



# Sunflower Foundation

HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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### **Sunflower Foundation Announces 2014 Advocacy Fellows**

TOPEKA – The 2014 class of Advocacy Fellows for the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans has been announced. This year’s class of 14 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 four classes with this fifth 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. Doug Farmer, the foundation’s Vice President for Policy, oversees the program.

“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,” Farmer 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 2014 Advocacy Fellowship class are:

**COFFEYVILLE**

**Robert Stiles**, Director of Operations/Clinic Director, Montgomery County Clinic  
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas

**HAYS**

**Bryan Brady**, Chief Executive Officer  
First Care Clinic

**KANSAS CITY**

**Jerry Jones**, Executive Director  
Community Health Council of Wyandotte County

**Scott Lakin**, Director, Regional Health Care Initiative  
Mid-America Regional Council

**Dana Pugh**, Medical-Legal Partnership Fellow/Staff Attorney  
University of Kansas School of Law/KU Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

**PITTSBURG**

**Marlene Willis**, Statewide Coordinator, Migrant Education Out-of-School Youth  
Advocacy Project  
Southeast Kansas Education Service Center at Greenbush

**SALINA**

**Kathy Mosher**, Executive Director  
Central Kansas Mental Health Center

**TOPEKA**

**Christie Appelhantz**, Vice President of Public Affairs  
Kansas Action for Children

**Janis DeBoer**, Executive Director  
Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities

**Michelle Ponce**, Executive Director  
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments

**Tawny Stottlemire**, Executive Director  
Kansas Association of Community Action Programs

## **TRIBUNE**

**Lisa Moritz**, Administrator/School Nurse  
Greeley County Health Department

## **WICHITA**

**Teresa Lovelady**, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Center for Health and Wellness

**Rachel Marsh**, Staff Attorney  
Saint Francis Community Services

For more information about the Advocacy Fellowship program and to read brief bios of each of the 2014 Advocacy Fellows, visit the Sunflower Foundation website at [www.sunflowerfoundation.org](http://www.sunflowerfoundation.org).

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, healthy living and advocacy.

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