

Options for Sexual Health Board Member Role Description May 2025

Options champions and celebrates the sexual health of all people in BC by supporting, providing, and promoting inclusive and accessible health care and education.

Who We Are:

Based in British Columbia, Options for Sexual Health (Options) is Canada's largest non-profit provider of sexual health services in Canada. We operate through clinics, community engagement and education programs, and the Sex Sense information and referral service. Options seeks to provide comprehensive and accurate information, support for sexual expression and reproductive choice, and confidential clinical services that help British Columbians enjoy healthy sexuality throughout life.

We acknowledge the Options for Sexual Health Provincial Office is within the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-waututh) Nations. Our clinics are located on the homelands of the more than 198 First Nations and 30 Métis charter communities throughout the province.

The Volunteer Opportunity:

We are currently seeking 4 new members to serve on Options' governance-focused Board of Directors. The Board's role is to lead and guide Options in achieving its mission, vision and strategic priorities. The Board helps determine how Options makes a difference for British Columbians: what good, for which need, for whom, at what cost, and how ethically.

In particular, the role of the Board is to:

- Foster connections between Options, its members, and the community at large
- Oversee governing policies that guide the organization in:
 - Future and Strategic Planning
 - Organizational Outcomes
 - The Board-Executive Director Relationship
 - Governance processes
- Ensure adherence to applicable laws and regulations
- Make decisions about financial management, risk management and resource management
- Evaluate the performance of both the Executive Director and Board.

Time Commitment

Volunteer **six to ten hours a month** (attending in-person and virtual board and committee meetings, preparing for meetings, and attending special events).

Qualifications

We want people who are committed and care! We have a lot of great people on the Board already and need to add a few more people with particular characteristics and skillsets:

The following are considered key job qualifications for the Board of Directors:

- A demonstrated commitment to the organization's mission, vision, values and strategic directions
- Experience in a mid to large organization or serving on a Board of Directors
- Knowledge of the various types of communities and clients Options serves
- A commitment to serve the first full 3-year term
- Being simultaneously kind and your own kind of rad

Current skills we are seeking include:

- Financial management (especially experience with investments/group pensions)
- Information Management
- Insurance
- Public Service / Bureaucratic Experience

We invite applications from anyone who may contribute to furthering the mission of Options, and especially those who represent groups we serve. Individuals who are:

- youth (under 25)
- older adults (over 65)
- 2SLGBTQIA+
- Indigenous, Black and/or people of colour
- people with diverse-abilities
- members of other marginalized populations (e.g. temporary residents, low socio-economic status)

are especially encouraged to apply. We welcome you to self-identify within your application materials.

Application

To express your interest in joining the Options board, please email executivedirector@optbc.org with your resume and a letter outlining why you are interested in and are a good match for joining the board. If you do not have a resume, a letter (or email) is fine.