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REACH FOUNDATION ELECTS FIVE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MERRIAM, KANSAS – The REACH Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors elected five members to the Foundation Board at its March 28 meeting. Four members were incumbents elected to a second, three-year term; one is a new member to the REACH Foundation Board. The following individuals will begin their terms on June 1:

Elected for a First Term

Syrtiller Kabat, Ph.D., is a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist practicing in Lee's Summit, Mo. Kabat has supervised practicum master and Ph.D.-level psychology counseling interns for the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Park University and Avila University. She has served on, and chaired, numerous boards, including the Lee's Summit Medical Center, the Eastland Community Foundation and Lee's Summit Social Service Agency.

Elected for Second Terms

Harold Johnson, Jr., is Senior Pastor and CEO of Faith Deliverance Family Worship Center in Kansas City, Kansas, a ministry started by his grandfather. Johnson previously was Vice President of the Business Banking Group at Commerce Bank. He serves on several community boards, including Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, Communities Creating Opportunity, and the Kansas East jurisdiction for the Church of God in Christ. Johnson currently serves as Secretary of the REACH Board.

Randy Lopez is director of the Migrant Education Program and Community Liaison for the Shawnee Mission School District, overseeing services for students and families. He previously managed community health research and programs for the Department of Preventive Medicine at KU Medical Center. Lopez is engaged in numerous Latino youth and young professional organizations, including the Hispanic Development Fund Board and Hispanic Scholarship Fund. He is an at-Large member of the REACH Executive Committee and involved in the REACH Cultural Competency Initiative.

Brad Stratton is Owner/First Vice President-Wealth Management for CONCERT Wealth Management, an investment management and financial planning services firm in Overland Park, KS. He previously worked for Merrill Lynch for 20 years. Stratton has held board leadership positions on the Shawnee Mission School District Education Foundation, ReStart Inc., United Community Services of Johnson County and the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. Stratton serves as Treasurer of the REACH Board.

Judy Works is a clinical nurse specialist for The Family Physicians family practice clinic in Iola, KS, where she has worked for 25 years. Works has served in nurse leadership roles in Iola, including as head nurse of a medical/surgical unit at Allen County Hospital, and assistant director of a health home agency. She has been involved in nursing education and outreach efforts in Allen County and overseas, and has held board

positions with the Allen County Hospital and other civic organizations. Works is involved with the REACH Rural Health Initiative.

About the Foundation

The REACH Foundation is a charitable organization with \$125 million in assets that provides grants and other support to improve health access and quality in a six-county area that includes Cass, Jackson and Lafayette counties in Missouri, and Allen, Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

Each year, the REACH Board seeks to elect members who bring geographic and demographic diversity as well as leadership skills and business, nonprofit and health care expertise. The deadline to apply for 2014 is December 18, 2013.

Information on the REACH Board is available at <http://reachhealth.org/about/board-of-directors/>.

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