

Media Advisory

Business, Government, Community and Health Care Leaders Examine Expanding KanCare in Third Forum

- WHEN:** Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (lunch served at 11:00 a.m.)
- WHERE:** Maner Conference Center – Sunflower Ballroom – Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center – 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. – Topeka, KS 66612
- WHO:** Reporters will have an opportunity to do one on one interviews with speaker, panelists, and individuals who would benefit from expansion.
- LIVE LINK:** A live web stream link for the March 2 forum will be available if you cannot join in person, contact csamuels@kha-net.org.

BACKGROUND:

What does the data tell us about what is happening around the nation in states that have expanded Medicaid? What are the outcomes other states are seeing? What impact could expanding KanCare have on local Kansas communities? These discussions will be the focus of the forum on March 2.

Len Nichols, Director, Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, Professor of Health Policy, George Mason University since 2010, will share new data about what is happening in expansion states throughout the country. Previously, Nichols was Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget. After OMB, Nichols was a Principle Research Associate at the Urban Institute, Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, and Director of the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation.

Community leaders from across Kansas will add their reactions and perspectives to the discussion. They will focus on the local economic and community impact and the impact on access to health care services, including the impact on Kansans who fall into the gap. Panelist include:

- Terry Deschaine, Hospital Trustee, Sumner Regional Medical Center, Wellington
- Julie Elder, DO, Chief Medical Director, Grace Med, Wichita
- Rob Freelove, MD, CEO and Medical Director, Salina Family Health Care, Salina
- Ron Loomis, McPherson County Commissioner, McPherson
- Facilitated by Tom Bell, President and CEO, Kansas Hospital Association, Topeka

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