

## *2018 Human Service Summit* *. . . Investing in Healthy Communities*

### **AGENDA** **June 13, 2018**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

*Julie Brewer, Executive Director, United Community Services of Johnson County*

#### **Health Equity & Communities: The Evidence**

**Keynote Speaker:** *Dr. Marci Nielsen, President and CEO of PolicyPRN Consulting*

#### **Creating a Johnson County Health Equity Network**

**Presenters:** *Julie Brewer, UCS Executive Director*  
*Kathryn Evans Madden, UCS Director of Education & Planning*

#### **How Health Equity Impacts Our Community**

**Moderator:** *Steve Kraske, KCUR and Kansas City Star*

**Panelists:** *Senator Barbara Bollier, Kansas Senate District 7*  
*Rebecca Buford, Executive Director of Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.*  
*Tim DeWeese, Director of the Johnson County Mental Health Center*  
*Celeste Gruhin, UPS Human Resource Specialist*  
*Dr. Ken Southwick, Interim Superintendent of Shawnee Mission School District*

### **BREAK**

#### **Investing in Our Most Vital Resource – A Community Conversation**

**Facilitators:** *Johnson County Health Equity Network Leadership Team & Community Members*

#### **Closing & Call to Action**

*Julie Brewer, Executive Director, United Community Services of Johnson County*

**Doors Open 8:00 a.m.**  
**Event Scheduled 8:30 a.m. - Noon**

## *Keynote Speaker*



**Dr. Marci Nielsen, President and CEO of PolicyPRN Consulting.** Dr. Nielsen is a seasoned, energetic health policy expert with a passion for shaping health policies and practices that strengthen health care delivery; improve population health and wellness in communities; and drive innovation in the delivery and payment of equitable health care. With nearly three decades of state, federal, non-profit association, and academic experience, she is a frequent lecturer/guest speaker on policies and practices that impact health and health care delivery. Dr. Nielsen has served in numerous leadership positions including former Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs at University of Kansas Medical Center, CEO and President of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative, and Senior Vice President for Community Engagement at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

## *How Health Equity Impacts our Community Panelists and Moderator*



**Senator Barbara Bollier, Kansas Senate District 7.** Kansas Senator Barbara Bollier graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1980 and completed her anesthesia residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She is a past-president of the Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists and was a delegate for the American Society of Anesthesiology. Her husband, Rene Bollier, is a family practice physician here in Kansas City and they have two grown children. Barbara retired from her practice in 2000 and became an active volunteer at the Center for Practical Bioethics. Her involvement with the Center included a faculty position at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in their master's program. She was elected to the House of Representatives in Kansas from 2010 through 2016, and now represents Senate District 7. Her current committee assignments include Commerce, Education, and Public Health and Welfare where she serves as vice-chair. She is also a member of the KanCare (Medicaid) Oversight Committee, the School Funding Special Committee, and the Child Welfare Special Committee. Senator Bollier is a member of the Johnson County Health Equity Network Leadership Team.



**Rebecca Buford, Executive Director of Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. (TTH)** Rebecca has been the Executive Director of TTH since 2005 and has overseen TTH's building of 96 new homes in ten developments, the completion of 71 acquisition/rehabilitation projects, and 70 rentals, eventually putting 151 units in the permanent affordable housing trust. The Lawrence Community Housing Trust (LCHT) has stewarded 33 resales and is currently working on a small house initiative that would allow purchases for \$500/month and rentals for those transitioning out of homelessness who need wrap around services. Along with affordable family rentals, LCHT's portfolio includes 20 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units for people with disabilities, 14 senior units with smart technology, and 5 transitional units. LCHT has also been a non-profit partner in another 132 units of LIHTC senior developments. Rebecca manages the \$8.3 million in assets that TTH has worked to build during its 25-year history. This includes annual audits, property management, and applications for funding and housing development. TTH also provides the LCHT Program's homebuyer education classes, stewards the ever-growing housing stock by advocating for owners regarding taxes, maintenance and financing, and working with community partners to develop future sustainable housing opportunities in Lawrence.



**Tim DeWeese, Director of Johnson County Mental Health Center.** The Mental Health Center is a department of Johnson County (KS) Government and employs more than 330 staff who provide behavioral health services to more than 10,000 county residents annually. Tim possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Missouri Southern State University and a Master of Social Work Administration degree from the University of Kansas. He is a Licensed Mental Health Professional in Kansas and has over 25 years of experience in community mental health, where he has worked in various capacities. He possesses extensive knowledge and experience in the public mental health delivery system, client-centered leadership, and program design/development. Tim is a member of the Johnson County Health Equity Network Leadership Team.



**Celeste Gruhin, Human Resource Specialist for UPS.** Celeste has been with UPS for more than 18 years and has recruited and interviewed more than 21,000 people in that time, supporting staffing needs of over 100 positions per week in the Lenexa, Kansas City, Edgerton and Lawrence, Kansas facilities. Celeste has held board positions with the Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers and is currently on the board of The Workforce Partnership for Leavenworth, Johnson and Wyandotte counties. She has held advisory positions at National American University, Pinnacle Career Institute and Johnson County Community College. Celeste has a heart for second chance opportunities and recently sat on a panel for the Greater Kansas City Employer Forum at Dr. Thomas Burke Technical Education Center, discussing access to a skilled labor pool utilizing Fair Chance Hiring Practices. She was a member of the National Women's Leadership Association and the UPS Women's Leadership Development Committee. Her philanthropic spirit includes nearly 10 years of volunteering with SAFEHOME, delivering Meals on Wheels, and as a member of PEO, a philanthropic women's organization. She attended the University of Kansas and has been awarded HR certifications for Affirmative Action Recruiting, Veteran & Disability Hiring, and Leveraging Social Media.



**Dr. Ken Southwick, Interim Superintendent Shawnee Mission School District.** Before beginning his position as Deputy Superintendent for the Shawnee Mission School District, Dr. Kenny Southwick spent a total of 34 years serving students in three Missouri school districts. Maryville became home for Dr. Southwick after graduating from William Jewell College in 1976. He moved back to his home town of Excelsior Springs to teach and coach in the summer of 1979 and in 1985 he moved to the Central Office to become the Director of Special Education. After a total of nine years in Excelsior Springs, an opportunity arose to go to Belton. He spent 22 years in the central office of Belton School District serving as Director of Special Education, Director of Secondary Curriculum, and 12 years as Superintendent. Dr. Southwick retired from the Belton School District in 2010. In May 2014, Dr. Southwick returned to public education taking on the role of Deputy Superintendent for the Shawnee Mission School District, which serves students living in 14 cities in northeast Johnson County, KS. He assumed the responsibilities of Interim Superintendent for the Shawnee Mission School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Southwick is a member of the Johnson County Health Equity Network Leadership Team.



**Steve Kraske, KCUR and Kansas City Star.** Steve is a member of The Kansas City Star's Editorial Board, host of KCUR's "Up to Date," and a professor of journalism at UMKC. Steve has been with The Star since 1986 and has covered 11 national political conventions, including 2016's back-to-back gatherings in Cleveland and Philadelphia. He was a 2016 fellow at the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas and was a John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University and has won numerous awards for his print and broadcast work.

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