



Announcement

CHAC Governing Council

April 16, 2026

We are pleased to announce **Kelli O'Brien** as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC) beginning May 19, 2026.

Kelli brings more than 30 years of experience in clinical roles and health care executive leadership across three provinces and a deep commitment to the important role of Catholic health care in Canada. She has served as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay and on the Catholic Health Care Association of Ontario Board of Directors. Most recently, she provided provincial board leadership as Chief Governance and Risk Officer for Health PEI.

As a collaborative, and forward-looking leader, Kelli brings a strong combination of values-based leadership and executive experience in a complex and evolving national health landscape. Deeply grounded in mission and person-centered service, Kelli builds on an understanding of how culture rooted in enduring values shapes care, leadership, and organizational excellence and the importance of strong governance in service of the public good.

Kelli has demonstrated an ability to navigate systems across jurisdictions, advance system transformation, and build meaningful partnerships—including in Indigenous health. Her experience in partnership development and shared influence enables her to unify diverse voices and advance strategic priorities across complex systems.

Throughout her career as a physiotherapist and leader, she has engaged people across systems, sponsors, and communities to co-create solutions rooted in dignity, justice, and the common good and to move change forward with clarity and compassion. She has served as a surveyor with Accreditation Canada for 23 years.

As a Governing Council, we are confident that Kelli's blend of experience, compassion, and commitment to service will guide CHAC with clarity and renewed vision as it continues to unify and strengthen the voice of 129 Catholic health organizations across Canada.

Please join us in welcoming Kelli as we work together to advance the vital contribution of Catholic health in strengthening our high-quality, integrated health system and in building a Canadian society where all can thrive.

A smooth transition is already underway and, beginning May 19, Kelli can be reached at kelli.obrien@chac.ca.

Richard Corneil
Chair, CHAC Governing Council