



Kansas Health Foundation Dedicated To Improving the Health Of All Kansans

Foundation Facts at a Glance

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Mission

As a private philanthropy based in Wichita, the Kansas Health Foundation is guided by its mission: to improve the health of all Kansans.

Founded: 1985
Assets: \$540 million (as of the Foundation's last annual report)
Grants: \$26 million annually
Funding areas: public health, policy, leadership and children's health
Structure: Private philanthropy



Program Area Overviews

Public Health

A strong public-health system protects, promotes and ultimately improves the health of all Kansans. We work to strengthen and connect the critical components of this system, to educate Kansans about public health and to address our state's leading health issues.

Policy

As a nonprofit organization, our role in the policy arena is to educate – to ensure that accurate, adequate and readily accessible information is available to public, local and state leaders and policymakers for the purpose of informed decision-making. At the top of the Foundation's list in policy work is the creation of the Kansas Health Institute (KHI), a non-partisan, Topeka-based research organization.

Leadership

The Foundation works to build the skills and the resources needed for individuals to make change possible in organizations and in communities across Kansas. People throughout the state have received leadership training through programs like the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative, Master Facilitators and Fellows. Future work in this area will be strengthened through the Kansas Leadership Center.

Children's Health

The Foundation focuses its resources in this area on early childhood development, especially its significant connection to literacy and health. Research shows that what happens during the first few years of life makes a lifelong impact, as an investment in early childhood development today can produce major returns to society. By focusing in this area today, the Foundation hopes to help create an environment where children establish healthy behavioral patterns and grow into thoughtful, contributing and healthy adults.

Our Philanthropic Role

The Kansas Health Foundation serves as a philanthropy, not a charity. That distinction translates to different approaches and functions. Charitable organizations primarily exist to address short-term, pressing needs. Philanthropies take a more proactive, long-range view of problems and their solutions.

For More Information

For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit www.kansashealth.org. Past annual reports, financial statements and information on specific grants are also available online.



Management Team Bios

Mary K. Campuzano, Vice President for Programs



Mary K. Campuzano brings a broad health background to her role as vice president for programs. She has been with the Foundation since 1989, serving as a program officer until 1991. Campuzano then became senior program officer until 1997, when she was promoted to vice president for programs. Her responsibilities include defining strategies and working closely with the program office staff in the development and implementation of programs as well as overseeing grants management.

Campuzano has been recognized for her work in philanthropy and received the Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy in 1998 from Grantmakers in Health. Before joining the Foundation, Campuzano worked in a variety of nursing roles, including clinical nursing in critical care, academic education and home health care.



Management Team Bios

Steve Coen, President and CEO (effective Sept. 15, 2008)



Steve Coen was named president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation on Aug. 28, 2008.

Since joining the Foundation in 1987, Coen has held a number of different positions, including director of public affairs and program officer. He has also served as vice president for administration for the past 10 years.

During his tenure, Coen has been involved with all areas of program development, but has been particularly instrumental in designing and implementing the Foundation's leadership programs, including the Kansas Leadership Center, the Kansas Health Foundation Fellows, the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative and the GROW community foundation program.

Coen also conceived the idea, and was instrumental in the development of, the Physical Dimensions program, a course that provides high school students with the knowledge and skills needed to engage in a physically active, healthy lifestyle. Mr. Coen's work on this program earned him a national award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Coen was also awarded the American Association of Family and Consumer Science's 21st Century Community Champion Award. This award is presented to an individual or organization whose work over time has made a significant contribution in strengthening families.

Before coming to the Foundation, Coen served as a legislative assistant to Sen. Bob Dole in Washington, D.C., and as state director of Sen. Dole's four Kansas offices.

In addition to his professional experiences, Coen is a past member of the board of directors of the Kansas Humanities Council, has served as president of the board of directors for the Wichita River Festival and currently serves as chair of the Governor's Council on Fitness. He is also chair of the Chapel Hill Fellowship United Methodist Church Council.

Coen, a native of St. John, Kan., completed his undergraduate work at Emporia State University and later earned a law degree from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.



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Evan Meyers, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



A foundation needs strong fiduciary stewardship – especially one whose funds are meant to be used in perpetuity for future generations. Evan Meyers delivers that – and more – as chief financial officer for the Kansas Health Foundation.

Meyers' responsibilities at the Foundation include investment portfolio administration, investment performance, accounting, financial reporting and risk management.

In his 26 years with the Foundation, Meyers has managed the organization's asset growth from \$20 million to more than \$540 million. During that time, the Foundation experienced its largest endowment gift of \$200 million when it received proceeds from the sale of Wesley Medical Center to a for-profit health care organization in 1985. Since 1985 more than \$370 million has been granted to other charitable organizations.

Before joining the Foundation in 1981, he was an audit specialist for the international accounting firm KPMG. He also served as a statistical audit manager and a national training instructor for the firm. Meyers is both a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner. He is active in various state and national accounting organizations such as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Foundation Financial Officers Group. Meyers is also a volunteer in the Wichita public schools system and an adjunct professor at Webster University-McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, where he teaches accounting and finance courses.

Meyers holds a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. and a master's degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois.



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Christopher B. Power, Vice President for Communication



Christopher Power oversees the planning and implementation of internal and external communication strategies and programs in support of the Foundation's mission. He also works closely with the president and vice president for programs in establishing, managing and maintaining strategic planning and evaluation for the Foundation to assure the highest level of accountability in organizational capacity and grantmaking.

Power joined the Foundation in 2000 after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in communication at Wichita State University (WSU). During his graduate study, Power taught public speaking and was a research associate for the Interdisciplinary Communication Research Institute at WSU. He has published research in the areas of small group communication and leadership, received a top paper award from the National Communication Association and was recognized with a National Collegiate Communication Arts Award. Additionally, Power continues his involvement with his alma mater as a member of WSU's Elliott School of Communication Advisory Board.



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Don Stewart, Interim President



This is Don Stewart's second tenure with the Foundation, formerly serving as vice president prior to his retirement. He also served as a consultant to the Foundation during retirement. Stewart rejoined the Foundation in September 2007 to serve in his current capacity.

Stewart is the former administrator of Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays, Kan., a regional medical center that serves a large area of Western Kansas. As administrator for 20 years, he led Hadley through growth years and into the forefront of new programs and technology.

In 1983, Stewart was named president and chief operating officer of Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. During his tenure at Wesley, a tertiary care center, he was responsible for a reorganization that resulted in Wesley's two most successful financial years. In addition, he played a key role in the formation of Health Frontiers, Inc., an affiliation of 30 Kansas hospitals.

Stewart was the key figure behind the conceptual development of the philanthropy now known as the Kansas Health Foundation. His vision for an independent philanthropy dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans was a pivotal issue in the negotiations for the sale of Wesley Medical Center to Hospital Corporation of America. As such, in 1985, proceeds from that sale were endowed with the Foundation – creating one of the first conversion foundations in the country.

A 1958 graduate of Fort Hays State University, Stewart later earned a master's degree in health administration from Northwestern University. During his distinguished career he's received many honors, including receiving the 1994 Charles S. Billings Award from the Kansas Hospital Association, that organization's highest honor.