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HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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Sunflower Foundation announces 2011 Advocacy Fellows

TOPEKA – The 2011 class of Advocacy Fellows for the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans has been announced. This year’s class of 15 nonprofit leaders from across the state will learn how to become effective public policy advocates for their organizations and the people they serve.

The Advocacy Fellowship class is part of the foundation’s non-partisan advocacy initiative, which is designed to provide education and training opportunities for nonprofit leaders. The goal is to bring the perspective of the nonprofit world to public policy.

“We are proud to build on the success of our first two classes with this third year of outstanding Fellows,” said Billie Hall, President and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation, which launched the advocacy program in 2008. “We are pleased with the diversity of individuals and organizations that are represented and look forward to another year of exceptional involvement from the group.”

The fellowship program includes six sessions over the course of a year, including one visit to Washington, D.C. Topics include how to develop advocacy strategies, build coalitions and grassroots efforts, navigate the political process and work with the media.

“Bringing together nonprofit leaders with a wide range of experiences and interests really brings a new voice to policy discussions – on a local, state and national level,” Hall said. “These Fellows, as well as the classes before them, are committed to learning, engaging and building a network across the state that can address health care issues facing us now and in the future.”

Leaders selected for the 2011 Advocacy Fellowship class are:

ATWOOD

Heidi Foster, Chief Executive Officer
Rawlins County Dental Clinic

DIGHTON

Vickie James, Director
Healthy Kids Challenge

DODGE CITY

Stephanie Fuhrmann, Forensic Interviewer
Crisis Center of Dodge City

GARDEN CITY

John Washington, Superintendent
Garden City Recreation Commission

INDEPENDENCE

Greg Hennen, Executive Director
Four County Mental Health Center, Inc.

KANSAS CITY

Dustin Jensen Adams, Associate Executive Director
Metropolitan Energy Center

Amy Falk, Executive Director
Caritas Clinics, Inc.

Mark Wiebe, Director of Public Affairs
Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Health

LAWRENCE

Eunice Lee-Ahn, Medical-Legal Partnership Fellow
University of Kansas School of Law

MANHATTAN

Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director
North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging

MAYETTA

Rebekah Jones, Tribal Victim Assistance Program Manager
Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department

TOPEKA

Cara Greve, Director, Workforce Center
Kansas Hospital Association

Anna Lambertson, Executive Director
Kansas Health Consumer Coalition

Lalo Munoz, Executive Director
El Centro of Topeka

WICHITA

Schaunta James-Boyd, Executive Director
E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic

The Sunflower Foundation is a charitable organization with a mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans. The foundation's funding priorities are health care access, healthy behaviors and prevention, capacity building and advocacy. More information is available at www.sunflowerfoundation.org.

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