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2012 Advocacy Fellows

Erica Andrade
Health Navigator
El Centro, Inc.
Kansas City

Erica Andrade joined El Centro, Inc. in October of 2001. For the first seven years of her tenure, she worked as the Adult Education Programs Coordinator, which included ESL, Spanish GED and Citizenship preparation for adults. Now serving as Health Navigator, her role is to help individuals maneuver through the barriers of the health care system. The clients she serves are primarily uninsured, Spanish-language only working poor families in need of a medical home.

Erica participates in a number of coalitions aimed at reducing health disparities in the Kansas City, Kansas area. As a member of the Latino Health for All Coalition (LHFAC), she chairs the Health Access Committee and the Community Advisory Board. The LHFAC promotes healthy nutrition, physical activity and access to health services. Erica also serves on the board of the Coalition of Hispanic Women Against Cancer and the Healthy Communities Wyandotte Health Services Action Team.

Erica holds a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from the University of Kansas.
Linda Bean
Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
Pittsburg

Linda Bean became the Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director for the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK) in 2005. CHCSEK provides medical, mental health and dental services to patients of Crawford and Cherokee Counties, with the addition of a clinic in Montgomery County planned in the near future. Dr. Bean provides physician leadership and oversees clinical policies and protocols for three medical clinics, including physician and midlevel providers for Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Behavioral Health Services and four Dental Clinics. Dr. Bean is Board Certified in Family Medicine, practicing obstetrics, pediatric and adult medicine in the clinic and in-patient settings. She has active medical staff privileges at Via Christi Health in Pittsburg.

Prior to joining the staff of CHCSEK, Dr. Bean completed a three-year Family Medicine Residency at Via Christi Health in Wichita. While in residency, she was a Locum Tenens provider for Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Clinics and Rural Clinics in the Wichita area and Central Kansas. She also participated in a Medical Missions trip to the Dominican Republic. She has been chair of several hospital committees at Via Christi Health in Pittsburg.

Dr. Bean holds a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from The University of Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, MO, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Vanderbilt University.

Deanna Berry
Executive Director
Russell Child Development Center
Garden City

Deanna Berry began her work with the Russell Child Development Center in 2001 as the Part C Early Intervention Coordinator and assumed the position of Executive Director in March of 2006. The Center provides a variety of early childhood support and services to children ages birth to five, in a 26 county service area in southwest Kansas.

Deanna began her professional career as an elementary school teacher in Brewster, Kansas. Beginning in 1993, she served as a School Psychologist for the High Plains Educational Cooperative for six years and as Special Education Supervisor/Coordinator for two more years.

Deanna holds an associate degree in Music from Colby Community College, a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, and a master’s and Education Specialist degree in School Psychology, all from Fort Hays State University. In addition, she is licensed at all levels as a public school regular and special education administrator.
**John Calbeck**  
Executive Director  
Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services, Inc.  
Topeka

Dr. John Calbeck is the Executive Director of Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services, Inc., a position he has held since May 2011. His entire professional career has been devoted to clinical medicine, public health and prevention, and includes a successful 20 year practice of Internal Medicine, two years of service as a staff physician for the United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries migrant health clinics, and 14 years as the director of the Southwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center.

Dr. Calbeck is the recipient of a Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Distinguished Service Award for Commitment and Dedication to Developing the National Framework for Substance Abuse Prevention (March 1999).

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry and a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery degree from the University of Kansas.

**Mildred Edwards**  
Executive Director  
Kansas African American Affairs Commission  
Topeka

Dr. Mildred Edwards became Executive Director for the Kansas African American Affairs Commission (KAAAC) in 2010. She has a history as a passionate community leader, mobilizer and equity advocate. Prior to her appointment to the KAAAC, she served as a consultant who provided staff development training, non-profit grant writing, and federal grant evaluation for various agencies and organizations.

Recently appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents, Dr. Edwards is a Past President of two Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. chapters, the Urban League of Wichita Guild, the Air Capital Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, and the Junior League of Wichita. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Links, Inc. Wichita (KS) Chapter, is a Links, Inc. Associate Dean and graduate of the Scott Hawkins Institute. Dr. Edwards is a Kansas delegate to the Vision 2020 Equality project of Drexel University, Leadership Wichita and Kansas Leadership Center alumnus, and health chair for the NAACP of Kansas.

Dr. Edwards obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration/Public Relations, Master of Public Health, and Doctorate of Philosophy in Community Psychology from Wichita State University.
Sue Evans  
Executive Director  
Northwest Council on Substance Abuse  
Colby

For 25 years, Sue Evans has served as the Executive Director of Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse, a not-for-profit agency focused on prevention and health and wellness. She has managed programs, budgets and personnel for grants to prevent substance abuse and juvenile delinquency. Current projects include work associated with early childhood through the Smart Start and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect programs and developing a system of walking and cycling trails in Colby.

