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**NICCSS Membership Application & Participation Agreement**

**between Network of Inner City Community Services Society (Herein referred to as NICCSS)**

**And**

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**(Herein referred to as the “member organization”)**

Whereas NICCSS recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ as a member in accordance with NICCSS constitution and by-laws and the member organization accepts the terms of membership in NICCSS.

Whereas this agreement describes the principles, obligations and benefits of member organizations in a manner that is responsive to community needs, interests and priorities. In the same spirit of partnership, these agreements are subject to continual review and periodic revision in light of the working experience.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

It is agreed that NICCSS will fulfill the following mission:

NICCSS works toward promoting the optimal development of children and youth, and strengthening and support families, senior citizens, and other adult individuals living in Vancouver’s inner city. We recognize that access to services that work with people and strong interpersonal relationships are the keys to ensuring the health and growth of the people in our communities. We emphasize collaboration amongst community members, building on existing family and support networks within the neighbourhoods we serve and developing new partnerships between citizens, neighbourhood groups and social service providers.

**PRINCIPLES**

It is agreed that the following principles will guide NICCSS:

1. Strive for equality of opportunity, representation and outcome and promote understanding and cross-cultural diversity;
2. Build on unity and strengths and support existing resources and neighbourhood/ community structures;

3. Strengthen the health of the community and its families, youth, children and individuals through community building and development initiatives;
4. Develop partnerships with community organizations, service agencies, educational resources, consumers, residents and government;
5. Be accessible at a neighbourhood level wherever possible and actively involve consumers and residents in service planning, decisions, program provision;
6. Link and coordinate informal and formal support systems so that natural occurring support systems are enhanced and part of the continuum of service;
7. Meet needs of inner city families, children, youth and seniors and adult individuals through creative and innovative methods that reflect their real needs and provides them with decision making authority.

### **COMMON OBJECTIVES**

The partners to NICCSS membership agreement are willing and committed to working together to:

- Adopt a participatory management style and formal agreements of procedures, reciprocity, service partnerships, ownership of production of collaboration and timely conflict resolution, policy development and organizational planning;
- Focus on prevention and optimal child development using an ecological model and team approach to integrated services with early and less intrusive interventions;
- Develop neighbourhood or community based programs that reflect the community, cultural realities, reduce isolation and build a sense of community (e.g. Drop in centres, child care services etc);
- Develop a continuum of services from support of natural networks to home visits, health screening and parenting education and social development;
- Work to ensure consumers and providers function as partners in planning and delivering an integrated set of services with formal and informal responses (focus on strengths not deficits);
- Supporting the community in advocating on behalf of programs and practices that fulfill principles of NICCSS;
- Ensuring information and assistance that families, youth, children and individuals require to participate in programs received;
- Contribute to planning and securing of resources to ensure long term viability of this community-driven prevention and intervention organization;
- Sharing of resources to achieve the goals of NICCSS

- Working together to monitor and evaluate programs to ensure they are meeting community priorities;
- Acknowledging contributions of each NICCSS member

**For Member Organization:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Network of Inner City Community Services Society:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Organization Approved on:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Renewal on:** \_\_\_\_\_