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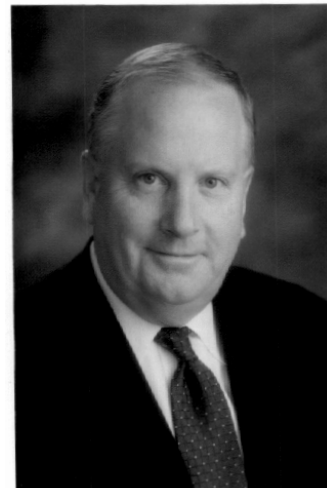
KANSAS FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL CARE, INC. PRESIDENT AND CEO ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

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After more than 33 years working for and leading the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC), Larry W. Pitman, MPA, has announced that he intends to retire from his position as President and CEO in 2011.

Pitman became KFMC's President and CEO in early 1980. He first became associated with KFMC in 1973 while employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. In October of 1977, Pitman joined the KFMC staff as the Associate Executive Director.

KFMC is a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) holding major contracts or grants with the Department of Health and Human Services - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of the National Coordinator, State of Kansas, Kansas Health Policy Authority, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Health and Environment, Insurance Department, as well as with many private companies. KFMC's role is to work with healthcare providers and other stakeholders to develop ways to improve the quality of healthcare provided to all Kansas healthcare consumers.



As an organization KFMC is held in high regard by its customers, partners, stakeholders and peers from across the country. KFMC has continuously held both federal and state contracts as the quality improvement and peer review organization since 1977. Many times, KFMC has received the highest ratings for their work.

“We are looking for a successor, not a replacement,” said Dr. Kevin Dishman, KFMC Board of Trustee Chair. “Larry has provided outstanding multi-faceted leadership in a fast-changing industry. He has built significant relationships between customers, stakeholders and partners.”

“As the time approaches for me to leave my position at KFMC I believe there really is no better time for this transition to occur. The future for the organization has never been brighter as we move forward with continued healthcare quality improvement, implementation of electronic health records and the many other opportunities for KFMC to help facilitate the improvement of healthcare,” said Pitman.

The KFMC Board of Trustees Transition Committee will spearhead the recruitment process to find a successor for Pitman.

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