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Kansas Foundation for Medical Care Announces Three New Board Members

Linda Farrar, RN, LNHA, Robert Huebner PhD, Deborah Stern, RN, JD appointed new Board of Trustees members.

Topeka, Kan. – The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. (KFMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Farrar, RN, LNHA, Robert Huebner, PhD and Deborah Stern, RN, JD as our newest members to the Board of Trustees effective August 2020.

Linda Farrar has dedicated her professional career to providing elders in senior living centers with quality of life and quality of care. Linda received her BSN from The University of Iowa and her post-graduate Licensed Adult Care Home Administrator education from Kansas University. She started her senior care career at a large senior living facility in Wichita as a unit charge nurse. She then transitioned into the Director of Nursing position at that facility. In the mid-1990's Ms. Farrar was recruited to a Director of Nursing position in Topeka, which brought her to northeast Kansas. In 2000, Linda obtained her Nursing Home Administrator's license and has served in the roles of Administrator, Executive Director, Executive Management and Chief Operating Officer. Most recently Linda spearheaded the development of a web-based geriatric medication guide tool for LTC staff to provide improved medication administration and to achieve regulatory compliance. She is a part of the American Health Care Association (AHCA) Quality Network and the Facilitator of the Kansas Dementia Partnership. Ms. Farrar is looking forward to sitting on the board, "I have spent over thirty-two years dedicated to the health and happiness of elders in Kansas. I was honored to be invited to this position because I want to continue to strive to make a difference in the healthcare lives of residents of Kansas. It was coincidence that this appointment came at the time of a worldwide pandemic, but I suppose my immediate goals for this position would be to assist Kansans through this crisis. Kansans carry a strong pioneer spirit. We can be leaders in dealing with any issue that Kansans face. It will be a privilege to be part of an organization that is working for the health and welfare of Kansans," she said.

Dr. Robert Huebner is an experienced biotechnology program manager with over thirty years of research experience with viral and microbiological pathogens and expertise in the vaccine industry, group management, and program management. Throughout his career, he has worked for a variety of organizations, large pharma companies, government agencies, and a contract research organization, holding positions of increasing responsibility at each. At the Latham BioPharm Group (LBG), he supports both commercial and US Government funded programs as a subject matter expert on biopharmaceutical development, analytics and program management. He also leads efforts to help clients win and secure non-dilutive US Government funding. Prior to joining LBG, Dr. Huebner worked at the Biomedical

Research and Development Authority (BARDA) of the Department of Health and Human Services where he held several positions including Acting Director of the Influenza Division, Deputy Director and Chief of Universal Influenza Vaccine Development. While serving as Acting Director, he was responsible for over 50 programs valued in excess of \$5 billion. His tenure in this position was highlighted by the licensure of three new types of influenza vaccines, and approval of a new near patient diagnostic platform for influenza and RSV. Dr. Huebner has also served as Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) faculty for KFMC's CPC+ learning sessions in Kansas City. Dr. Huebner received a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Microbiology from Tufts University in Boston, MA and a B.S. in Biology from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Deborah Stern served as Senior Vice President of Clinical Services and General Counsel for Kansas Hospital Association (KHA), where she recently retired. In her role as a registered nurse and an attorney, she oversaw legal and clinical services, as well as the Corporate Compliance Officer for the Association and its family of corporations. She provided members with information on legal, regulatory, legislative and behavioral health issues. Ms. Stern served as the liaison to KHA allied organizations representing hospital risk managers, nursing leaders, and health care attorneys. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders and serves on many internal and external committees, which focus on behavioral health, payment parity, maternal mortality, antimicrobial stewardship, long-term care and newborn screening. Prior to joining KHA, Ms. Stern was an accomplished attorney in private practice who had developed an expertise in human resource law. During her career in the practice of nursing, she spent considerable time in the behavioral health area, including work for the Menninger Foundation.

The slate of board members for 2020 is listed below.

Spaulding, Ryan, PhD (Chair)

Farrar, Linda

Hintz, Tom

Huebner, Robert

Good, Sarah (KFMC President and CEO)

Praeger, Sandy

Reimer, Arlo

Roth, Julie

Stern, Deborah, RN, JD

Voran, David

Voth, Eric, MD

Yost, Carla, RN

About Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.

The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) is a not-for-profit organization focused on improving healthcare quality and has served as the state-based QIO designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) since the program's national inception, most recently as a local quality improvement partner operating under the Health Quality Innovation Network (HQIN) umbrella. KFMC is also the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) and Independent Review Organization (IRO) for the state of Kansas. In addition, we contract with many private companies to provide health information technology (HIT) consulting services, quality improvement and review services. Throughout various contracts, our role is to work with healthcare providers and organizations to develop ways to improve the use of HIT and the quality of healthcare provided to all Kansas healthcare consumers.

KFMC also educates consumers so they can make informed decisions about healthcare. We work to ensure Medicare and Medicaid patients receive appropriate and quality healthcare.