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Consumer Support Center, Incorporated

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

STATE OF IDAHO

Article one: The name of the corporation is Consumer Support Center, Incorporated.

Article Two: This corporation is a nonprofit corporation and is not organized for pecuniary profit. It shall not have any power to issues certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its income shall be distributed to its officers or directors.

Article Three: The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

Article Four: The corporation is organized for the following Purposes:

- (1) Advocate for the improvement of supports and mental health services, encouraging opportunities for personal growth and community integration without the stigma of mental illness.
- (2) Promote activities that provide for safe, healthy and productive lives and enhance self esteem
- (3) Advocate for informative resources, development of self-help skills and supportive relationships, community education, and leisure time/fun activities

Specifically, the organization will strive to:

- (1) Promote activities to strengthen the organization, serve consumers, integrate with the community, and educate others regarding the nature, capabilities, and needs of the mental illness population
- (2) Protect the rights of people with a mental illness and advocate for individuals who have been abused or mistreated by the system or community
- (3) Promote improved access to and utilization of existing services, resources, and benefit programs including work incentive options
- (4) Advocate to increase affordable medication, housing, and mental health care options
- (5) Interact with other organizations in the community in order to promote the visibility and influence of the mental health consumer in the civic life of the community

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- (6) Promote empowerment and independence among the mentally ill population
- (7) Act in a caring and respectful manner with our peers and community professionals.

The foregoing purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 C (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article Five: The corporation shall have members. Any person may become a member of the corporation by agreeing to comply with and be bound by these articles of incorporation and by its by-laws, together with any amendment thereto as may be adopted from time to time. The qualification of the members may be further enumerated in the by-laws of the corporation.

Article Six: The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a board of directors. The qualification for the directors shall be set forth in the corporation's by-laws. The board shall consist of a minimum of three (3) persons, and the number of persons who make up the board of directors may be changed by amendment to the various committees as it may establish from time to time. The directors of the corporation shall be elected in the manner provided by the by-laws.

Article Seven: The street address of the corporation's initial registered office and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is :

Suzanne C. Olson	for Consumer Support Center, Incorporated
HCR 62 Box 56	PO Box 683
Moyie Springs, Idaho 83845	Bonnars Ferry, ID 83805

Article Eight: Dissolution - Upon dissolution of the of the corporation the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation, exclusively for the purpose of this corporation, or to such organization, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes and which shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or the current Internal Revenue Code applicable at that time as the Board of Directors shall determine; provided however and subject to the above limitations, if any, if such assets have been acquired under a federal grant or a contract, their disposition shall be made in accordance with the appropriate instructions of the governmental official or agency responsible under the law for the providing of such instructions under such circumstances. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. There shall be no distribution to any employee, director, or officer of the corporation.

Article Nine: Non-Discrimination - This corporation will not discriminate in hiring, promotion, or in any other way upon the basis of sex, race, creed, national origin, age, religious preference or disability.

Article Ten: Board of Directors – The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of no fewer than three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) members. The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as the initial Board of Directors (and also serve as the original incorporators of Consumer Support Center, Incorporated) are listed below.

Name	Gary L Meddock	Christy Olsen	Mary J. Stapley
Address	PO Box 457	PO Box 958	PO Box 1745
City, State	Bonnors Ferry ID	Bonnors Ferry ID	Bonnors Ferry ID
Zip Code	83805	83805	83805

The management of the corporation will be vested in the Board of Directors and the number, qualification and terms of office, manner of election, time and place of meetings, establishment of quorum and powers and duties of

the directors shall be as are prescribed by the By-Laws of the corporation; the authority to make By-Laws for the corporation is hereby vested in the initial Board of Directors. All actions by the corporation shall be decided as prescribed in the by-laws. The Officers of the corporation shall be designated, named, elected, or appointed in a manner to be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation. All actions by the board of directors will be decided upon by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the board of directors and placed in the records of the corporation in the form of a resolution.

Article Eleven: By-Laws- Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of this corporation, except as provided in these Articles of Incorporation, shall be determined and fixed by the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors. By-Laws of the corporation may be repealed, altered, amended, or new By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the majority of the total membership of the Board.

Article Twelve: Indemnification of Directors- Any person, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, made or threatened to be a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation, shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all liability, and the reasonable expenses, including attorney fees and disbursements, incurred by said person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in any connection of any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding, that such director or officer is liable for his/her gross negligence or gross misconduct in the performance of his/her duties. Such rights of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive to any other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled apart from this Article.

Article Thirteen: Termination of the Corporation – The corporation may be terminated and dissolved and will cease to exist on the unanimous vote of the full membership of the Board of Directors pursuant to Idaho Statutes. Upon termination the payment of all obligations and disbursement of all assets shall be accomplished pursuant to Article Eight of these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following person(s) acknowledge that he/she is a resident of the State of Idaho and have joined together with those others herein signed persons to incorporate this corporation as a non-profit corporation.

STATE OF IDAHO )

) ss.

County; of Boundary )

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001, before me the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said state, appeared known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledge to me that they executed the same.

<u>Gary L. Meddock</u>	<u>Christy Olsen</u>	<u>Mary J. Stapley</u>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above.

Carol A. Purdy  
(Name)

Naples ID  
(Residing At)

8-10-2003  
(Bond Expires)