She is a Leadership Kansas graduate and has served on the Boards of Directors of Leadership Kansas, Kansas Action for Children, Kansas Coalition of Prevention Programs and Services, Northwest Kansas Community Corrections/Juvenile Services, and the Kansas Citizens Committee on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Her current local activities include church leadership and committees, as well as serving as chair of a health care capital campaign.

Sue has a master’s degree in Adult Education from the University of Southern California and is a Kansas Certified Prevention Professional.

Amy Goldstein  
Senior Director  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Kansas Chapter  
Kansas City

Amy Goldstein joined the Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as Senior Director in 2008. In this role, Amy oversees programs, services and advocacy initiatives for people affected by MS in the states of Kansas and Nebraska and in Western Missouri. She is leading the chapter to institutionalize advocacy initiatives, offer high-quality programs and direct services for people touched by MS. Her work also includes the cultivation of key partnerships with health care professionals and community members who care about MS.

Amy has been in the health care field for 17 years, advocating for people living with kidney failure, cancer, chronic pain and multiple sclerosis. Her career began as a clinical social worker and evolved to community outreach and administration. She spent eight years at the American Cancer Society, as the first Director opening the Kansas City Hope Lodge, a free lodging facility for people traveling for cancer treatment, and then relocated to Boston and oversaw Pain Initiatives for the New England Region.

She has held leadership and board positions in a variety of organizations. She is a graduate of the University of Texas-Austin and earned her master’s in Social Work at the University of Kansas.
David Johnson
Chief Executive Officer
Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center
Lawrence

David Johnson became Chief Executive Officer of the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Inc., in March of 2001. Bert Nash provides services to more than 6,000 Douglas County residents each year. These services are provided by 190 employees ranging from medical doctors to paraprofessionals who focus on child, adolescent, adult and geriatric mental health care.

Prior to joining Bert Nash, David served as President/Chief Executive Officer of Behavioral Health Resources of Central Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, from 1979 to 2001. During his tenure, David became a leader in Iowa in mental health planning and system design, trade association growth, legislative initiatives, regulatory standards, housing and zoning discrimination and related health concerns. In addition to his work duties, he has served on a number of boards, commissions and civic organizations.

David earned a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from the College of St Francis and a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Iowa.

Audra Kenneson
Smart Start Coordinator
Rainbows United, Inc.
El Dorado

In 2007, Audra Kenneson was hired by Rainbows United, Inc. to serve as the Coordinator of the Smart Start program in Butler County. She supervises Mental Health Specialists who work with children birth through five years of age and the parents and child care providers who care for them. Smart Start offers trainings, mini-grants and other services to help increase quality child care in Butler County. She is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Butler.

Audra serves as the facilitator of the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force, the Interagency Coordinating Council for Butler County. She also serves as the Butler County representative for the Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area Early Childhood Council. Audra is an adjunct professor at Butler Community College, where she teaches “First Start: Teaching Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities” and serves on the Butler Community College Early Childhood Advisory Committee. Prior to joining Rainbows United, Audra worked for the 13th Judicial District Juvenile Justice Services Administration as a Community Re-Entry Facilitator for The Going Home Initiative.

Audra graduated from Kansas State University in 1991 with a bachelor’s degree in Education and a minor in Mathematics. She went on to earn her master’s degree in Social Work from Wichita State University in 2004.
Scott Koertner  
Director of Programs  
Heart to Heart International  
Olathe

Scott Koertner rejoined Heart to Heart International as its Director of Programs in early 2011, having previously served in various roles for the organization from 2007 through 2009. Heart to Heart International is an international humanitarian aid organization based in Olathe, Kansas, that seeks to connect people and resources to areas of need by providing targeted resources, technical assistance and volunteer engagement. As Director of Programs, Scott oversees public health program development and implementation both domestically and internationally.

Humanitarian work became an interest for Scott after seeing areas of vast need around the world while serving overseas in the U.S. Navy. Scott also served in the Kansas National Guard as a disaster preparedness specialist, leading to a position with the State of Kansas as the statewide coordinator for the CDC’s Strategic National Stockpile Program. His interest in public health led to volunteer work related to health care for the homeless and other underserved populations. He has served on the Board of Directors of Riverview Health Services in Kansas City since 2009, most recently as Board President.

