



Foundations with Community Advisory Committees (CACs)

Introduction

Community Advisory Committees (CACs) institutionalize community engagement, broaden community participation, and foster more inclusive planning and decisionmaking by foundations.

Beginning in the 1980s, a number of new health foundations were created when nonprofit health care organizations converted to for-profit status. Most state laws required that assets transferred in this way be used for the same charitable purposes that were served by the former nonprofit, and some state regulators created foundations to channel the assets. To help state consumer coalitions protect these public assets, and to institutionalize a community check on foundation operations, Consumers Union and Community Catalyst became involved in a number of the larger transactions. Both consumer advocacy organizations promoted the creation of CACs to ensure dialogue between boards and the populations served by the new foundations.

Grantmakers In Health (GIH) has identified 30 foundations formed from conversions that have CACs. Almost 60 percent of these CACs are required by the foundations' founding documents. Depending on the foundation, the roles of CACs include serving as an ongoing liaison with communities, providing input on foundation funding strategies, monitoring and reviewing the foundation's performance, serving as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation's board of directors, and conducting critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community. CACs can also serve as a training ground for future board members.

This directory lists those foundations, with a description of the CAC when available. It also serves as a resource on how CACs interact with and contribute to the work of foundations. For more information about CACs, consult the resource section on the next page.

CAC Resources

Community Catalyst, “Conversion Foundations: Ensuring Community Participation,” <
http://www.communitycatalyst.org/doc_store/publications/conversion_foundations_ensuring_community_participation.pdf>

Consumers Union and Community Catalyst, *Building and Maintaining Strong Foundations: Creating Community Responsive Philanthropy in Nonprofit Conversions* (Washington, DC and Boston, MA: 2004).

Consumers Union and Community Catalyst, *Community Advisory Committees: An Important Structural Provision for Conversion Foundations* (Washington, DC and Boston, MA: 2004).

Grantmakers In Health, *Inside Stories: Making the Most Out of Community Advisory Committees* (Washington, DC: Winter 2007).

Grantmakers In Health, *Connecting to Community and Building Accountability* (Washington, DC: October 2007).

Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Inc.

33920 US Highway 19 North

Suite 269

Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Phone: 727.507.9668

Web site: www.afmfl.org

Contact:

Eileen Boyle, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

The foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts

The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc.

515 Erin Drive

Memphis, TN 38117

Phone: 901.684.1564

Web site: www.assisifoundation.org

Contact:

Jan Young, *Executive Director*

E-mail: jyoung@assisifoundation.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Information not available

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

The foundation has four advisory panels: Medical Advisory Panel, Literacy Advisory Panel, Education Advisory Panel, and Community Health Advisory Panel. (Source: The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc. Web site)

Baptist Community Ministries

400 Poydras Street
Suite 2950
New Orleans, LA 70130
Phone: 504.593.2323
Web site: www.bcm.org

Contact:

Byron R. Harrell, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: 10 times per year

The foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Conducts critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community, such as community needs assessments
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

Additional information:

The foundation's board of trustees invites four non-trustee members of the New Orleans community to serve as Advisors to the Grants Committee. Grants Committee Advisory Members offer professional or personal background, educational or training perspectives important to grantmaking, diverse views on a broad range of community issues, and/or geographical distribution across the five-parish area. Grants Committee Advisors are voting members of the Grants Committee.

Baptist Healing Trust

1919 Charlotte Avenue

Suite 320

Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: 615.284.8271

Web site: www.baptisthealingtrust.org

Contact:

Erie Chapman, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Biannually

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Community members serve as nonvoting members of the full board

Additional information:

The foundation's CAC is fully integrated into the board and serves as the vehicle for selecting voting members when vacancies occur.

Bedford Community Health Foundation

321 North Bridge Street

Bedford, VA 24523

Phone: 540.586.5292

Web site: www.healthybedford.org

Contact:

Donna Proctor, *Executive Director*

E-mail: info@healthybedford.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Biannually

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Conducts critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community, such as community needs assessments
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

California HealthCare Foundation

1438 Webster Street
Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: 510.238.1040
Web site: www.chcf.org

Contacts:

Mark Smith, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

E-mail: msmith@chcf.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Information not available

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

Additional information:

The California HealthCare Foundation uses CACs to involve the larger community in the thinking, planning, and implementation of major initiatives. This process assures public involvement in the foundation's work.

