



Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre Board of Directors Recruitment Notice

The Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre (OBWC) is seeking to fill a position on the Board of Directors. Specifically, The OBWC is looking to fill the vacancy with an individual with a legal background and perspective. While the Board will not ask the individual for legal advice, it is clear that a legal perspective on the Board of Directors would be a tremendous asset. The OBWC's Board champions our vision "as a centre of excellence for natural childbirth and wellness, accepted as a safe and desirable option for the majority of normal births in Eastern Ontario". Guided by the midwifery model of care, we view pregnancy and birth as natural and normal life experiences, unique to each client and family.

You will be part of a qualified team

As a member of our skill-based policy governance Board of Directors, you will enjoy a collegial culture and learn from the perspectives of eleven other highly committed and qualified volunteer directors. Together with the support of our Executive Director, you will oversee our strategic direction, monitor our performance, quality and risk and ensure sustainable operations. You will engage in generative dialogue and contribute to making strategic decisions that will ensure that the OBWC continues to play a leading role in improving maternal/newborn care in our region.

You will share our values

Care and Compassion. We are caring and demonstrate compassion to our clients, actively listening to fully understand their needs. We create a home-like environment for family-centred care. We are kind and considerate, valuing unique skills and perspectives.

Integrity. We demonstrate honesty, integrity and accountability in everything we do. We value the trust that mothers, families and the community has placed in us and our ethical actions and decisions reflect that trust.

Respect. We respect and honour women's choices for their low risk birth and create the setting for an empowering experience for women and their families. We treat the woman and her family with respect, dignity and consideration. Our inclusive approach welcomes those from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.

Excellence. We are devoted to service excellence based on responsiveness, evidence, and best practices. We are known for our professionalism and viewed as clinical and opinion leaders within our community. We respectfully challenge the status quo, learning from past experiences while redefining the future.

Positive. We create a positive environment that celebrates and supports families and encourages people to come and stay connected.

Collaborative. We actively engage the efforts and interests of individuals and groups relevant to the health of women and their babies, building trust and creating opportunities for collaboration. We take a team approach to success, sharing information, ideas and resources and encouraging a diversity of perspectives and experiences prior to making key decisions.

Accountability. We are accountable to our clients, the community and each other. We are committed to the best use of resources and are clearly focused on the achievement of the OBWC's goals.



You will contribute your unique experience and perspective

We are seeking individuals who with legal experience, preferably with previous board experience and an appreciation of not-for-profit governance. We are looking for individuals who understand or have an interest in the nature, complexity and needs of Ontario's evolving health care system and maternal/newborn needs. We are seeking individuals with diverse life experiences and an interest in giving back to their communities.

The Board meets quarterly and arranges all meetings a year in advance to provide Board members notice for scheduling purposes.

We are particularly seeking Board members with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Law and Legislation
- Performance Measurement and Evaluation
- Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy
- Government Relations
- Working within Ottawa-based community organizations

If you are interested in contributing to the important work of the OBWC, please forward your resume by December 15, 2018, to:

Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre
Attention: Executive Director
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Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 6A8
Email: jobs@ottawabirthcentre.ca

For more information, please email the contact above, or call 613-260-1441.