Physicians for a National Health Plan (PNHP) UIC Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This organization has been and shall hereafter be known as the Physicians for a National Health Plan UIC Chapter and may be referred to herein and hereafter as the PNHP UIC.

Section 2: Purpose

A) It shall be the purpose of PNHP UIC as well as the responsibility of its Officers, as herein provided, to serve members through education, training, and advocacy efforts towards the goal of a universal, publicly funded, privately delivered single payer national health insurance. While the national organization primarily targets physicians, PNHP UIC will focus on educating medical students on the issue of a single payer health system and, most importantly, on why they should get involved in healthcare reform advocacy as medical students and not wait until residency or beyond. Furthermore, we will focus not only on single-payer advocacy, but on healthcare reform proposals more broadly by holding talks and advocacy activities on the direction of healthcare reform after the Affordable Care Act and the current bills at the state and federal levels. Lastly, we will foster opportunities for collaboration and networking amongst the other PNHP medical school chapters in Chicago by participating in conferences and other events.

Section 3: Nondiscrimination Clause

A) PNHP UIC shall not discriminate against any person for reasons of race, age, sex, national origin, religion, physical or mental handicap, military status, orientation, or any other reason prohibited by federal statute or the laws of the state of Illinois.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership to PNHP UIC shall be designated as either voting or non-voting. A discussion of Dues Paid will be held at the beginning of each School Year by Executive Board members. Voting members of PNHP UIC will include those on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Officers- Executive Board

A) The Officers shall consist of the following: Executive Board- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

B) The responsibilities of the Officers shall be as follows. Specific duties of the officers shall be described in the Standing Rules.

1) The President shall be the Chief Officer of the Executive Board. S/he will be charged with the responsibility of fulfilling the purposes and principles of PNHP UIC as provided for in this constitution.

2) The Vice President shall assist the President in his/her responsibilities and fulfill those responsibilities in the absence of the President.

3) The Treasurer shall be responsible for safeguarding the assets and legal status of PNHP UIC, and for payment of its obligations.

4) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording, maintaining, and distributing the official records of PNHP UIC.

C) The term of office for elected Officers shall be from the first General Body Meeting following their election until the General Body Meeting following the next year's election (approximately one year), except as noted below.

D) Election and Installation of Officers:

1) Officers for the subsequent year shall submit applications as determined by the Executive Board and be selected by majority vote amongst Executive Board Members.

2) The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer Elect shall be installed as the first order of business at the last General Body Meeting of the Spring Semester of each year. Additional positions on the Executive Board shall be determined in the Fall of the following year or as determined by the Executive Board Members. The Treasurer for the preceding year shall maintain the books until the end of the fiscal year.

E) Vacancies

1) In the event an elected office is vacated or unfilled, the Executive Board shall make an appointment to fill the un-expired term of such vacancy. This appointment shall be ratified by a simple majority of the Executive Board members.

2) If the office of President is vacated or unfilled, the order of succession shall be: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. Succession to higher office shall last only until the Executive Board appoints a permanent replacement pursuant to section A.

F) Impeachment of Elected Officers

1) An Officer whose acts or conduct are inconsistent with this constitution and the Standing Rules or whose acts or conduct may be deemed injurious to the welfare, interest, reputation or harmony of PNHP UIC may be impeached by a vote of the Executive Board members.

Section 6: Committees

A) Committees can be added at the discretion of the year's Executive Board. Committee Chairs shall be chosen at those times from General Body Members.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: General Body Meetings
A) PNHP UIC will hold one GBM per semester minimum.

B) The Executive Board shall have the power to call additional meetings.

Section 2: The Executive Board

A) The Executive Board shall meet as needed.

Section 3: Notice and Minutes of Meetings

A) Notice and Minutes of all meetings of the General Body and the Executive Board shall be distributed by the Secretary.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND STANDING RULES

A) Amendments can be added as needed each calendar year by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCE
Section 1: Financial Responsibility
A) The Treasurer shall be responsible for controlling the funds, maintaining surplus and operating accounts in proper bank accounts, shall maintain proper and adequate bookkeeping records, file necessary tax returns, and file any other documents required to maintain the legal status of the CCS.

B) The President and Treasurer shall have the responsibility of operating within the budget approved by the Executive Board.

C) The Executive Board shall approve separately any major expenditures for capital assets, deposits, or unbudgeted operating expenses.

C) The Executive Board, at the direction of the President, shall have the responsibility to raise funds necessary to meet operating costs and other obligations.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION
Section 1: Definition
A) PNHP UIC shall be considered dissolved if after a period of one (1) year, there has been no organized activity.

B) Any person who shall have served as an Officer within the preceding two (2) years shall be qualified to make such determination.

Signatures and Date of the Founding Executive Board:

Faculty Advisor(s): Dr. Peter Orris and Dr. Susan Buchanan

President: Anna Zelivianskaia

Vice President: Desiree Conrad

Treasurer: James Curry