



## News Release

### Carney joins Center for Practical Bioethics

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For John Carney, the passion began to fire in the early 1980s as a hospice volunteer in Wichita. “We can do better than this,” he thought. With that thought and desire, Carney began developing a sense of his own mission around end of life issues. Over the next two decades, Carney took that sense of mission throughout the state of Kansas and to Washington DC.

“My passion for giving voice to one of the most vulnerable, often unheard and ignored populations in healthcare,” Carney says, “took root in the Midwest.” That passion will now, once again, be put to work at the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City as Vice President of Aging & End of Life.

“John is very well known across the country within the end of life community,” says Myra Christopher, President and CEO of the Center. “His track record is tremendous.”

Carney comes to Kansas City after three years as managing director for the Academy for Healthcare Management in Washington, DC. Previously, he was chief operating officer for the National Hospice & Palliative Care Association in Alexandria, Virginia and the president of the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita for more than 15 years.

Christopher says Carney’s experience in advocacy, regulatory and legislative initiatives positions the Center to advance even further its work in coalition building, policy reform, professional education and citizen engagement.

Carney says the Center’s national reputation, especially in the end of life arena, made his decision to return to the area “a natural” for him.

“For two decades this Center has worked to help families and professionals face the conflicts inherent in end of life of life decision making,” Carney says. “Most of us don’t have any idea how important those decisions are or how ill equipped we are to handle them until they’re staring us and our loved ones in the face.” Carney says the Center is about building resources to prepare for and make better decisions. His goal is simply to “do what I can to add to the tool box.”

The Center for Practical Bioethics raises and responds to ethical issues in health and healthcare. The Center puts theory into action by helping people and organizations find real-world solutions to complex ethical issues in health and healthcare.

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