



Seeking Community Mental Health and/or Housing professional to join our Board

Houselink and Mainstay Community Housing (HLMS) is Toronto's largest non-profit housing provider and Ontario's largest supportive housing organization. We are looking for people committed to addressing the city's housing and homelessness challenges to join our Board of Directors. We value a diversity of perspectives and experiences on our board and encourage candidates from all equity-deserving groups to apply.

About HLMS

HLMS provides affordable housing for individuals living with mental health and substance use issues. We are the result of a 2021 merger between Houselink Community Homes (est. 1977) and Mainstay Housing (est. 1982). HLMS has an annual operating budget of over \$30 million and currently owns 52 properties across Toronto, serving 1,400 households. We believe that housing is the foundation to a successful life, and we are focused on building inclusive communities where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

Position Description

Our board is a volunteer governance board comprised of between 10 to 15 directors representing a diversity of skills and backgrounds. We are committed to engaging and ensuring a strong tenant voice to ensure our decisions are client centred. As such, our tenants and participants comprise one-third of the board.

We have developed a mission, vision, values and first strategic plan, to guide us through the next several years. We recently reorganized our support services and property services into more efficient teams to support our tenants and buildings.

Other key activities include rebranding the organization, developing new housing and long-term plans for our current assets.

Why your expertise is needed

The board would like to add someone who is knowledgeable about mental health, addictions and homelessness, knowledgeable about the community mental health or homelessness sector, and who has expertise in program evaluation and quality improvement.

The Commitment

Potential directors on the Board will have a high degree of personal commitment to our vision and mission, with the energy to devote 4 to 6 hours per month for up to four two-year terms. As a director, you will:

- Attend monthly board meetings every third Tuesday evening
- Participate in board committee work
- Attend annual events such as the Annual General Meeting and a Board Planning Day

Board meetings are in-person (at Bloor St./Church St.) or virtual. Committee meetings are virtual.

Contact Information

If you are interested, please send your resume to Gautam Mukherjee at gmukherjee@hlms.ca by **Friday, August 2nd, 2024**.