

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTER BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1: Purpose: The Community Coalition Board of the Prevention Research Center will

- a) set policy, identify priorities, approve projects, and evaluate activities for the Center;
- b) provide information on Center activities to the organizations and agencies represented on the Board;
- c) develop a strategic plan by which the Center may achieve its long-term objectives.

All objectives, plans, priorities, projects are to be responsive to the community needs of the neighborhoods represented on the board.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COALITION BOARD

Section 1: Officers: Officers shall be Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected from among any of the members who are not employed by an academic institution. A member of the Center staff will act as secretary.

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. Unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board, the Board shall consist of not more than twenty-five (25) persons. A member of the Board may select a representative to serve on the Board in that member's absence. This representative will have the same voting privileges as the member.

Section 3. Membership: The following shall be entitled to appoint a member to the board:

- a. Academic/Institutional Members
 - Morehouse School of Medicine
 - Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness
 - Emory University School of Medicine Department of Ob/Gyn
 - Georgia State University School of Nursing
 - Southeastern Primary Care Consortium/Atlanta AHEC
- b. Agency Members
 - Atlanta Public Schools
 - Atlanta Empowerment Zone
 - Atlanta Housing Authority
 - Atlanta City Council
 - Southside Healthcare
 - Centers for Disease Control

c. Neighborhood members: a representative of each neighborhood in which the Center is conducting a project or plans to conduct a project shall be invited to sit on the Board. Initial membership includes representatives of:

Lakewood Heights
Chosewood Park
South Atlanta
Joyland/Highpoint
Carver Homes
Thomasville Heights/Villa Monte
English Avenue

Additional members of the Board shall be approved by a majority vote of the current members.

Section 4: Removal: A board member may be removed from the Board for failure to attend at least half the meetings in a calendar year. Another member shall then be sought to represent the same entity.

Section 5: Meetings: The Board shall hold not more than six regular meetings per year on dates to be determined at the first meeting of the year. Call meetings may be held on the initiative of the Chairman at the request of one or more members. At least one week's notice of call meetings shall be provided to all members. Meetings shall be held at a place specified by the Board.

Section 6: Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business shall be one more than half the Board membership.

ARTICLE III: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

ARTICLE IV – YEAR

The operating year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January, and ends on the last day of December each year.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Committees will be appointed by the board as needed except:

Neighborhood Relevance. This committee will be made up of neighborhood representatives on the board. Its purpose will be to evaluate all study proposals as to their relevance to the community.