry, it is now more important than ever to serve the community and contribute to the betterment of the people who can least afford it. Michigan Health Aid is a student-driven coalition of the University and Ann Arbor community committed to the principle of “Help All, Serve All” via medical care, education, and outreach.

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Michigan chapter of Universal Health Aid shall be to “Help All, Serve All.” We shall be committed to improving the health and wellness of our community by organizing free preventative health screening camps, mobile health screenings, and health education within local schools and community centers.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Michigan Health Aid (MHA), hereafter referred to as the MHA, our slogan being “Help All, Serve All”.

Article II: Membership

Section 1:

Michigan Health Aid is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status in its membership or activities unless permitted by university policy for gender specific organizations.

Section 2:

Upon joining the organization, all members agree not to undermine the purpose or mission of Michigan Health Aid.

Section 3:

Members shall be removed from Michigan Health Aid and their respective committees in the events of unpaid membership dues, failure to fulfill appointed responsibilities within their committees, and/or violation of the diversity and exclusion principle. The inability to follow these criteria will result in a warning from the committee chairs followed by a warning from the President. If the issue is still not resolved, the member will be subject to removal. In order to remove members, all executive board members must vote and $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is required to make any decision.

Article III: Executive Board

Section 1:

There shall be an Executive Board, consisting of appointed members.

Section 2:

The following officers shall constitute the membership of the executive board: - President - Treasurer - PR Chair - Happy and Healthy Kids Chair(s) (2 maximum) - Health Education Program for Young Adults Chair(s) (2 maximum) - Community Coordinated Preventative Screenings Chair(s) (2 maximum)

Section 3:

Each tenured member shall have one vote. The president shall have veto authority. The Executive Board can overrule with two-thirds majority.

Section 4:

Each committee chairman shall have final authority over their respective committee's decisions. However, the executive board can override a committee's decision with a two thirds majority vote.

Section 5:

Executive Board Members shall serve for a term of one calendar year and may reapply for an indefinite number of terms. This excludes the founding members, who shall serve an indefinite term until resignation.

Section 6:

The President shall appoint new Executive Board Members at the end of his/her term. The Board of Advisors must approve all appointed Board Members. In case of any unexpected openings, the President shall appoint a new member with a majority vote of the Advisory Board.

Section 7:

The President shall serve for a term of one school year, and may not reapply. This excludes the founding president, who shall serve for an indefinite term until resignation.

Section 8:

At the end of their term, The Executive Board Members shall nominate the Presidential candidate for the following term. The Advisory Board must approve the candidate with a two-thirds majority vote at least one month before the end of the calendar year.

Section 9:

The impeachment of an executive board member must require a two-thirds majority vote of the rest of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken in the event that a member fails to execute his or her duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 10:

The impeachment of the President must require a two-thirds majority vote of the rest of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken in the event that a member fails to execute his or her duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 11:

The President shall appoint a Secretary to serve under his term with a two-thirds majority approval of the Advisory Board. The secretary shall generate weekly reports of all the committee meetings and shall help the president oversee administrative tasks. The secretary shall also generate an annual report with the president.

Section 12:

The president has the authority to impeach a secretary with a two thirds majority approval of the Executive Board.

Section 13:

The secretary shall have one vote in the Advisory Board, but will have no votes in the Executive Board. The secretary shall serve as an intermediary between the Executive and Advisory Boards.

Article IV: Advisory Board

Section 1:

An advisory board will consist of University Professors, faculty, and students to provide the Executive Board with advice and information in their fields of expertise. The following advisors shall constitute the membership of the advisory board: - Medical Advisor - Public Health Advisor - Legal Advisor - Finance Advisor - Management Advisor - Two General Advisors - Executive Board Secretary

Section 2:

The Executive Board shall be responsible for seeking and appointing advisors to the Advisory Board.

Section 3:

Each Advisory Board Member shall serve an indefinite term, until resignation or impeachment.

Section 4:

The impeachment of an advisory board member must require a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board. The Advisory Board must approve this decision with a two-thirds majority vote amongst the rest of the board. Impeachment proceedings may be undertaken the event that a member fails to execute his duties, including, but not limited to, violating university codes of conduct.

Section 5:

In the event of a resignation or impeachment, the Executive Board shall appoint a new Advisory Board member.

Article V: Committees

Section 1:

Executive chairs shall oversee respective committees. The following is a list of committees and their assigned tasks:

O PR Committee

- Publicize on campus
- Publicize in local community
- Communicate with the U.S. and State Government and Media
- Oversee university funds
- Fundraise within the university

o Happy Healthy Kids (H2 Kids)

- Develop health based educational activities for K-1 grade students
- Facilitate health education activities at Peace Neighborhood Center in Ann Arbor
- Communicate with Peace Neighborhood Center

o HEPYA (Health Education Program for Young Adults)

- Create interactive and personalized health education programs targeting high school students
- Reach out to and partner with local high schools
- Collect and analyze data about health knowledge and program success

Community Coordinated Preventative Screening (CCPS)

- Locate homeless shelters, food closets, soup kitchens and any other places that could be targeted
- Contact physicians, EMTs, nurses for health screenings
- Plan set up and clean up
- Plan the tier structure and management of events
- Organize volunteers for the event

Section 2:

Committee participation shall be open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, actively pursuing a degree at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Section 3:

It shall be the responsibility of each Executive Chair to generate meeting minutes of their respective committee and report them to the Secretary.

Section 4:

Each Executive Chair has the right to create his or her own internal tier structure for their committee. It is recommended that this tier structure include at least one first or second year student.

Section 5:

President must announce appointed committee positions at the first mass meeting of the semester or at the next general meeting after the creation of the position.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1:

The Executive Board shall decide the locations and dates of both mass and committee meetings.

Section 2:

Executive board members must be present at all executive board meetings unless excused by the president.

Section 3:

Executive board members must be present at all of their respective committee meetings.

Section 4:

Executive board members should hold their respective committee meetings at least once every two weeks, or must send out a weekly update.

Section 5:

The Executive Board shall meet at least once a week or send out a weekly update.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1:

Only the Executive board has the power to make amendments to the constitution. It requires two-thirds majority to do so.

Section 2:

The Executive Board has the authority to amend Articles I-VI, with the exception of Article III Sections 5, 7, 9, and 10. Any other amendments shall require the approval of the Universal Health Aid Organization (UHA).

Article VIII: Relationship with National Wing of Universal Health Aid Organization (UHA)

Section 1:

This chapter is required to follow orders and agenda from the UHA.

Section 2:

In case of conflict, President of Executive Board and the President of the Advisory board must negotiate with the Board of Directors of the UHA.

Section 3:

Our chapter must submit an annual plan to the UHA for approval. In addition, our chapter must send a final report of the year's activities to the UHA.

Section 4:

It is the responsibility of the Chapter President to provide bi-weekly updates to the National Wing of the Universal Health Aid Organization (UHA)

Section 5:

The Executive Board must vote on the annual budget through two-thirds majority vote and then subject the National Board

Article IX: Ratification Process

Section 1:

The Michigan Health Aid Constitution shall be ratified at the beginning of the new school year to allow the new executive board to make changes necessary to begin their term.

Section 2:

All executive board members must be present while the ratification process is taking place. The president will make the necessary changes, however, the whole board must vote when making drastic changes.

Section 3:

A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote is necessary before any changes can be made to the Michigan Health Aid Constitution.

Article X: Statement of Compliance

Section 1:

Our organization will comply with university rules and regulations.

Section 2:

Our organization will comply with federal and state law.

Section 3:

Our organization will comply with the rules of the Universal Health Aid Organization.