



Alliance Senior Policy Advisor Sheldon Weisgrau Joins Missouri Foundation for Health as Vice President for Health Policy

TOPEKA, KS, MARCH 4, 2020—The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas today announced that Senior Policy Advisor Sheldon Weisgrau is departing the organization to take a new role as vice president for health policy at the Missouri Foundation for Health in St. Louis.

“Sheldon has helped to shape the understanding of health policy in Kansas for more than a decade,” said April Holman, executive director of the Alliance. “His work to educate members of the public, stakeholders and policymakers on emerging health policy opportunities and threats both elevated the conversation around health policy and facilitated the best-informed decisions possible. Although the beginning of Sheldon’s tenure pre-dates the Alliance, he has been a tremendous asset in recent years, providing in-depth and far-reaching policy analysis on complex health issues facing our state. We will certainly miss Sheldon here in Topeka but wish him all the best on the next stop on his career journey.”

Weisgrau has had a long career in health policy in the public, private and non-profit sectors, working to ensure the delivery of health care services in rural and underserved communities and to enhance the knowledge and engagement of health care consumers, providers and policymakers. He has worked with the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas since its inception.

Prior to the Alliance, Weisgrau served as director of the Health Reform Resource Project, an innovative initiative funded by the Kansas Grantmakers in Health. His responsibilities included helping Kansas nonprofits connect to opportunities under the federal health care reform legislation and providing leadership in public education and consumer engagement. “During his time in this position, the project was able to leverage more than \$26 million in federal funds on behalf of Kansas nonprofits,” said Billie Hall, president and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation.

“My work with the Alliance has been fulfilling and interesting and I leave with great hope for the future,” said Weisgrau. “I am very proud of everything the Alliance and our Coalition partners have accomplished. Even though I am taking on a new role in a new state, I will continue to root for my Kansas colleagues in their ongoing efforts to enhance access to affordable health care by expanding KanCare. The campaign is in good hands.”

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is a statewide coalition working to promote policies that ensure everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Our membership is wide-ranging and includes business leaders, doctors and hospitals, social service and safety-net organizations, faith communities, chambers of commerce, advocates for health care consumers, and many more.

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