

Salina Fukumoto, BSW, RSW Member Representative

Term: 2021-2024 (1st term)
Region: Capital

Biography



Salina received her BSW from the University of Manitoba, has completed her coursework towards her MSW and is currently working on her MSW thesis. Salina's qualitative thesis explores the lived experiences of caregivers who are providing care at end of life during the COVID-19 pandemic. This study will explore the psychosocial impacts of caregiving at end of life during a global pandemic. Salina's MSW coursework has focused on leadership, management and policy. She is particularly interested in policy analysis and the relationship between policy and structural racism, as well as health disparities.

For the past four years, Salina has been working as a Palliative Care Social Worker at Riverview Health Centre, where she provides psychosocial support to patients and families facing terminal illness. In her additional role as Professional Lead for Social Work, Salina provides leadership and guidance to the social work team at Riverview Health Centre. Prior to assuming her current positions, Salina was working as a social worker in a long-term care facility. From 2016-2019, Salina served a 3-year term as a board member with Aurora Family Therapy Centre where she held positions of Chair as well as Vice Chair and participated as a member of the Policy Committee and the Recruitment Committee. Salina is confident that her clinical, educational and Board experience will aid her in fulfilling her duties and responsibilities for the MCSW.

Salina is passionate about social work and promoting the social work profession. Her interests align with the 4 objects of the College, and she believes that the College and the Board play an essential role in regulating, educating and advancing excellence in social work practice. As a social worker, Salina demonstrates in her practice adherence to MCSW Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. Salina is honoured to be serving on the Board of Directors for MCSW and to have the opportunity to promote the College's strategic plan.