Scott holds bachelor’s degrees in mathematics and chemistry from Washburn University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Rachel Monger  
Director of Government Affairs  
LeadingAge Kansas  
Topeka

Rachel Monger joined LeadingAge Kansas as Director of Government Affairs in July 2011. LeadingAge Kansas is an association of 160 not-for-profit aging services providers dedicated to serving the needs of aging Kansans. The association advances policies and promotes practices and learning that empowers its members to help seniors live fully as they age.

Rachel is a licensed attorney, and former owner of a law firm in Lawrence dedicated to elder care issues. She is a past member of Kansas Advocates for Better Care. Rachel was an executive officer for the Kansas Association for Justice and Secretary of the Kansas Association for Justice (KsAJ) Foundation Board. In 2009, she received KsAJ’s Thomas E. Sullivan Memorial Award, which is given to an attorney in practice less than ten years who is a developing leader among their peers and has made noteworthy contributions to the pursuit of consumer justice in Kansas.

Rachel is a graduate of Bard College at Simon’s Rock with a bachelor’s degree in Gender Studies. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.
Mark Richards
President and CEO
Marillac, Inc.
Overland Park

Mark Richards became President and CEO of Marillac Center in 2006 after serving nearly fifteen years as the Vice President for Operations. Marillac provides psychiatric hospitalization, residential treatment and therapeutic education for children up to age 17. Mark began his professional employment as the Director of Clinical Operations and Systems at a physician’s office in Topeka. He then moved to Cigna Managed Behavioral Care.

Mark has extensive experience in the local mental health community, where he has sat on a number of boards, including the Olathe Communities That Care, Children’s Alliance of Kansas, the Marillac Foundation, and was the Board President for the Kansas Employers Workers Compensation Trust. He is also a member of the Johnson County Children’s Coordinating Council, the Kansas Mental Health Coalition, two subcommittees of the Governor’s Mental Health Services Planning Council and a graduate of the 2009 class of Leadership Overland Park.

Mark holds a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from Washburn University and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Phillips University.

Hannah Sandal
Medical-Legal Partnership Fellow
University of Kansas School of Law
Lawrence

Hannah Sandal is the 2011-2012 Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) Post Graduate Fellow at the University of Kansas School of Law. In this position, she collaborates with health care providers at the University of Kansas Medical Center and four area safety net health care clinics to provide free legal services to medically underserved Kansans. She also supervises the legal work of law students enrolled in the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic and is a teaching assistant for the classroom component of the course. Her work is centered on the interaction between legal issues, public policy, social determinants of health and health outcomes.

During law school, Hannah interned in the Office of the United States Attorney in the Civil Division and in the United States Environmental Protection Agency; both in Kansas City, Kansas. She also participated in the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic as a student intern.

Hannah obtained her bachelor’s degree in Asian Studies from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Law.
David Sherman  
Chief Development Officer  
Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Wichita

David Sherman has more than 17 years of experience with Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, currently serving as Chief Development Officer. He has previously served as the Regional Director for Western Kansas, Director of Affiliate Services, Program Director, and Bowl for Kids Sake Director. In his current role, David is responsible for fund development in support of all Big Brothers Big Sisters programming.

David has worked on several mentoring initiatives and partnerships, including the nationally recognized Mentoring Children of Promise and Operation Jumpstart programs. He serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Advocacy and Engagement and Research to Practice Committees and served on the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Support Center Advisory Board through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2008-2011. David is also engaged in the community as a member of the Male Focus Coalition (fatherhood advocacy group), coach for the Special Olympics and as the founder and head coach of the Wichita Wicked High School Girls Lacrosse Team.

David holds bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from Wichita State University.

Nick Wood  
Systems Change Advocacy Coordinator and Lead Investigator  
Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Topeka

Nick Wood joined the Disability Rights Center (DRC) of Kansas as Systems Change Advocacy Coordinator in 2008. The Disability Rights Center is a public interest legal advocacy agency empowered by federal law to advocate for the civil and legal rights of Kansans with disabilities. He works with multiple agencies to advocate for DRC clients and to target statewide problems that affect the rights of people with disabilities.

Nick’s career began at Pawnee Mental Health in Manhattan, Kansas, working with at-risk youth with disabilities. He served as a community support and treatment provider, a behavioral supports trainer, and as the supervisor of a school-based mental health program for teenagers. He then went on to work in the Mental Health Office at the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services as a manager for children’s mental health home and community based waiver and as technical assistance coordinator. In that role, he provided technical assistance to programs that served people with disabilities, especially for people whose needs crossed more than one service system or were discharging from institutional settings.

Nick holds a Bachelor of Science in Social Science from Kansas State University.