Founded in 1975, CWHC facilitates the empowerment of women, trans people, and young people by providing access to health care and health education in a respectful environment where people pay what they can afford.

Each year, over 6,000 women, trans people, and young people from across the Chicago area access collaborative, affirming health services through CWHC.

Members of the Board of Directors provide financial support and oversight in addition to advocacy on behalf of CWHC. Board members bring important perspectives to organization-wide conversations and contribute individual skills to strengthen CWHC’s capacity and further its goals.

“Today I was put at ease and I’m leaving here literally feeling stronger and more able to face the future.” • CWHC client

**WORK UNDERWAY**

**Board Priorities**

Over the next 3–5 years, CWHC’s Board will:
• Clarify and strengthen its structure and roles.
• Strengthen relationships with donors and create metrics to measure fundraising impact and strategies.
• Leverage board talent and skills to support CWHC strategic initiatives and its mission.

**Organizational Priorities**

• Expansion of mental health services, trans health services and support, and integrative health programming.
• Re-evaluating the scope and scale of programs, and improving program development and partnership strategies.
• Updating the organization’s structure to reflect changes in the health care landscape and a hybrid staffing model.

To learn more about CWHC, the Board, and the work underway, please reach out to Lisa Schergen, Executive Director, at 773.935.6126 or ls@chicagowomenshealthcenter.org.

**CORE SERVICES**

For 45+ years, all services have been offered on an affordable sliding scale.

Programs affirm participants’ lived experiences and identities, ensuring that all people feel truly seen, heard, and cared for as experts in their own bodies.

• **The Clinical Services Program** provides sensitive, collaborative health care with an emphasis on health education. Services include primary care, sexual and reproductive health care, trans health services, nutrition counseling, and physical therapy for the pelvic floor.

• **The Outreach & Education Program** provides comprehensive, medically accurate sexual health and healthy relationships education for young people.

• **The Counseling Program** offers mental health services from a feminist and person-centered perspective.

• **The Integrative Health Program** offers alternative modalities of care, including acupuncture bodywork.

• **The Alternative Insemination Program** assists women and trans people on their path to pregnancy in a comfortable, respectful environment.