What is the Community Health Center Board?



We are your neighbors, we are members of your community. *We are the governing board of the Multnomah County Community Health Center,* and together we are changing health care for the better.

Did you know . . .?

If you or members of your family are an enrolled patient at any one of our primary care and dental care clinics, pharmacies or Student Health Centers, you can actually help shape how every patient receives proper care from the Multnomah County Health Center.

Every volunteer **Community Health Center Board (CHCB)** member is valued for their individual lived experience. Whether setting strategic direction and policy for the Health Center or ensuring its finances are managed in a fiscally responsible manner, you can make a difference.

We are looking for community members from a wide range of backgrounds and specialites to add their skills and expertise to how the CHCB informs the patient experience at every Health Center facility.

Whatever your education or income level, whatever language you speak, and however you choose to identify, ***your lived experience is your greatest qualification for serving on our board.***

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The mission of the Community Health Center Board is to bring services to individuals, families, and communities that improve health and wellness while advancing health equity and eliminating health disparities.



The **Community Health Center Board** was formed in 1980 to serve as the consumer-majority governing board of Multnomah County's Federally Qualified Health Center project. Since its creation, **the CHCB** has worked in partnership with the Board of County Commissioners, to provide policy oversight of federally-funded health care programs and ensure that patient voice is properly represented in the fiscal management of the Health Center.

The Community Health Center Board invites you to join us in shaping positive health care outcomes for all of our communities.

Who can participate on the CHCB?

- Priority consideration given to clients at any of our primary care and dental clinics
- Community members who live or work in Multnomah County are also welcome
- Families or guardians of students who utilize any of our Student Health Centers
- *No prior board experience required*

If accepted, what will I do as a member of the Community Health Center Board?

- Attend monthly virtual meetings (normally two (2) hours) and quarterly committee meetings
- Use your lived experience to inform your questions, suggestions and vote on health care policies and budget updates provided by Health Center operations staff
- Help shape Multnomah County's *community health needs assessment* and *strategic plan* for improved health outcomes

What support is available for volunteer board members?

- Training and orientation on board participation, the health center movement and the state of health care in Multnomah County
- Technology assistance (if needed) to ensure access to virtual meetings and materials
- Interpretation support for board activities and translation of key documents

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