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Florida Dept of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find executed Articles of Incorporation and a designation of registered agent for Recovery Peer Specialist Program, Inc. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover filing fees, registration of designated agent, certificate and a certified copy of the Articles returned to my client. Please have your office forward the certified copy and certificate of the Articles to the undersigned at the address noted below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (904) 346-0949.

Very truly yours,

Barbará L. Sanckez-Salazar

CC:

Mr. David Hale

Enclosures:

AOI/Designation of Registered Agent

Check for \$87.50

# **Articles of Incorporation**

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# Recovery Peer Specialist Program, Inc.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## Article 1: Name

The name of the corporation shall be Recovery Peer Specialist Program, Inc.

#### Article 2: Duration

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

# **Article 3: Purpose**

Recovery Peer Specialist Program, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Recovery Peer Specialist Program, Inc. shall work to (i) decrease the number of individuals served in the traditional mental health system, (ii) improve the quality of life of the individuals it serves by helping them work towards and maintain self sufficiency, and (iii) collaborate with community mental health providers to ensure that individuals receive recovery-based services in their treatment plans. RPSP shall select and train individuals to become certified peer specialists. RPSP shall maintain community and business relationships so that trained peer specialists can be placed in positions with qualified mental health program providers.

## Article 4: Qualification

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are stated in the Bylaws of the corporation.

# Article 5: Registered Office and Agent

The registered agent of the corporation is William David Hale. The registered agent's address is 4300 Stacey Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32250. The address of the principal office of the corporation is 14286-19 Beach Boulevard #103 Jacksonville, Florida 32250-1568.

# **Article 6: Advisory Board of Directors**

The Advisory Board shall be selected from residents of Florida with experience (either as a consumer, advocate, provider or personal/family experience) in the mental health community. There shall be no less than five advisory directors.

The initial composition of the Advisory Board of Directors shall be:

W. David Hale 4300 Stacey Court Jacksonville, Florida 32250

Emma Hayes 6300 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32216

Linda R. Hale 4300 Stacey Court Jacksonville, Florida 32250

The method of election of officers of the corporation shall be stated in the Bylaws of the corporation.

## Article 7: Non-Stock Basis

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### Article 8: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation 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.

#### Article 9: No Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization or corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# Article 10: Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator of the original Articles of Incorporation is William David Hale, 4300 Stacey Court, Jacksonville, FL 32250.

## **Articles 11: Amendments**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment(s) there to.

# **Article 12: Corporate Powers**

The corporation shall have all corporate powers as stated in 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

> The undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation this  $/\overline{3}$  day of June 2008.

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W. David Hale
Incorporator / Registered agent