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Internationally recognized scientist and expert in community health with over 30 years executive experience in healthcare, higher education, government, and philanthropy seeks a senior leadership role in the Biden Administration. Extraordinary policy development, analysis and implementation experience at the local, state, territory, tribal, federal, and international levels. High financial acumen, talent development, management, and data analytic skills drive high performing programs and organizations in complex government and academic environments. In depth working knowledge of a wide range of complex social and health policy issues affecting, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Higher Education, Environmental Sustainability, U.S. Territories, Native American and Latino communities.

Government and Community Service

COVID-19 Prevention Network, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases: Expert panelist reviewing COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials, vaccine rollout, and vaccination uptake.

American Hospital Association, Foster G McGaw Prize Committee, Chairman championing improved community health through addressing the social and economic factors in communities that reduce health, resilience, and equity

New Mexico Community Foundation, Santa Fe and Albuquerque, NM leading economic, social, and health improvements in a largely rural state with many Native tribal communities, a Latino community mixed with newcomers and descendants of the earliest settlers in the U.S.

Investment Committee 2017-present

Executive Committee 2015- 2020

Chairman of the Board 2015-2018

Governance Committee Chair 2012-2014

Program and Grants Committee 2012-2016

Bernalillo County Health Council, Albuquerque, NM 2008-present

Farmworker Justice, Policy Advisory Council, Washington, DC 2001-19 offering advice on protecting the health and well-being of the most vulnerable among us

Albuquerque Coalition for Healthcare Quality, RWJF Aligning Forces for Quality, Albuquerque, NM 2009-2014, Co-chair organizing health systems, providers, and hospitals to improve the quality of health care provided

The Public Health Institute, Berkeley, CA Board 2002-2010, Chair, 2006-2008, Vice Chair, 2004-2006 leading opportunities for individuals, families, and communities to reach their full potential through innovative programs, leadership development, and community engagement.