

# Restorative Shelter Working Group

led by Shared Hope International

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## Application and By-laws

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Restorative Shelter Working Group (RSWG) is to share information between organizations providing restorative services to domestic victims of sex trafficking and continue learning with the ultimate goal of establishing a standard of care to enable the holistic restoration.

### **Purpose:**

The Restorative Shelter Working Group (RSWG) is a national network of experts on service and shelter provision to U.S. citizen victims of sex trafficking. The group acknowledges the critical importance of survivor leaders working in conjunction with other subject matter experts such as child trauma experts, psychologists, forensic pediatricians, social workers, and victim advocates to deliver the highest quality care and best outcomes. This multi-disciplinary initiative will establish a standard for effective response to U.S. citizen victims of sex trafficking through collaboration and shared experience, enabling survivors to reach their full potential.

## Membership:

### **Requirements for organizational membership:**

Must be currently engaged in restoration of victims of sex trafficking.

Must be a survivor of human trafficking or have experience in serving victims of sex trafficking or other related trauma

Must have standing as a 501 (c) (3) entity, or be in the application process.

Must have a board of directors of mostly unrelated individuals (non-family) with an elected leadership

### **Requirements for individual membership:**

Must be a professional experienced in or currently engaged in serving victims of sex trafficking or other related trauma victims.

### **Commitment**

Members agree to remain part of the group for a period of at least one year.

Members must attend a minimum of monthly conference calls per year.

No financial obligation is associated with membership.

### **Intellectual Property:**

It is anticipated that there will be three types of intellectual property in use by members of the group.

IP copyrighted by a member organization. This may or may not be made available to other members of the group in whole or in part, but it remains the property of the originating author. Use of this material must include appropriate permission and attribution. The author of the material is free to sell it.

IP copyrighted by the RSI. This may include collaborative efforts to deliver training material, experience-informed processes and procedures, compiled observational data, or the like. Use of this material must include appropriate RSI-approved attribution. If this material is sold, proceeds will go into a fund established for use of the group as a whole.

Free-ware. This may include forms or documents for a specific use that will be shared and utilized by the members of the group or others outside the group.

**Consultation Fees:**

Members may set their own fees for consulting services provided to organizations wishing to engage them to assist in some aspect of shelter establishment or program creation.

**Conduct:**

It is expected that the members representing each individual group conduct themselves in public and private life in a professional manner that will enhance respect for the organization.

**Confidentiality:**

The subject matter of discussions within group calls and meetings is to be treated as confidential.

**Acceptance of New Members:**

A potential new member shall be considered upon submission of an Application for Membership. A conference call shall be held to discuss applicants on a quarterly basis and a two thirds majority vote will finalize acceptance.

**Suspension of Membership:**

A member can withdraw membership at any time for any reason, but is obligated to keep confidential the proprietary materials outlined in Intellectual Property above. A member can be released by the group for conduct or practices that are deemed by the remainder of the group to be unethical or detrimental to the group as a whole. In this case a two thirds majority vote will determine suspension. More than four unexcused absences will lead to suspension of membership and the requirement of re-application. Individuals and organizations will not be permitted to list themselves as an RSWG member and will be removed from RSWG Handouts.

## **Applicant's Information**

**Name of Person Completing Application**

**Address**

**Phone/ Cell Phone**

**Email**

**Name of Organization**

**Are you a survivor-led organization?**

**Does your organization have a 501 (c) (3)? When established?**

**When is the last time you filed a 990?**

**Do you have a Board of Directors with mostly unrelated (non-family) individuals?**

**Describe the population served, i.e., women or minors?**

**Please describe the programs and services provided by your organization and indicate which are provided by paid staff and by volunteers.**

**Would you describe your organization as faith-based or as secular?**

**Please describe at a high level how your organization is funded.**

**Please list other anti-trafficking task forces or groups in which you are a member.**

**Please describe how you believe you can contribute to and benefit from this coalition?**

Please send completed applications to [eliza@sharedhope.org](mailto:eliza@sharedhope.org). You should receive a confirmation of receipt within 5 business days. All applications will be reviewed by full RSWG membership and voted on within 60 days of application receipt.