


Board Members up for re-election (2nd Year of Current Term)

NAME	SHORT BIO
<p>Cherisse Killick-Dzenick</p> 	<p>Cherisse Killick-Dzenick has served on the board of CMHA-ER since 2021. In her first term on the board, Cherisse was a member of the Governance Committee and has provided advice and support to the organization's fundraising activities.</p> <p>Cherisse practiced law for 27 years with Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP, primarily in the area of civil litigation, with additional work in personal injury, insurance, wills and estate planning, municipal law, and in later years bankruptcy and insolvency. Cherisse is a member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association and has continued to be actively involved with both since leaving her firm in 2018.</p> <p>As a volunteer, Cherisse has served on the boards of the Edmonton Community Legal Centre and the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.</p>

New Board member to be elected to serve a two-year term beginning in 2023

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<p>Anna Wilson</p> 	<p>Anna Wilson is a PhD student in the Department of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta. Her focus area is Indigenous mental health. She is currently working on a Canada-wide Indigenous Youth Mental Health Literacy resource research study, and has worked as a graduate teaching assistant, including working in partnership with the KEE TAS KEE NOW (KTCEA) Tribal Council Education Authority.</p> <p>Anna holds a Bachelor of Secondary Education, a Master of Theoretical, Cultural, and International Education, and a Master of Library and Information Studies. She is the author of several conference publications, has volunteered with the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research Community Volunteer Program, and co-hosted the show Moccasin Telegraph on CJSR Radio. She previously taught junior and senior high school in Northern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan.</p>

Charles Wong



Charles Wong is the Founder and President of CarePros, a disability and children’s services agency that focuses on enhancing the lives of children and youth in care. He is a champion for diversity, equity, and inclusion, and is currently focused on leading a culturally responsive organization that supports the intergenerational trauma of Indigenous children and youth.

Previously, Charles held management roles in several industries including Healthcare, Technology, Retail, and Private Equity. Prior to establishing CarePros, Charles was with Tim Hortons where he led the rollout of a \$700MM remodel across 400+ restaurants. Charles received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta, his MBA from the Ivey Business School, and is a graduate of the Owner/President Management Program (OPM) from Harvard Business School.

Charles has been recognized as the 2020 Young Entrepreneur of the Year by Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, a 2021 Report on Business Changemaker by the Globe and Mail, a 2022 New Innovator People Leader by Canadian Business, a 2022 Business in Edmonton Leader, and a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee Medal.


Charles is currently the Co-Chair of the Edmonton Chapter of ALIGN Association of Community Services, a Faculty of Science Representative on the University of Alberta Alumni Council, and a member of the University of Alberta ThresholdImpact Venture Mentoring Service Advisory Board.

Jeff Sych



Jeff Sych is a Registered Psychologist in private practice, with a focus on clinical and counseling psychology. He has been a member of the College of Alberta Psychologists since 2004. Jeff is the Clinical Director for the Alberta Critical Incident Peer Network and International Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation – Canada, Inc. He also conducts research and has published articles on supports and mental health programs for first responders . Jeff has previous work and consulting experience that include the Zebra Child Protection Centre, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Alberta Health Services, Office of the Fire Commission, Government of Alberta, Alberta Fire Chief’s Association, and Stollery Children’s Hospital. In addition Jeff was instrumental in opening and managing the Edmonton Operational Stress Injury Clinic for Northern Alberta to serve RCMP, Veterans and the Military in Northern Alberta.

Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Psychology and a Master of Science in Psychiatry, both from the University of Alberta. He served on the Lieutenant Governor’s Circle on Mental Health and Addictions from 2012-16, and was Vice-Chair from 2013-15. He is a current

	<p>member of the Clinician Advisory Committee with the Canadian Institute of Public Safety Research & Treatment and of the National Peer Support Community Network. Jeff was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022.</p>
<p>Nancy McCaLder</p> 	<p>Nancy McCaLder is a non-profit sector leader who worked in the mental health field for 25 years. Prior to her retirement, she was the Executive Director of The Support Network (TSN) and was part of the provincial and national committees that lead to the provincial 211 service and the national suicide prevention number. As Executive Director of TSN, she co-led the successful integration of the organization into CMHA Edmonton in 2015, ensuring more effective and sustainable mental health services for the community.</p> <p>Prior to her tenure with TSN, Nancy served as a Vice-President with The Family Centre, an Organization Development Consultant with NAIT, and an Organizational Effectiveness Consultant with The Government of Alberta's Service Alberta ministry.</p> <p>Nancy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Cooperative Recreation from the University of Waterloo, and a Master of Science (Human Resources Management) from Nova Southeastern University. Nancy has volunteered her time with many organizations, including the Alberta Community Support Network, Sherwood Park Festival Singers Society, and Pilgrims Hospice Society.</p>
<p>Noopur Parmar</p> 	<p>Noopur Parmar is a mental health advocate and full-time mom of two children. Prior to moving back to her hometown of Edmonton with her family, Noopur worked as a data scientist with Shopify and as Association Director of the Creative Destruction Lab at the Rotman School of Management in Toronto. She previously worked in the medical technology field with Kinsa, an early-stage medical device startup, and St. Jude Medical in the New York City area.</p> <p>Noopur holds of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alberta, a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University, and an MBA from the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. With her wealth of experience personally and professionally in different fields, Noopur brings complex problem-solving skills, data-informed decision making, and strategic thinking to her work, and connects with people across different socio-economic, professional, and cultural backgrounds.</p>

Olivia Kwok



Olivia Kwok is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and the Manager in the Independent Business Group with Grant Thornton LLP, where she manages a portfolio of small to mid-sized clients, advises on client concerns, optimizes tax planning, and advises on management projections. She previously worked as a Senior Accountant with Calmont and an Experienced Senior Associate, Audit with PWC Canada.

Olivia graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Commerce in 2016 and earned her CPA in 2020. She has previously volunteered as President of Piggy Bankers, which promoted financial literacy across campus, and the Network of Empowered Women, where she was part of an executive team that raised \$150,000 through corporate sponsorship, fundraising events, and grant applications. Olivia is fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English.

Sarah Eadie



Sarah Eadie is a staff lawyer with the Edmonton Community Legal Centre, where she carries a general civil litigation practice representing low-income Albertans. She previously worked as a criminal defence lawyer, and has been an active member of the Law Society of Alberta since 2004. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Literature from McGill University, a Master of Arts in English Literature from the University of Alberta, and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta. She is a past volunteer, director, and advising lawyer with Student Legal Services, and past board member with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Edmonton and Glenora Child Care Society. Sarah was also a member of the Mayor's Task Force to Eliminate Poverty in Edmonton, which led to the creation of EndPovertyEdmonton. As part of the task force, she co-chaired the Justice and Democratic Participation Committee. In 2016, she received the Edmonton Social Planning Council's Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice.