



Resolutions 2025

CHNC invites resolutions that advance its vision, mission, values and goals

Vision

Community Health Nurses of Canada: Leaders for a healthy Canada

Mission

Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) is the Centre of Excellence in Community Health Nursing; providing a unified national voice and leadership in advancing policy and practice excellence in community health nursing. CHNC has integral relationships with government, academic institutes, and other non-profit organizations.

Values

CHNC identifies the following values as ideals, which help to define and guide the organization.

Health

CHNC believes that health is the physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, environmental, social, cultural and economic wellness of the individual, family, group, community, population and system.

Leadership

All community health nurses are leaders. CHNC believes leadership is a requirement for system change and fundamental to supporting community health nursing practice and health. CHNC advocates for a publicly funded, universal system of for healthcare in Canada.

Engagement

CHNC believes in meaningful engagement of all populations so they are co-designing approaches to health and wellness.

Partnerships

CHNC believes in building a network of relationships and partnerships with a wide variety of individuals, families, groups, communities and systems to address health issues and promote healthy public policy to advance health equity.

Social Justice and Health Equity

CHNC believes social justice and health equity are central to all five domains of community health nursing: clinical care, policy, research, administration/leadership and education.

Evidence-Informed Decision-making

CHNC believes that community health decision-making is the process of distilling and disseminating the best available evidence from research, context and experience.

Cultural Humility and Cultural Safety

CHNC believes practitioners must approach health care based on humble acknowledgement of oneself as a learner and reflect on ways to communicate effectively to understand a person's experience.

CHNC Strategic Objectives and Goals

CHNC has established the following priority areas in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan:

Objective #1: Advance the health of people in Canada

Objective #2: Strengthen CHNC as the Centre of Excellence in Community Health Nursing to advance excellence in nursing practice, policy, education, research leadership/administration.

Objective #3: Build an Effective Organization

Please see the [Strategic Plan](#) posted to the CHNC website for details regarding actions for these priorities.

Criteria for resolutions

Must be submitted electronically using the template supplied by CHNC to show the following:

- Title of resolution
- Name of submitter
- Motion starting with "BE IT RESOLVED THAT..." (no Whereas)
- Rationale (explaining the reasons behind the resolution)
- Relevance to CHNC's mission and goals
- Key stakeholders (who would be interested in supporting the resolution)
- Estimated resources required or expected outcomes
- References (if applicable)

Deadline: Any CHNC member may submit a resolution throughout the year up to 8 weeks preceding the CHNC Annual General Meeting. This deadline to submit resolutions is extended this year until **May 12, 2025**.

Sequence of activities:

1. CHNC Governance Committee may work with the originator by:

- editing the resolutions for clarity, legality, correct form, etc., without changing the intent;
- suggesting a collaboration with other originators should their resolutions address the same topic; and
- suggesting alternatives for action where the apparent intent can be accomplished in a quicker, more effective or less costly way.

2. Once the resolution is finalized, it is sent to voting delegates in advance with other resolutions and documents for the annual meeting, posted on the CHNC website and presented on site at the annual meeting. **If deadline is not met:** the resolution will be deferred for board consideration at its September meeting.

All resolutions must be submitted electronically to the CHNC Governance Committee at info@chnc.ca for the 2021 annual meeting that will be held on **June 17, 2025 in a virtual format.**

Presentation at annual meeting

1. Only voting delegates have the right to move, second and vote on resolutions at the annual meeting.
2. The chair of the Governance Committee will report on all resolutions received and the disposition of each resolution according to the following criteria:
 - The order of the presentation of resolutions will attempt to provide for debate on a range of policy issues from a mixture of member organizations and individuals.
 - The time for debate will be at the discretion of the Chair of the annual meeting (CHNC president) if the time allowed for debate can be reasonably expected to limit the number of resolutions that will be on the floor.
 - Any resolution not debated at the annual meeting will be dealt with by the board at its September meeting.

Disposition of resolutions passed at annual meeting

1. The resolutions passed at the annual meeting are not binding; they are advice to the CHNC board.
2. The board has a fiduciary responsibility to review the passed resolutions, accept the Executive Director's interpretation of them, and give direction to the Executive Director in light of CHNC's vision, mission, values, goals and strategic priorities.
 3. Actions on Resolutions will be reported in the following year's Annual Report.



TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Provide the Title or Issue being addressed

SUBMITTED BY: Name(s) of those submitting

BE IT RESOLVED: This part of the resolution takes the form of recommendations for actions or a statement of opinions concerning the situation. It may request action on the part of CHNC or in collaboration with other relevant bodies. The recommendations are action oriented and each clause usually addresses no more than one specific aspect of the action to be taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: As noted each clause addresses no more than one aspect of the action. If there is more than one point to make each point is presented in separate BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED statements.

BACKGROUND: Relevant background information can be included to a maximum of one page, including:

- Rationale - explaining the reasons behind the resolution
- Relevance - to CHNC's mission and goals
- Key Stakeholders - who would be interested in supporting the resolution
- Estimated Resources Required or Expected Outcomes

REFERENCES: Include relevant references to support the resolution.