

Advancing Community Paramedicine in Kansas: Policy Option & Considerations

AGENDA

January 30, 2024

- 1:30 p.m.** **Welcome**
Linda J. Sheppard, J.D., Senior Analyst & Strategy Team Leader, Kansas Health Institute
- 1:35 p.m.** **Expanding the Health Care Team in Kansas**
David Jordan, President & CEO, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
- 1:45 p.m.** **Setting the Stage: Community Paramedicine Programs**
Wyatt Beckman, M.P.H., C.H.E.S., Senior Analyst, Kansas Health Institute
- 2:00 p.m.** **Transition to Panel Discussion**
- 2:05 p.m.** **Panel Discussion: Policy Options & Considerations for Community Paramedicine Programs**
Moderator: *Wyatt Beckman, M.P.H., C.H.E.S., Senior Analyst, Kansas Health Institute*
Justin Duncan, CEO, Washington County Ambulance District
President, Missouri EMS Association (MEMSA)
Mark Heath, Assistant Chief, Kansas City Kansas Fire Department
Deb Kaufman, Director, Sheridan County EMS
Chair, Education, Examination, Training and Certification (EETC), Kansas Board of EMS
Scott Willits, Director of MIH Strategy, Medically Home
Board Member, National Association of MIH Providers
- 3:25 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
Linda J. Sheppard, J.D., Senior Analyst & Strategy Team Leader, Kansas Health Institute
- 3:30 p.m.** **Adjourn**



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

EXPANDING THE HEALTH CARE TEAM IN KANSAS



David Jordan is the President of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, joining the fund in February 2018. Before joining the fund, Jordan served as the executive director of the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, a coalition of more than 100 organizations working to improve health and access to health care in Kansas. He oversaw the alliance's operations and the effort to expand KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program. Jordan joined the alliance after spending nearly seven years at Community Catalyst, a leading national consumer health advocacy organization, as the Dental Access Project Director. Jordan holds a master's in public administration from the University of Kansas and bachelor's of science in speech communication from Emerson College.

PANEL DISCUSSION: *POLICY OPTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAMS*

Listed in alphabetical order by last name



Justin Duncan is the Chief Executive Officer for Washington County Ambulance District, a regional mobile health care system in rural Missouri. In addition, Chief Duncan is the President of the Missouri EMS Association (MEMSA), the Chair for the Missouri State Advisory Council - EMS, Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Sub-Committee, founding member of the Washington County MIH Network and a founding member of the Missouri Highlands MIH Network. Chief Duncan has endeavored to maintain both breadth and depth in all his health care pursuits. He is a life-long advocate for EMS professionals, an ardent supporter of education and is constantly looking for new ways to bring innovative therapies into the out-of-hospital setting. He is particularly passionate and a fierce advocate for mobile integrated health care systems and driving change to ensure EMS clinicians are recognized as health care providers.



Mark Heath currently serves as Assistant Chief in the EMS division for the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department (KCKFD). He began his firefighting career in 1990 outside of Topeka and has been with KCKFD since 1997. He is a Paramedic and has worked in many roles within the organization, including hazardous materials response as an EMS supervisor, and in the Investigations Division. Chief Heath also helps lead WYCO Care Connection, a community paramedicine program made possible through a partnership between Vibrant Health and the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department.



Deb Kaufman first joined Sheridan County EMS in 1986, and has served as Director since 1998. She is honored to serve on the Kansas Board of EMS, currently chairing the Education, Examination, Training and Certification (EETC) Committee. Since 1998, she has been an instructor and Training Center Coordinator for the American Heart Association. She has also served the broader northwest Kansas region through positions and collaborations with the Region I EMS Council, Northwest Kansas Homeland Security, Northwest Kansas Trauma Council, and the Northwest Kansas Healthcare Coalition. From living in a frontier county, she has experienced the critical need for community resources and involvement. She has consistently demonstrated a commitment to advancing education, excellence, community responsibility and servant leadership.



Scott Willits is a seasoned advocate, leader and investor in health care transformation. He focuses on advancing patient-centric models through Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) and Community Paramedicine (CP). With multidisciplinary teams, Willits specializes in navigating complex regulatory compliance in high-acuity care and home care medicine. With experience in U.S. and international health care systems and various reimbursement models, he's dedicated to delivering tomorrow's health care solutions today.