



SEOCHC is Recruiting New Board Members

Join our Board of Directors!

We are seeking candidates from diverse backgrounds that reflect populations in our community for the South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEOCHC) volunteer Board of Directors. Please see recruiting priorities below. The information provides an overview, which may help you or someone you know choose to apply. See our Board Frequently Asked Questions for more details about the Board and its functions.

What We Do

South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEOCHC) is an equity-driven organization committed to health equity and well-being for everyone in the diverse communities it serves. SEOCHC provides a full range of health and social services to individuals and families who live in the South-East Ottawa area. SEOCHC pays particular attention to people who face barriers in attaining their full health potential. We have a particular mandate to support newcomer, refugee and immigrant communities, as well as those who face barriers and poor health outcomes due to social determinants of health including: 2SLGBTQIA+ people; people living with mental health challenges; people dealing with addiction; frail and isolated seniors; families with low income; African, Caribbean and Black communities; racialized peoples; Francophones; First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Indigenous peoples; persons with disabilities. We also offer specific services for people across the Champlain region including Primary Care Outreach for Seniors and Regional Integrated Care.

A Glimpse of the Work Involved

The Board provides leadership to SEOCHC at a policy and strategic level rather than from an operational or management perspective. With this orientation, the Board creates the vision and goals for the organization, sets strategic directions and ensures that the goals of the organization are met. Board members serve two-year terms. Typically, this involves **a commitment of six to eight hours per month.**

Who Should Run for Election?

We invite anyone who is committed to SEOCHC's mission, vision, and model of health and well-being to become a volunteer on our Board. We particularly welcome those who reflect the rich diversity of people living in South-East Ottawa.

Recruiting Priorities:

South-East Ottawa CHC is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Priority will be given to those candidates who have previous board experience, are from the diverse communities we serve, have experience in senior leadership roles in private and public sectors, direct experience working with elected officials, and/or qualifications in fundraising, communications/public relations, accounting/finance, law, government relations (advocacy). Priority will also be given to candidates that self-identify as belonging to the following groups: Black or African descent, Indigenous to Turtle Island, Francophone, Muslim, 2SLGBTQIA+, and recent immigrants or refugees. The SEOCHC Board is seeking candidates living in the SEOCHC catchment.

Successful candidates:

- support SEOCHC's mission, vision and commitments as well as our model of health and well-being;
- have skills and experience in business with a background in accounting or finance; or
- have skills and experience working in advocacy, government relations, communications and stakeholder engagement; or
- are 18 years of age or older; and
- are currently members of our Centre (or prepared to join as members); and
- can commit to monthly meetings, advocacy, and networking activities for a two-year term
- have knowledge, understanding and experience working with diverse and underrepresented/ underinvested communities
- have knowledge, understanding, and experience working within an equity, anti-oppressive, decolonial and anti-racism framework
- demonstrate understanding and experience engaging issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, Indigenous reconciliation, anti-oppression and anti-racism.

We are committed to a selection process and work environment that is inclusive and barrier free. Applicants can make any accommodation requests for the application, interview or selection process known in advance by contacting office@seochc.on.ca. South-East Ottawa CHC will work together with the nominating committee to arrange reasonable and appropriate accommodation for the interview or selection process, which will enable applicants to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner.

If you are interested in running for a position on the SEOCHC Board, please submit your application form **by noon on Friday, August 1st 2025**. For more information, or to obtain this application in an accessible format, please contact us at office@seochc.on.ca.

Qualified applicants will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee who will arrange for an interview (either in-person, as permitted, or via video conferencing).

Thank you for your interest in supporting the South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre.

The Nominating Committee
SEOCHC Board of Directors