

# Our Steering Committee

BC Crisis Lines Network  
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BC Federation of Students  
BCGEU  
Canadian Centre for Policy  
Alternatives BC  
CUPE BC  
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Council of Senior Citizens  
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## Join Us!

Become an individual or organizational member and join the movement for a strong public health care system in BC.

*"The Advocacy Committee at the Jewish Seniors Alliance (JSA) has greatly benefited from being a members of the BCHC. Our goals of improving the quality of lives of seniors in BC are very closely aligned. Due to our partnership with them, their expertise, and support we feel proud of the work we have achieved over the last year."*

– Margot Beauchamp, JSA

*"It is rewarding to work with a diverse group whose values align to support publicly funded not for profit health care. From campaigns to research the BC Health Coalition supports workers and the public to ensure that the best forms of health care can be delivered."*

– Scott De Long, BCGEU

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# BCH Health Coalition

**800,000+ members  
making public health  
care stronger in BC!**



# Spotlight: Cambie Case

Fourteen years ago, the CEO of a BC-based for-profit clinic launched a legal battle that aimed to dismantle key protections in the BC Medicare Protection Act that ensure equitable access to care.

For over a decade BCHC presented evidence to the BC Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal that health care in Canada must be based on need and not the ability to pay. Our strong membership has helped raise awareness and mobilize public support to protect access to care.

On April 6, 2023, that battle came to a close when the Supreme Court of Canada released its decision to dismiss Cambie Surgeries Corporation's application for leave to appeal. The dismissal upholds the decisions at the BC Supreme Court and BC Court of Appeal that protected the key principles of the BC Medicare Protection Act that ensure patients are prioritized based on medical need and not ability to pay.

We continue to raise the alarm in other areas of our health care system where for-profit interests are draining staffing capacity and resources.

Get involved by becoming a member, signing up for our newsletter, or donating! Read more on our website.

## Our Issues



### Anti-Privatization

- Ensure access to care is based on need
- Surgical wait times
- Investor-owned private clinics



### Seniors' Care

- Profit in long-term care
- Access to home care & home support
- Family councils



### Health Equity

- Equitable drug policy reform
- Community health centres
- Access for all

## We Believe

- Health care is a human right
- Access to health care must be equitable
- Health care must cover comprehensive care for all stages of life
- The best system is public and accountable to communities
- Health care must be made actively anti-oppressive and culturally safe
- Social determinants of health are foundational to a functional health care system
- Meaningful participation by members is essential

