



Deadline Extended for Community Engagement Committee Applications

The Brant Community Healthcare System, (BCHS), is extending the deadline to Thursday, November 30th for submitting applications to the new 12-member Community Engagement Committee.

“While we already have some excellent applicants, we do want to ensure that as many people as possible have time to consider this important volunteer commitment,” says BCHS Supervisor, Bonnie Adamson.

Adamson also notes that the City of Brantford and Brant County will be appointing their two representatives to the Committee around the end of November, “so it makes sense to extend the deadline for other applicants as well.”

The BCHS Volunteer Association Board and the BCHS Foundation Board will each appoint a member while Adamson, as Supervisor, will appoint eight public members.

Members will be appointed for at least a one-year term and the mandate of the Committee will be re-examined once a new hospital Board and permanent CEO are in place, which will likely be sometime in 2018.

This Committee will assist the Supervisor and interim CEO to understand the nature of the communities that BCHS serves and their specific health service needs. They will advise the Supervisor as to the best strategies to engage community leaders and community groups, provide community perspectives on current and emerging issues affecting BCHS, strengthen public voices in delivery of BCHS services, advise on health service community concerns and on how to continuously improve communication between the community and the BCHS.

Community Engagement Committee members must be able to attend up to six meetings within a 12-month period. Eight public members will be selected by the Supervisor after an application and interview process. They must be at least 18 years of age, live in Brant County (including Paris or the City of Brantford), have a sound knowledge of their community and a strong interest in healthcare delivery, but they must not have worked or currently be working in the healthcare sector, whether at the BCHS or elsewhere.

Current or former employees of BCHS or its Foundation, current or former members of the BCHS professional staff and any immediate family members of same are also not eligible to apply.

Members of the public who wish to be considered should send a letter describing why they want to be a member of the BCHS Community Engagement Committee along with their employment history and/or CV to Ms. Bonnie Adamson, Supervisor, BCHS, by email to communications@bchsys.org or by regular mail to 200 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford, Ontario, N3R 1G9. All applications will be acknowledged. Some applicants will be interviewed in person as potential Committee members, and some of those interviewed will be offered a membership on this volunteer Committee. Please submit applications by Thursday, November 30th.