

RHA @ UC San Diego Club Constitution

Article I. Name of Student Organization

- 1) The name of this organization is Refugee Health Alliance (RHA) at UC San Diego

Article II. Statement of Purpose

- 1) The purpose of RHA at UC San Diego is to work with Refugee Health Alliance, a nonprofit providing the majority of health services to migrants and vulnerable populations in Tijuana, Mexico, to organize group trips to the clinic in Tijuana with medical providers, fundraising events and drives, and write grants.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

- 1) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

- 1) Prospective members are required to take part in an admission interview.
 - a) Individuals who are Spanish-speakers are strongly encouraged to become members, although not necessary.
- 2) The University of California, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy,¹ physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services.² The University also prohibits sexual harassment. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission, access, and treatment in University programs and activities.
- 3) Members must attend 4 out of the 6 meetings per quarter in order to retain membership
- 4) Members must contribute towards the completion of at least one project each quarter in order to retain membership
 - a) Hours spent on in-person tasks relating to a project can be used towards fulfilling requirement #5. These hours must add up to at least 10 hours to completely fulfill the in-person volunteering requirement.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

- 1) RHA at UC San Diego will meet biweekly, 6 times per quarter.
 - a) Meetings locations and times will be determined by Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego Officers
 - b) 2 GBM per quarter
- 2) Members are expected to be present at 4 meetings per quarter.
- 3) Meetings on Zoom will be recorded for those unable to attend.
 - a) Agendas will also be recorded on paper and sent to members

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

- 1) Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC

- San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers
- 2) There will be 6 officers, below are their titles and responsibilities
 - a) President (in charge of recruitment)
 - b) Vice-President (saturday coordinator)
 - c) Secretary/historian (notes/takes pictures/recording events)(can be in charge of social media too)
 - d) Treasurer (Financial Director/ Head of Fundraising)
 - e) Grant Expert and Donation Drive
 - f) Outreach/Social Chair
 - 3) Officers will be elected through votes by the officers and will hold office for the academic year.
 - 4) In need of officer replacement or removal
 - a) A vote will be taken, taking into consideration all board members. A majority vote will be necessary for removal
 - b) The officer at risk will be given the opportunity to defend their case preceding the vote.

Article VII. Risk Management

- 1) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself
- 2) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization

Article VII. Section 1. In Case of Interaction with Minors and/or the Elderly

- 1) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on children and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only).
- 2) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego will develop plans for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measuring to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e avoiding one-on one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

Article VII Section 2. In Case of the Provision of Medical Assistance

- 1) In the event that the Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego provides medical assistance to a community, all volunteers will work under the direction of licensed professionals (doctors, nurses, counselors, etc.). The University prohibits students from providing medical assistance.

Article VII Section 3. In Case of International Travel

- 1) Refugee Health Alliance at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling due to the wide variety of

risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. 2) International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

Article VIII. Community Advisor

- 1) Community advisory will consist of Refugee Health Alliance employees who will work with the Refugee Health Alliance local chapter and serve as liaisons between the Refugee Health Alliance and the UC San Diego Chapter.

Article IX. Financial Management

- 1) Will apply for grant money and fundraise to support care for our patients at the border
- 2) RHA at UC San Diego will fundraise in order to finance its activities.
- 3) Money gathered will be handled through the treasurer officer.
- 4) An off-campus bank account will be opened in conjunction with Refugee Health Alliance.

Article X. Affiliation with Other Groups

- 1) RHA at UC San Diego will be a branch of Refugee Health Alliance located in Tijuana, Mexico