



BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Essential Health Clinic Overview

Essential Health Clinic is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was organized in 1972. We operate under Title X of the Public Health Services Act (The Family Planning Services and Population Research Act of 1970). Funding to support programs and services is granted through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Planning, Office of Population Affairs, Great Rivers United Way, local foundations, donations, and client fees.

Mission: Essential Health Clinic helps create healthier lives and families by providing and advocating for sexual health and education

Vision: Essential Health Clinic will be widely recognized and supported for our excellence in normalizing sexuality through health care, education, prevention services, and our commitment to a lifetime of wellness for all.

Services: Essential Health Clinic provides comprehensive reproductive healthcare including the following services:

- Preventive care
- Birth control
- STD testing and treatment
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Emergency contraception
- Community education programs

Governing Board Member Responsibilities

Essential Health Clinic is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community members from across our service area. Board members are elected to a 3-year term and can serve for up to three consecutive terms. Board meetings are typically the third Wednesday of the month in the evening and last 1-2 hours. Board members may be asked to serve on one of the board committees and will be expected to actively participate in our annual fundraising event in May.



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Typical Responsibilities:

- **Select, support and evaluate the executive director.** Ensure that the executive director has moral and professional support to further the goals of the organization.
- **Effective planning.** Actively participate in strategic planning processes and assist with implementing and monitoring the plan's goals.
- **Ensure adequate financial resources.** Secure adequate on-going financial resources for the organization to fulfill its mission. This includes helping secure gifts through community and corporate donors.
- **Provide financial oversight.** Assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
- **Build community support.** Articulate the organizations mission, accomplishments and goals to the public and garner support from the community.
- **Board member succession planning.** Suggest possible nominees to the board who can make significant contributions to the work of the board and organization.

Expectations

- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.
- Serve on committees and offer to take on special assignments.
- Keep up to date on developments in the organization's field
- Assist the board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities.
- Make a personal financial contribution to the organization.
- Take an active role in fundraising for the organization.
- Review outcomes and metrics created by Essential Health Clinic for evaluating its impact and performance
- Commit to attending board and assigned committee meetings