



Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre

Board of Directors

Call for Expressions of Interest

The Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre (OBWC) is seeking to fill several volunteer positions on the Board of Directors.

The Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre is an inclusive pregnancy, birth and postpartum community hub. We are centered on supporting each family and their experience, offering accessible services, and providing high-quality care.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of both midwife and non-midwife Directors. At this time, we are seeking to recruit new non-midwife/community members. We are particularly interested in community members with the skills and experiences described in the posting AND/OR who may be midwifery consumers or former clients of the Birth Centre.

Our Board of Directors

Our organization is midwifery led and our Board of Directors is comprised of a combination of midwives and community members, with a majority being midwives. The Board of Directors is a skill-based policy governance board that has a collegial and supportive culture and has many very committed and qualified volunteers. Many of the midwife Board members also hold privileges with the Birth Centre.

Together with the support of our Executive Director, the Board oversees strategic direction, monitors performance, ensures quality and risk management and ensure sustainable operations. The Board engages in generative dialogue and contributes to making strategic decisions that will ensure that the OBWC continues to play a leading role in improving maternal/newborn care in our region.

It is important that Board members share our organization's values of Care and Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Collaboration, Accountability, Choice, Inclusivity, Positivity, Community, Accessibility. Furthermore, it is important that Board members share a deep commitment to the midwifery model of care.

We are seeking individuals who have a combination of lived and professional experience that may make them a good fit with the OBWC Board of Directors. Ideally Board candidates would have some previous board experience and an appreciation of not-for-profit governance, although this is not essential. We are looking for individuals who understand the nature and complexity of health service access in our region, and not-for-profit health care administration.

We are seeking 3 community member Board members (non-midwife). Recruitment for these positions on the OBWC Board of Directors will prioritize candidates who meet one or more of the criteria below:

- Have **clinical or health systems knowledge, including allied health care professionals,**
- Have professional backgrounds that are valuable in Board governance, including but not limited to: **finance, law, non-profit administration, communications and marketing, accreditation, planning and evaluation, human resource management, communications and advocacy.**
- Represent the diversity of the community that the OBWC seeks to serve, and in particular those that identify as part of **equity deserving groups.**



- Have lived experiences as a midwifery consumer and/or a Birth Centre client that would inform their work as Director.

Board members are elected for 2-year terms on and may serve 3 consecutive terms (or more if they assume a leadership role). The Board meets quarterly, and the meetings take place during business hours.

If you are interested in contributing to the important work of the OBWC by serving on our volunteer Board of Directors, please forward your CV and an statement of interest by Tuesday April 15th with subject title 'OBWC Board of Directors Recruitment' to our Executive Director, Jolanta Scott-Parker at ED@ottawabirthcentre.ca