

**BY-LAWS OF  
HOMES FOR INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Section I – Name**

The name of this group shall be the Homes for Individual Residential Care Advisory Council (HIRCAC) and shall be referred to hereinafter as “the Council.”

**Section II – Authority**

The Council was initially formed by appointment of the members by the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health in 2011 in response to a request by the State Board of Health to work collaboratively with Homes for Individual Residential Care providers to explore methodologies to reduce costs to facilities while maintaining quality care to residents. The recommendations of the Council are advisory only and shall be reported to the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health through the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC). The Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will report on the Council’s activities to the State Board of Health.

**Section III – Mission**

The mission of the Council shall be to examine, consider, and make recommendations about the following issues:

- A) Educational strategies for providers of group care home for individual residential care (HIRC) facilities;
- B) Revision of the regulations for HIRC facilities;
- C) Complaint process of the BHCQC;
- D) Liability insurance;
- E) Fee methodologies and BHCQC cost analysis; and

- F) Other issues impacting HIRC facilities.

#### **Section IV – Members**

Subsection A. Composition. The Council shall consist of no more than six members with a quorum consisting of three members. The members of the Council must either be Owners or Directors of a Home for Individual Residential Care (HIRC) Facility. Council members need to be in full compliance without any incidents substantiated over-census situations in the past two years prior to appointment. The Council should try to include in its membership but not be restricted to the following:

- 1) A HIRC provider from Clark County;
- 2) A HIRC provider from Washoe County;
- 3) A HIRC provider from rural/frontier Nevada;

Subsection B. Alternate Member. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, he/she may designate a representative to serve in his/her stead who shall have all the rights and privileges of the member while acting on his/her behalf.

Subsection C. Term of Membership. Each Member shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is selected by a vote of the majority. Members may serve consecutive terms. Member's terms should be staggered so that the entire membership will not be replaced at any one time. In the event of a vacancy, nominations will be solicited and members will be selected by a vote of the majority.

Subsection D. Compensation. Each member of the Council is responsible for their own expenses for travel and other costs related to membership.

Subsection E. Staffing. Staff will be provided by the BHCQC for purposes of arranging the meetings, preparing agendas, and research needs within the availability of the Division's resources.

Subsection F. Voting. Only members of the Council shall be entitled to one vote on all business requiring action by the Council.

Subsection G. Termination. Council members, who fall out of substantial compliance, shall be terminated from Council membership. Members who are absent from two consecutive meetings, and who do not notify a Chairperson in advance of their expected absence or send an alternate, shall be terminated from Council membership.

## **Section V – Officers**

Subsection A. Composition. There shall be the following officers of the Council: Northern Co-Chairperson, Southern Co-Chairperson.

Subsection B. Duties of Officer. The Co-Chairpersons shall conduct the meetings of the Council and assign the recorder duties of taking the minutes to a member of the Council at each meeting. The presiding Co-Chairperson may at his/her discretion appoint any member present to take charge of the meeting. The Co-Chairpersons shall appoint subcommittees and assign tasks to the members as necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Council.

Subsection C. Term of Office. A Co-Chairperson may serve two years or until a successor is elected by a majority of the members.

## Section VI – Meetings

Subsection A. Regular. The Council shall meet as necessary but not less than twice a year.

Subsection B. Special. The Bureau or either Co-Chairperson may call for a Special Meeting with at least two weeks' notice should the necessity arise. The meeting, however, may only be held if a quorum is present.

Subsection C. Open Meeting Requirements. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with NRS 241, known as “Nevada’s Open Meeting Law.”

Subsection D. Subcommittees. Standing or special subcommittees may be appointed by either Chairperson. Subcommittees must also comply with the open meeting law.

Subsection E. Parliamentary Procedure. The Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the functions of the Council.

## Section VII – Amendment of the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended as approved by a majority vote of the Council.