



Sunflower Foundation

HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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Dear Colleagues,

After nearly four years as Vice President for Policy, Doug Farmer is leaving the Sunflower Foundation to take a new job as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Health Care Association (CoHCA). His last day at the foundation will be July 18.

While we regret that Doug is leaving, we are happy for him in his new position, which allows him to pursue his interests in health care and policy.

The CoHCA was founded in 1955 to serve as the voice for long-term care facilities in the state, as well as frail elderly and disabled citizens. [Find more information on the CoHCA here.](#)



While at Sunflower, Doug led the foundation's Advocacy Fellowship program, which provides intensive leadership training for non-profit leaders from around the state. Doug also worked on a range of policy issues for the foundation including the Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act, promotion of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion.

Before Sunflower, Doug worked in Kansas government in various capacities, beginning in 1996 as an analyst in the Governor's Budget Office. In 2008, he became director of the State Employee Health Benefit Plan, which was then jointly overseen by the Health Care Commission and the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA). He also served as KHPA's deputy director. Before taking the job at KHPA, Doug was deputy secretary at the Kansas Department on Aging and later at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

On behalf of the foundation's staff, Board of Trustees and all of Sunflower's partners who have worked with Doug, we wish him and his family the very best in Colorado.

Please mark your calendars for a reception in Doug's honor 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 17 in Topeka. Details to follow.

Sincerely,

Billie G. Hall
President and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation