



Capital Region Caregiver Coalition Members:

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Thank you for inquiring about membership with the Capital Region Caregiver Coalition. Below is a short synopsis of the process the current members use to invite new members to join.

The Coalition has adopted a timeline and process for reviewing the requests of potential new members. We have set November and May as the months during which membership will be discussed. Initially, at both of these meetings, the Coalition members will first determine if we have the capacity for new members and, if so, how many new members we will invite to join the Coalition. We will then review and discuss the requests for membership we have received. New members selected to join the Coalition will be asked to come to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Coalition is not a formal non-profit agency. We have no headquarters; no staff; no budget. As a result, we are completely volunteer run. We must rely upon the efforts of our members. The cooperation of each member is critical to the success of fulfilling our mission. Because we have limited meeting space and limited volunteer time, we do not have the ability to continue to expand membership. Without a budget and paid staff, coordinating an unlimited membership is not possible.

Membership in the Coalition is personal to an individual, not an entity. So, if a Coalition member leaves his/her job, he/she is able to remain on the Coalition if they wish. The former employer doesn't automatically get to put someone else on the Coalition. As a result, please give consideration to the person most suited to work inside the Coalition.

There are several responsibilities of Coalition members, and I attach them here for your review. In addition, Coalition members must serve on a committee. Furthermore, because our Coalition continues to grow, each Coalition member is not guaranteed participation in all events.

In support of a request for membership, we ask interested people to submit a short paragraph explaining who they are, how they have served non-professional caregivers in the past, and what skills they might bring to the Coalition. This is the introduction that all Coalition members who do not already know you will read and discuss, so please make it as original as you are!

Please forward your submission to crcaregivercoalition@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest in serving caregivers!