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Advisory Council and Physician Steering Committee Named for Medical Outreach Project

Wynn Presson to chair advisory council

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Members for an advisory council and physician steering committee have been named for the Center's Medical Outreach Project. The project aims to develop a fully-functioning and metro-wide specialty care referral network. Services would be provided to patients who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, are not offered employer insurance benefits, and cannot afford to purchase medical insurance.

"This project is on track toward the collaborative goal of improving specialty care access for our low income uninsured neighbors across the metro area," says Terry Rosell, Center program associate. "Both the newly formed Advisory Council and Physicians Steering Committee represent the diverse stakeholders that are involved with this significant healthcare issue. We are grateful to each of these highly competent individuals and the entities they represent."

More than two dozen individuals have agreed to serve so far on the advisory council and physician steering committee, while recruiting continues. The advisory council, chaired by Wynn Presson, will guide the project from its present status as a Phase I strategic planning initiative to a Phase II stage of metro-wide implementation. The physician steering committee, chaired by Gary Pettett, MD, will be charged to review successful regional and national models for providing specialty care, and to make recommendations regarding what will be needed to best achieve project goals.

A third group, a task force of local attorneys and others, is studying potential legal obstacles to providing charitable care by Missouri-based physicians.

The program has received funding from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the Sunflower Foundation.

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Advisory Council

Wynn Presson, Chair
Jerry Briscoe, American Indian Council
Tom Cranshaw, Tri-County Mental Health
Barry Daneman, UMKC School of Dentistry
Cathy Davis, UAW Ford Community Health Care Initiative
Stan Edlavitch, PhD, MA, University of Missouri/Kansas City
Connie Farakhan, UAW Ford Community Healthcare Initiative
Bob Frazier, St. Joseph Medical Center
Hilda Fuentes, CEO, Samuel U. Rodgers Community Health Center
John Hennessey, Kansas City Cancer Centers
Steve Jeffers, PhD, Institute for Spirituality in Health, Shawnee Mission Medical Center
Dean Katerndahl, Mid America Regional Council
Liz Levin, Saint Luke's Hospital Community Service Clinics
William Maurer, JD, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
Cindy Moore, Mercy and Truth Medical Mission Avenue of Life Clinics
Chuck Romero, Center Board; University of Kansas School of Medicine
Sr. Mary Lou Stubbs, Seton Wellness Center
Frank Thompson, Kansas City Health Department
Janice Turner, RN, Greater Kansas City Black Nurses Association
Linda Vogel, US Department of Health & Human Services
Sheri Wood, Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Physician Steering Committee

Craig Dietz, DO
Jasper Fullard, MD
Max Jackson, MD
Willie Lawrence, MD
Sharon Lee, MD
George Parkins, MD
Gary Pettett, MD

Indemnification Task Force

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Sheri Wood, Kansas City Health Clinic
Gary Pettett, MD
Lorell LaBoube, Center staff
Beth Walsh, William Jewell intern