

Get on Board!

About Community Health Centres (CHC)

Community Health Centres (CHCs) provide primary health care, health promotion, health equity and wellbeing programs for individuals, families and communities. CHCs prioritize improving the health and wellbeing of populations who've traditionally faced barriers accessing health services because of culture, gender, isolation, homelessness, language, physical disabilities, poverty, race or certain health conditions.

We think of "health" defined very broadly – not just helping people when they get sick but keeping people healthy and helping them feel fully engaged in activities that promote their wellbeing in a community where they feel they belong.

The CHC in Renfrew Collingwood will deliver health care services by a team of providers, including family doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers as well as other health professionals. Health promoters, community workers and others respond to health problems triggered by social, environmental or economic problems with customized services, community programs, and advocacy. Ongoing community engagement activities will inform the services delivered at the CHC to ensure the centre is addressing evolving health needs in the community and work toward addressing issues in the community that affect people's wellness.

The CHC will be a non-profit or cooperative organization governed by community members who serve on a board and work hand in hand with those they serve.



What is the role of a board?

A CHC's board of directors is accountable for ensuring that the overall planning and decision making of the Community Health Center is sound. There are three main responsibilities as described below.

Represent the Community	Lead the Organization	Evaluate the Organization
<p>Board members will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Act on behalf of the community and priority populations in the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood; ● Establish and ensure regular implementation of mechanisms to facilitate community input programs and policies; ● Be accountable to the community by proactively communicating and reporting back. 	<p>Board members will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop the strategic directions and policies of the CHC; ● Practice strong governance including orientation, holding regular meetings and holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM). 	<p>Board members will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recruit, evaluate, retain and terminate the employment of the CHC executive director (as applicable); ● Identify the risks and liability issues that the organization must manage and avoid; ● Regularly monitor the financial operations; ● Regularly evaluate policies, program effectiveness and community responsiveness; ● Evaluate board performance.

What's involved with being a board member?

Board members bring assets and unique strengths from their life experience --such as first languages other than English, various cultural backgrounds, a variety of ages, knowledge of living with a disability or chronic condition, for example. In this case we are seeking people who also have a passion for and an understanding of the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood. Board members also bring personal skills or knowledge in such areas as finance, law, fundraising, public relations, advocacy, healthcare, neighbourhood organizing or education.

The commitment is approximately 5 hours per month for a two-year term. Board activities include monthly board meetings (typically held in the evening on the same day every month starting in April 2019); participation on committees or working groups as they develop; hosting the Annual General Meeting (once per year). Because this is a new organization, we also anticipate 2-3 half-day sessions in the first 6-8 months to continue board development and strategic planning.

This is an exciting time to be involved with a new organization as part of its **very first board!**

How to apply

Please email Eda Ertan (eertan@cnh.bc.ca) to set a time for a short interview. Before your interview, we'll ask you to send a short summary (one paragraph or five bullet points) on why you're interested in serving on the CHC Board. During our interview we will ask you about your assets and skills that you could bring to the Board since we know everyone has a unique contribution to make.

If you're interested in applying for the board or require further information, please contact Eda Ertan (eertan@cnh.bc.ca) before February 21, 2019.