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Jodi Schmidt, MBA

Executive Director, University
of Kansas Health System Care
Collaborative

Jodi Schmidt, MBA in Health Administration, serves as Executive Director of the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative, a rural clinically integrated network launched more than a decade ago through a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Healthcare Innovation Award.

With more than three decades of experience in rural hospital and clinic administration, she is a Past President of the National Rural Health Association and representative to the American Hospital Association's Small and Rural Hospital Governing Council; past Chair of the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation and member of the Kansas Hospital Association's Rural Emergency Hospital task force; and Sunflower Health Plan's rural and community advisory boards. Care Collaborative Leadership is now partnering with the State of Kansas in development and implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Plan.



Martie Ross

Operations Director, University
of Kansas Health System Care
Collaborative

Martie is the Operations Director at the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative. In this role, Martie oversees vendors and sub-recipients responsible for implementing programs under the State's Rural Health Transformation Plan. Before assuming this new role in February, Martie was a Consulting Principal at PYA, where she supported the Care Collaborative's operations. She brings this experience, along with a 20-year career as a healthcare transactional and regulatory attorney, to help the State transform rural health.



Robert Moser, MD

Medical Director, University of
Kansas Health System's Care
Collaborative

Dr. Moser is the medical director for the University of Kansas Health System's Care Collaborative. He is also a clinical associate professor in the Department of Population Health and Family Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Kansas City. He serves on the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors. Dr. Moser practiced family medicine and served as medical chief of staff at Greeley County Health Services in Tribune, Kansas. He previously served four years as Secretary and State Health Officer for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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**William D. Paiva, PhD,
MBA**

Executive Director, Center for
Health Systems Innovation

William D. Paiva, Ph.D., MBA, is a healthcare innovator, academic leader, and venture capitalist who has spent more than 25 years translating promising healthcare technologies into companies and real-world clinical impact.

He serves as Executive Director of the Center for Health Systems Innovation at Oklahoma State University, where he leads interdisciplinary initiatives focused on transforming rural and Native American health through care-delivery redesign, predictive analytics, and technology deployment.

Dr. Paiva currently leads CHSI's role as the technology innovation and deployment clearinghouse for the Oklahoma Rural Health Innovation, Research and Deployment Network. The statewide initiative evaluates, funds, implements, and measures innovative healthcare solutions in rural clinical settings, identifying those capable of producing measurable impact and scaling statewide.

He is also Founder and Managing General Partner of OLSF Ventures, an early-stage healthcare venture capital firm that has seeded and built more than 25 companies.

Dr. Paiva holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business.



Dr. Lisa Fort

VP, Virtual Care
Transformation, Ochsner
Health

Dr. Lisa Fort is a practicing emergency physician. She attended the LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans and subsequently completed an Emergency Medicine residency at Columbia St. Luke's Roosevelt in New York, New York. She is also board-certified in Clinical Informatics and holds a Master's in Public Health in Health System Management from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine as well as numerous informatics certificates including physician builder. Currently, she is the Associate Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Ochsner Health and the System Director of Quality for Emergency Medicine, and recently assumed the role of System Medical Director of Virtual Care. Her professional interests include the application of predictive modeling, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and clinical decision support to drive better outcomes for patients while promoting ease of use for practitioners. She is married to Daniel, a data scientist at Ochsner. They have two lovely daughters Sophia and Sabrina.

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Hannah Erickson

Senior Director of Innovation &
Business Development, Impact
Health

Hannah Erickson is Senior Director of Innovation & Business Development at Impact Health, where she designs and scales strategies connecting healthcare, community systems, and technology to improve whole-person health. She has more than 15 years of experience leading complex social-sector initiatives in the U.S. and East Africa. Her earlier work included leading multi-regional health and education initiatives in Tanzania that informed critical changes to national public health education requirements, developing rural health and WASH models in Malawi, and leading an education initiative in New York City that was subsequently replicated across the city.

