

DAHP's Constitution and By-Laws

Article 1

The organization shall be called Drugs for AID and HIV Patients (DAHP). It is a faith-based non-profit organization founded in 2003.

Article 2

About Us

Drugs for AID/HIV Patients (DAHP) is a non-profit organization devoted to facilitate care to Nigerian peoples living with AIDS/HIV (NPLWAH) through education on prevention, testing of patients and provision of anti-retroviral drugs and medicines used for opportunistic infections (OIs).

Article 3

DAHP is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 4. Mission Statement

Drugs for AID/HIV Patients (DAHP) is a faith-based, charitable, non-profit organization devoted to facilitate care to Nigerian peoples living with AIDS/HIV (NPLWAH) through education on prevention, safety of health care providers and rational use of anti-retroviral drugs. Testing of patients, provision of medicines used for opportunistic infections (OIs) shall be made affordable and the quality of the drugs and life of NPLWAH shall be monitored.

Specific Plans

1. Provide education on AIDS prevention through churches, mosques and hospitals with a focus on the following behavior modification:
 - a) Abstinence,
 - b) Faithfulness to the marriage partner,
 - c) Condom use (where one is unwilling or unable to practice a or b)
 - d) Avoidance of drug use,
 - e) Avoidance of body fluid exchange and healthy nutrition.
2. Organize skills building for pharmaceutical delivery of anti-retroviral drugs to community health providers and people living with AIDS.
3. Provide testing kits or centers for monitoring of CD4 counts or viral load
4. Behavior modification

5. Make ARV drugs affordable and available to patients through philanthropic donation or local manufacture of the drugs in Nigeria
6. Monitor the supply chain, distribution and storage and equitably distribute ARV Drugs and sustain the PLWHA on the drugs
7. Establish funds and programs to meet the above plans

Article 5 – By Laws

Section 1 - No individual member can make decision that will be binding on the organization without due authority or delegation by the President acting in conjunction with the Governing board.

Section 2 – The activities and functions of the organization shall be based on democratic principles

Section 3 – No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay the reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4 – Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed shall be disposed of by the Court of the Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section 5 – The organization shall be self-sustaining and can raise funds for its activities and to achieve its goals and objectives

Section 6 – The organization shall be operated exclusively by individuals outside the scope of any official capacity as officers, employees or agents of the government

Section 7 – The organization shall carry indemnity insurance adequate to cover activities in which it is involved

Section 8 - Individual members or their agents may become personally liable for their own actions, which fall outside the scope of their authority or outside the constitution.

Section 9 - Individual members may not become personally liable if the assets of the association are insufficient to discharge all liabilities of the association upon dissolution, bankruptcy, or insufficiency of funds.

Section 10 - The property of this association shall consist of such articles as may properly come into its possession. The Treasurer shall account for the property or any officer who is assigned such responsibility in accordance with sound business practices.

Section 11 - A historical file consisting of the following permanent records will be maintained by the Secretary:

1. Original Constitution with all the current revisions.
2. Original Bylaws with all current revisions.
3. Records of approval of Constitution and Bylaws and all amendments thereto.
4. Articles of incorporation as a non profit and tax-exempt organization
5. Current list and addresses of officers and Governing Board members.
6. Copy of last audit.