

Speaker Bios



Dan Cranshaw, JD

Executive Director, KC Health Collaborative

Dan brings together diverse stakeholders to drive healthcare innovation, improve population health and promote health equity in the Kansas City region. By fostering collective impact, the KC Health Collaborative aims to transform healthcare delivery and create a healthier future for every BODY. Whether partnering with businesses, local governments, or key stakeholders in the nonprofit sector, Dan's leadership unites individuals and creates coalitions to bring ideas to life.

The son of a nurse, Dan grew up witnessing firsthand the significance of compassion and equitable patient care. Today, he continues that tradition by advocating for equal access to healthcare for Black and brown families, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to receive the whole person care they need and deserve.

Prior to his current role, Dan spent a decade as an educator, followed by two decades as a legal professional, where he distinguished himself as a litigator, leader, and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. His dedication and commitment to the progress and implementation of diversity and inclusion earned him several awards, including Missouri Lawyers Media's Diversity and Inclusion Award and the Greater Kansas City Chamber's Bernard Powell Award for demonstrating outstanding leadership, a deep commitment to service, and a passion for improving the Greater Kansas City area.

Additionally, Dan serves as a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness (CREF). The Commission's goal is to examine and review current practices, and to recommend measures to ensure fairness, impartiality, equal access, and full participation for racial and ethnic minorities in the judicial process and in the practice of law.

Throughout his career, Dan has provided board leadership for a number of nonprofit organizations including SchoolSmartKC, the Urban Neighborhood Initiative, the American Jazz Museum, United WE, Cornerstones of Care, the Kansas & Western Missouri Salvation Army, Kansas City CARE Clinic, Don Bosco Community Centers, Schumaker Family Foundation, Swope Health Services, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and Deerfield Academy Alumni Association.

Dan received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Princeton University and earned his J.D. from the University of Kansas.



Erika Saleski

Managing Member, ES Advisors, LLC

ES Advisors, LLC, provides consulting services to state and local governments and community-based, non-profit and for-profit organizations that are focused on making investments in healthcare and improving health outcomes of marginalized communities.

Erika is an accomplished public policy professional with more than 15 years of experience in federal, state and local healthcare policy, delivery and administration. Erika offers expertise and a proven track record in project management, Medicaid managed care contracting and care coordination, public policy analysis, and federal policy negotiation.

Erika received her Bachelor of Psychology from American University in Washington, DC and a Master of Public Policy from The University of Chicago in Chicago, IL.

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Jackie Catron

Section Director for Community Health Worker Section, Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Jackie is a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation. Prior to joining KDHE, Jackie worked in the long-term care industry as a Physical Therapy Assistant, Director of Rehab, and as a Nursing Home Administrator. While working in long-term care, she gained firsthand insight into the profound impact of various life factors on a patient's health. She implemented an integrated care approach within her team that prioritized whole-person care and included every department within the facility—conducting thorough analyses, understanding patient preferences, and addressing their health and wellness needs. Jackie has continued this strategy, as integrating Community Health Workers with the holistic care approach enhances the ability to address the complex needs of patients by leveraging community resources and support systems effectively.

Jackie received her Master's in Public Health from Des Moines University and Bachelor's in Health Care Administration from Washburn University.



Justin Duncan MSc, BS, NRP, EMT-CP, CCEMT-P, CP-C, FP-C

Chief Executive Officer, Washington County (Missouri) Ambulance District
Founding Partner, Washington County (Missouri) Mobile Integrated Healthcare Network

Duncan has endeavored to maintain both breadth and depth in all his healthcare pursuits. He is an 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 about, and a fierce advocate for, mobile integrated healthcare systems and driving change to ensure EMS clinicians are recognized as healthcare providers.

Duncan is proudly considered a “disruptor” in the EMS and healthcare worlds. He constantly pushes to advance EMS systems and strives to be a catalyst for change in the healthcare world. Above all else, Duncan is a dedicated servant leader and strives to support those who take care of the ill and injured.

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