



## **New Canadians Health Centre Membership**

### **The New Canadians Health Centre Bylaws: Article # 9. Membership Conditions**

Subject to the articles, there shall be three classes of members in the Corporation.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available to persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes and who have applied for and been accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the board or in such other manner as may be determined by the board.

Membership in the Corporation shall ensure the diversity of users and communities served by the New Canadians Health Centre. A membership recruitment policy and strategy shall be developed to ensure equitable representation of the Corporation's membership.

These membership conditions in the NCHC Bylaws will guide the development of the NCHC membership policy and recruitment strategy.

### **Who can be a member?**

Members can be people or organizations. For example, it can be a user of services at the NCHC, member of cultural communities and neighborhoods where the NCHC is located, a not-for-profit organization, an educational institution, etc. Members must subscribe to the bylaws and objects of the New Canadians Health Centre.

The NCHC is looking for new members who:

- believe in the New Canadians Health Centre's vision, missions, and values.
- willing to participate and be engaged in the Centre's activities.
- desire for collaboration.
- value diversity, inclusion, and equity as guiding principles in the operations of the New Canadians Health Centre.

### **How long is membership?**

Membership is for 2 years at a time. It must be renewed every second year with June 1st as the renewal deadline.

### **How many members can there be?**

There is no limit to the number of members.

### **What do members do?**

Each member of the New Canadians Health Centre can:

- Be involved in guiding the overall direction of the New Canadians Health Centre
- Elect the Board of Directors (the governance body)
- Run for office as a member of the Board of Directors
- Approve the financial statements
- Appoint the auditors
- Participate in different committees to address special areas of concern or interest for the operation of the New Canadians Health Centre

### **What are the responsibilities of a member?**

- Promote the vision, mission, and activities of the New Canadians Health Centre
- Advocate, connect, network and recruit new members and other people to the New Canadians Health Centre throughout the Edmonton community and region
- Adhere and support policies approved by the general membership
- Attend Annual General Meetings or other special meetings called by the Board of Directors
- Participate in activities and events at the New Canadians Health Centre



## Membership Application Form

The Members always acts in the best interest of and with the NCHC community to attend to the following principles of the NCHC:

**Core Principle; Promote Social Justice, Equity and Inclusion** – focus on reducing inequalities and increasing access to opportunities and conditions conducive to health & well-being for all.

**Principle 1; Community Owned** - engage communities in decision-making and provide opportunities for communities to build and strengthen their social capital and sense of belonging at the NCHC and with the larger Edmonton community.

**Principle 2; Welcoming & Inclusive** – recognize clients as partners in the care process so that they experience care and support in ways that they wish to be treated. We interact with patients in a way that respects them.

**Principle 3; Adopt a Social Model of Health** – provide a holistic approach in caring for individuals and families which addresses the broader social determinants of health.

**Principle 4; Act Collaboratively**- provide care and support that is grounded on collaborative decision-making, is coordinated among service providers and is flexible and responsive to differing and emerging needs and desires.

**Principles 5; Create a Supportive Learning Community** – create opportunities for service providers to learn and reflect, building capacity within the Centre and into the broader systems.

Do you agree with the NCHC principles  Yes  No

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby make an application for membership in the New Canadians Health Centre (NCHC).

I am a

User of services at the NCHC

General Supporter of the NCHC

Participant in the NCHC Programs

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering for (Please select all that applies):

The Board

The Evaluation Committee

The Membership Committee

Events and activities at the NCHC

The Finance Committee

Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the NCHC newsletter:  Yes  No

My assets and gifts that I would be willing to share with the New Canadians Health Centre include:

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How often are you available?

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please email the completed application form at: [info@nchcedmonton.org](mailto:info@nchcedmonton.org)**