

KCHC Board of Director Bios

Maria Cordeiro, President (June 2012- 2017)

Maria is the Manager for Community Programs at Extend-A-Family Kingston which provides programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities. She is also an active member of the Canadian Positive Psychology Association. Maria earned both her undergraduate degree in Sociology and her Master of Public Administration at Queen's University in Kingston. She has served on diverse board such as the Lois Miller Co-operative Homes and Ban Righ Foundation for Continuing University Education.

Lauri Prest, Vice President (April 2009-2018)

Lauri is an adult educator and organizational development expert at Providence Care. She has designed leadership programs for the Canadian Childcare Federation, the City of Kingston, St. Lawrence College, and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. As an advocate for social justice and women's rights, Lauri works passionately hosting conversations that matter locally and globally. Lauri also brings community experience with the Parent Council at R. G. Sinclair School, Sport and leadership activities at Frontenac Secondary School, First Avenue Public School, and the Pearls 4 Girls leadership initiative for teens.

Mary Campeau, Treasurer (Dec 2014-2018)

Mary joined the KCHC Board in Dec 2014 after being a member of the capital build campaign. Mary is currently a real estate broker with Royal LePage after owning and operating her own franchise for a number of years. Before her real estate career she was an elementary school teacher, owner and operator of a large summer resort, Rideau Ferry Inn, while at the same time studying at Queen's University from which she received an MA in Canadian Literature. She is currently a graduate student working on her PHD degree in the Queen's Geography Department. Mary has been actively involved in many community commitments such as The Sunshine Foundation, Junior Achievement, President of the Kingston and Area Real Estate Association, St. Paul the Apostle Parish Building and Pastoral Committees. She is the proud recipient of the Women in Business award in 1992 and 2010 respectively. Mary was attracted to KCHC by its inception and continued commitment to its mission statement.

Shirley Boston, Secretary (June 2008 – 2017)

Shirley is a very community-minded individual who lives in the Napanee area. She has intensive volunteer and Board experience, including the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital, the Napanee and District Foundation, the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital Foundation, the Kingston Social Planning Council, the South East District Health Council, and Eastern Ontario Emergency Services. Shirley believes if a community works together, the 'possibilities' are unlimited.

Jim Brown, Director (Feb 2011 – 2017)

Jim is retired after many years of building Browns Catering Service into a thriving business. Since retirement Jim has focused more intensely on his many community commitments related to youth and education. Jim has served with many of the following not-for profit groups: Junior Achievement the Kingston General Hospital and Saint Lawrence College Foundations, and the Board of Governors of Saint Lawrence College, and the Boys and Girls Club. Jim is currently a passionate supporter of the Kingston Immigration Partnership, Community Gardens, and Pathways to Education.

Gustavo Petterle, Director (Sept 2015-2018)

Originally from Brazil, Gustavo now calls Kingston home and brings with him over 15 years of experience in health policy and advising, and health care administration. He has experience with health care reform that revamped the Brazilian public health system and brought quality health care to millions of poorer citizens and improved health outcomes. Gustavo is looking forward to contributing to health improvements for our community.

Brenda Hunter, Director (Sept 2015-2018)

Brenda is a passionate educator who recently retired from her position as Director of Education at the Limestone District School Board. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music (Honours), Bachelor of Education degree and Master's degree in Education from Queen's University. Brenda taught elementary school for many years, served as a Principal for eight years then in 2003 moved on to the Limestone District School Board where in July 2007 she became the Director of Education. Brenda has served on many committees and boards including the Council of Ontario English Public Directors of Education, Kingston Rotary Club and the United Way. Brenda believes that a quality education is the cornerstone of a healthy society and has been a valued partner and supporter of KCHC for many years.

Dr. Terri-Lynn Brennan, Director (Sept 2015-2018)

Terri is social justice advocate who completed bachelor degrees in Political Science, Archaeology and Education, and earned her Doctor of Education in Sociology and Social Equity Studies from the University of Toronto. Terri's career as an educational sociologist has included administrative and educational leadership, program management and cultural research across Canada, the UK, Egypt and Nepal. She is currently working as a Program Coordinator in Cultural Services with the City of Kingston. As a non-status First Nations Canadian, Terri brings a distinct voice to the round table of discussion and encourages a respect for diverse knowledge, advocacy and collaborative action across all communities.

Peter Milliken, Director (Sept 2015-2018)

Peter was born and raised in Kingston. He is a lawyer with degrees from Queen's, Oxford and Dalhousie Universities, and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. He has had a long and illustrious political career being elected MP for Kingston & the Islands

1988, for which he holds the record of longest serving MP in Kingston, and in 2001 elected to Speaker of the House of Commons, a position for which he holds the record for being the longest-serving Speaker in Canadian history. Peter retired from politics in 2011 and now serves as a special advisor in the Cunningham Swan Law firm and as a Fellow in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. He was also named an Officer in the Order of Canada in 2014.

KCHC Executive Director Bio

Hersh Sehdev, Executive Director (Sept 2000 – Current)

Hersh Sehdev is the Executive Director of Kingston Community Health Centres (KCHC). With deep rooted values of Social justice and equity, Hersh embraces the broad definition of Health and mobilizes support to reduce health disparities and make the lofty goals of health promotion a reality for the most vulnerable members of our community. Under her leadership the organization has grown from a small clinic in north end to a dynamic multi-service, multi-site organization that is actively reducing barriers to health.

In Kingston, Hersh serves on Primary Health Council, the Kingston Health Link, the Salmon River Health Link and the Poverty Reduction Working Group. Provincially she tries to influence policy by serving on CHC Performance Management Committee and CHC Sector Strategy Group.