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Northland Health Alliance names first executive director

LIBERTY, Mo. – September 27, 2023 – The Northland Health Alliance (NHA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Emily Fundermann as its first executive director. With an extensive background in philanthropy and relationship management, Fundermann is poised to lead the organization into a new era of collaboration and impact.

The Northland Health Alliance, a non-profit organization made up of health organizations that operate in Northland Kansas City, began seeking a qualified individual for the role of executive director earlier this year. While all member organizations and their staff have contributed greatly towards the work of the alliance since its founding in 2015, it was determined that focused leadership could increase NHA's capacity to bring about positive change.



"We are excited for all of the new opportunities that will come with welcoming Emily into this new role of executive director," says Gary E. Zaborac, current president of the Northland Health Alliance. "We believe that her skills and her commitment to the Northland will be extremely valuable for guiding NHA as we continue to work to 'move the needle' on the area's biggest healthcare needs."

Fundermann comes to the Northland Health Alliance with 11 years of experience working in the non-profit space. Previous companies include Make-A-Wish, The University of Kansas Health System, and most recently, the National 4-H Council. Using a holistic approach, Fundermann has initiated and sustained local and national corporate partnerships while implementing new revenue streams. Fundermann also sits on the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation Board and is a resident of the Northland, which greatly impacts her personal commitment to improving health in the area.

"I am deeply honored to join the Northland Health Alliance, where I anticipate building upon the remarkable foundation laid by our dedicated board and esteemed partners," says Fundermann. "I am thankful for the privilege of serving our valued partners and the residents of the Northland region. I look forward to working within the community to improve lives by identifying evidence-based critical health issues and providing access to systems that address them."

About the Northland Health Alliance (NHA)

Focusing on the counties of Clay and Platte in the northern region of the Kansas City metropolitan area, the Northland Health Alliance brings health organizations together to strategically address the area's top health needs. By collecting data and community feedback to regularly update its priorities, the alliance aims to improve health outcomes for all residents of the Northland.

Current NHA member organizations:

- *Children's Mercy Hospital*
- *Clay County Public Health Center*
- *Excelsior Springs Hospital*
- *Kansas City, MO Health Department*
- *Liberty Hospital*
- *North Kansas City Hospital/Meritas Health*
- *Northland Health Care Access*
- *Platte County Health Department*
- *Saint Luke's Hospital*
- *Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center*
- *Signature Psychiatric Hospital*
- *Synergy Services*
- *Tri-County Mental Health Services*