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Con Alma Health Foundation names new Board and Community Advisory Committee

Con Alma Health Foundation (CAHF) announces the election new Board Officers, and four new members of the Foundation's statewide Board of Trustees. The Foundation also welcomes two new members of our Community Advisory Committee which acts as foundation ambassadors to communities across the state.

"The Board of Trustees, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and staff are happy to welcome new board members and CAC members from around the state. By engaging new community leaders, we can extend the Foundation's reach and promote collaboration that supports better health outcomes for all New Mexicans," said Dolores E. Roybal, CAHF Executive Director.

New Officers for Board of Trustees

With several CAHF board members finishing their final terms, new leadership was elected unanimously to the Board's leadership positions. They are President – Robert Archuleta, Las Vegas; Vice President - Erin Bouquin, M.D., Los Alamos; Secretary – Louis Luna, Deming; and Treasurer - Steve Gaber, Santa Fe.

New Members of the Board of Trustees

Jane Batson, Roswell – Ms. Batson has been a director of nursing, and District Director, Public Health Division of the NM Department of Health. She is currently Dean, Division of Health at Eastern NM University (ENMU) in Roswell. She holds a Diploma in Nursing from Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing, and an MA in Counseling and Guidance, from ENMU, Portales, NM. She has served as Chair of the Chaves County Maternal Child Health Council, and the Community Foundation of Chaves County.

Sara Garcia, Raton – Ms. Garcia has worked in the mental health field for over 11 years and is the Behavior Management Program Director at TeamBuilders Counseling Services. As Program Director she manages over 300 staff serving 20 communities. Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sports Medicine from Dakota Wesleyan University. She is an active participant in the Union County Health Council meetings, and with the Behavioral Health Planning Council.

Laurel Iron Cloud, Albuquerque – Ms. Iron Cloud, an Attorney by profession, currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Indian Law and Order Commission. Former positions include Criminal Law Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Justice Support. Laurel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Georgetown University, and a Doctorate from the University of Colorado School of Law. She has been a participant in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Leadership Development Program.

David Reede, Farmington – Mr. Reede serves as the Executive Director of the Healthy Native Communities Partnership based in Shiprock, NM. Previously, he has served as Vice Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. David holds a Bachelor's of Education degree from Arizona Northern University. He has served on the Boards of the Behavioral Health Advisory of HIS, and is currently a member of First Things First Regional Council and the Mental Health America National Behavioral/Mental Health Board, among others.

Outgoing Board Members

Con Alma Health Foundation wishes to thank the following outgoing members for their service and dedication to the organization during their tenure as Trustees: Pamelya Herndon (former President), Albuquerque; Eliu Romero (former Treasurer), Taos; Juan Oropesa, Roswell; Sara Stevens, Las Vegas; and Seferino Montano, Portales.

Community Advisory Committee

The Foundation also welcomes two new members of our Community Advisory Committee, which provides advice and recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the performance of the Foundation in achieving its charitable purpose and mission and to identify and assess the health needs of all New Mexicans.

Sara Araujo, Placitas – Ms. Araujo currently works as a self-employed Public Health Consultant. Prior experience includes the development of the New Mexico County Health Rankings Index for the Institute for Public Health, University of New Mexico. Sara holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of New Mexico and a Bachelors of Arts in Community Health from Brown University. She is a member of the New Mexico Public Health Association.

Arielle Bernier Oetzel – Ms. Oetzel is employed at ARCA as the HealthMatters CAP Community Associate working with a National Institute of Health funded collaboration to reduce health disparities of people with developmental disabilities. Previously she was responsible for market research and public relations for the organization. Arielle holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Politics from the University of New Mexico. Memberships include the New Mexico (and American) Public Health Associations.

Con Alma Health Foundation - *The mission of Con Alma Health Foundation (CAHF) is to be aware of and respond to the health rights and needs of the culturally and demographically diverse people and communities of New Mexico. CAHF seeks to improve the health status and access to healthcare services for all and advocates for a health policy that addresses the health needs of all New Mexicans. Since inception in late 2001, Con Alma Health Foundation has granted more than \$10 million to over 400 grantees to improve health in New Mexico. For more information, visit www.conalma.org.*

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