

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA

Join our board, help us make a difference!

The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), in keeping with its commitment to maintain a diversity of perspectives and skill sets, is looking for two new board directors.

The MHCC is seeking candidates who have experience on issues specific to francophone Quebec or Northern Canada, particularly representation from immigrant, refugee, ethnocultural, or racialized groups. The candidate possesses expertise in one of the following areas: mental health system, living in recovery with experience of mental illness or substance use, and/or in the field of mental health, substance use and addiction.

If mental health and wellness matter to you, you have expertise on issues related to one of these communities, and you want to use your talents to transform Canada's mental health system, we want to hear from you.

About the Mental Health Commission of Canada

The MHCC was created by the Government of Canada in 2007 to be a catalyst for improving the mental health system. Funded by Health Canada, the commission works hard to advance an important national dialogue and to change attitudes and behaviours that can lead to discrimination against people living with mental health problems and illnesses.

We bring together leaders and organizations from across the country to accelerate transformative change across Canada's mental health landscape. Our initiatives and projects are led by people from across the country who provide a variety of perspectives and experience while sharing a single vision: mental health and wellness for all.

The MHCC is governed by a board of directors that is collectively responsible for directing and overseeing the work of the organization. The board is called on to provide leadership, set strategy, ensure compliance, and direct and oversee the work of the president and chief executive officer. The president and CEO is responsible for managing the business and operations within board-approved strategic plans, business plans, and budgets and is accountable to the board for the organization's performance.

Term and Location

As a director, you will serve a single term of up to three years, with eligibility for re-election to a second consecutive term of up to three years.

Time Commitment

Full-day board meetings are typically held once each quarter. As a director, you are also expected to participate on at least one board committee. Altogether, you are expected to take part in eight to 10 board and committee meetings each year and make reasonable efforts to attend all meetings for their full duration.



Mandatory Skills and Experience

Candidates must have the following core skills and traits:

- Analytical and critical thinking
- Interpersonal communications
- Creative and strategic vision/planning
- Governance expertise
- Financial literacy
- Commitment to the board's mandate

Consistent with best governance practices, the MHCC is seeking applications that meets at least one of the following profiles:

- **Francophone from Quebec**
- **Living in Northern Canada**
- **Member of immigrant, refugee, ethnocultural, or racialized groups**

The candidate also possesses expertise in one of following areas:

- **Mental health system**
- **Living in recovery with experience of mental illness, substance use, or addiction**
- **Field of mental health, substance use and addiction.**

Applications

In keeping with the MHCC's commitment to increasing diversity in positions of influence, we encourage applications that represent Canada's English and French linguistic heritage; the need for balanced gender representation and a diversity of ages; persons with lived experience of recovery; individuals from immigrant, refugee, ethnocultural, or racialized communities; members of LGBTQI2S+ communities; and people with disabilities.

The MHCC will review all applications received and present those from qualified candidates to its Governance and Nominating Committee. A final list of candidates will be presented at our next annual general meeting.

If you are interested in joining the MHCC as a board director, please send your curriculum vitae and letter of interest detailing your academic, professional and lived experience, and the reasons why you would be an excellent candidate for this position.

Applications must be received **by 5 p.m. ET on Monday, April 15, 2019.**

Mail to:

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We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those shortlisted for consideration by the Governance and Nominating Committee will be contacted.

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