Hannah was one of Impact Health's early hires for North Carolina's Healthy Opportunities Pilot, where she helped develop the operational infrastructure needed to support a network of more than 60 community organizations participating in the state's groundbreaking Medicaid initiative. Her work grew from building human-centered compliance systems into leadership across operations, data infrastructure, quality, finance, technology, and network performance. As those operational needs became clear, Impact Health contracted the development of Vircho, a purpose-built software designed to manage the complexity of large-scale HRSN programs. Hannah served as a lead operational subject-matter expert, supporting the team that translated real-world implementation needs into software capabilities. Vircho was recently acquired by Unite Us.

Today, Hannah leads Impact Health's innovation and national dissemination work, applying lessons from large-scale implementation to rural health transformation, Food is Medicine, community information exchange, technology, training and technical assistance, and the National Coalition for Whole-Person Health. She holds an M.A. from Columbia University and a B.A. from Wichita State University.

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**Amit M. Mathur MBBS,
MD, MRCP – UK**

Director, Neonatology | SSM
Health Cardinal Glennon
Children's Hospital
Division Director, Neonatal-
Perinatal Medicine |
Saint Louis University School
of Medicine

Amit M. Mathur MBBS, MD, MRCP (UK) Bio: Dr. Mathur is a board certified Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine specialist with extensive experience in clinical and translational research. He graduated from medical school from Delhi University and following a post graduate training in pediatrics in India was awarded a membership of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, UK. He subsequently completed his residency in Pediatrics and fellowship in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital where he was a Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the neonatal intensive care unit for 12 years. He is currently the Director of the Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and the Medical Director of the NICU at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. He holds the William J Keenan Chair in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Dr. Mathur's clinical and research interests are focused on improving neuro-developmental outcomes in premature and full-term neonates. He has led several clinical trials in neonatal neuroprotection. His research is funded by the NIH, and the Thrasher and Gerber foundations. He has over 125 peer reviewed publications and book chapters.

Neonatal-Perinatal services at SSM Health: Neonatology services are centered at the AAP-designated Level IV 65-bed NICU at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital - St. Louis also has an additional 42-bed Level III NICU, which remains the high-risk delivery center. Neonatology services are also provided at SSM Health DePaul Hospital, SSM Health St. Joseph's Hospital - Lake St. Louis, and SSM Health St. Clare Hospital - Fenton. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital serves as a tertiary referral center for several community hospitals in MO and IL including Hannibal Regional, Phelps County, Rolla, St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau along with several SSM Health and affiliated HSHS hospitals in IL. Support for staff and pediatricians in the community is provided through nursing educators and faculty who provide a Tele-NICU services and are available 24/7 for consults and to accept transfers. The NICU at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital's is comprised of 19 SLUCare academic neonatologists. SSM Health prides themselves in the quality of care they provide to babies and families, and are excited to move into the new Center for Maternal and Neonatal Specialty Care located in the new SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opening in 2027.

Keynote Speaker



Mark Alford
CMS & Congressman

Mark Alford is a husband, father, former small business owner and former TV news anchor, and proudly represents Missouri's 4th District in Congress. Alford spent 25 years anchoring Kansas City's #1 morning news show prior to his time in Congress.

His time covering Missouri's top news stories connected him to thousands of Missourian families of all walks of life, providing insight into the issues most important to Missouri families, and the struggles most common to them. It also offered the opportunity to hone his God-given talents as a professional communicator, enhancing his voice to inform, influence, and inspire millions of people across Missouri.

Alford's experience behind the news desk gave him a front row view to the constant attacks against our nation's founding principles from an increasingly liberal, progressive ideology that threatens to undermine our country's values of faith, family, hard work, and individual liberty.

Alford's serves as a megaphone to each and every Missourian in the 4th district, magnifying their voices and their values in Washington, D.C.

Over the years, Alford's voice helped raise millions of dollars for charities both locally and nationally, and served dozens of boards, foundations, churches, civic organizations, families, and strangers. Alford and his wife Leslie have been married 33 years and share three grown children.

After being sworn into the 118th Congress as a freshman member, Alford was selected to the House Armed Services Committee, House Agriculture committee, and House Small Business committee.

For the 119th Congress, Congressman Alford was selected to sit on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he serves as Missouri's voice on critical issues like agriculture, national defense, and small business development. Alford also continues his service on the Small Business Committee this Congress, where he chairs its Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.