For example, the Program for Elders in Managed Care, one of the first initiatives launched by the California HealthCare Foundation, used a 12-member advisory committee. Committee members represented diverse organizations, perspectives, and experiences in order to provide invaluable insight and guidance to the program. The advisory committee played an active role in all aspects of the grant making process. The committee's involvement began by commenting on and reviewing drafts of the request for proposals that were used to solicit proposals under the Program for Elders in Managed Care. Committee members also reviewed all letters of intent and full proposals received by the foundation under the program. Committee involvement also expanded to advising the foundation on other projects that support the goals of the program.

The California HealthCare Foundation now uses advisory committees in many of its programs. Although it is often difficult to recruit out-of-state committee members, the foundation does not preclude advisory members from applying for grants themselves.

CACs provide ongoing representation of community interests. As a permanent structure, the committees serve as a link between the board and the community. In summary, CACs are an effective means to connect the foundation with the public it serves. (Source: Consumers Union of the United States)

Caring for Colorado

4100 East Mississippi Avenue

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Denver, CO 80246

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Web site: www.caringforcolorado.org

Contact:

Chris J. Wiant, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: As needed

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors

Additional information:

The Colorado Commissioner of Insurance held a series of public hearings in 1997 into the proposed conversion of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Colorado. In response to calls for public input into formation of an independent board, the commissioner established a 13-member CAC with representatives from each of Colorado's congressional districts. Criteria for service on the CAC were published and a call for nominations was issued through media and direct mail. The 13 members selected the initial board of the Caring for Colorado Foundation. The CAC continues as a permanent nominating committee for the foundation and a liaison with Colorado communities. (Source: Community Catalyst)

Community Foundation of Calhoun County

1000 Quintard Avenue

Suite 307

Anniston, AL 36202

Phone: 256.231.5160

Web site: www.yourcommunityfirst.org

Contact:

Wayne Carmello-Harper, *President and Chief Executive Officer* E-mail: wcarrhar@yourcommunityfirst.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Reviews and prioritizes grant funding

Additional information:

To further expand community participation, the foundation's board of directors include civic volunteers that reflect the geographic, ethnic, racial, religious, and economic demographics of the area. These individuals serve for three-year terms on standing committees: Governance, Finance & Investment, Development, Community Leadership, Scholarship, and Community Investment. There are additional community volunteers who serve on a variety of ad hoc committees supporting specific foundation initiatives.

Con Alma Health Foundation, Inc.

144 Park Avenue

Santa Fe, NM 87501

Phone: 505.438.0776

Web site: www.conalma.org

Contact:

Dolores E. Roybal, *Executive Director*

E-mail: droybal@conalma.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: The CAC currently meets every other month via teleconference and has one in-person meeting per year.

Additional information:

The CAC provides advice and recommendations to the Con Alma Health Foundation 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. (Source: Con Alma Health Foundation Web site)

Connecticut Health Foundation

74B Vine Street
New Britain, CT 06052

Phone: 860.224.2200

Web site: www.cthealth.org

Contact:

Patricia Baker, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

E-mail: pat@cthealth.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Three times per year

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts

Additional information:

The CAC serves as the foundation's eyes and ears in the community. Members provide input on existing initiatives and ideas for future programs. (Source: Connecticut Health Foundation Web site)

Endowment for Health

14 South Street

Concord, NH 3301

Phone: 603.228.2448

Web site: www.endowmentforhealth.org

Contact:

James W. Squires, *President*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

Additional information:

The Advisory Council of the Endowment for Health is composed of 30 to 40 individuals who serve as liaisons between local New Hampshire communities and the board of directors. A majority of advisory council members must be members of the general public. A member of the general public is defined as an individual who is not (1) an employee, officer, or director of an organization that primarily sells health care services, or (2) engaged in the practice of a health care profession. To reflect the diversity of the State of New Hampshire, every county is represented on the council. The health care interests of council members are also diverse and include those of consumers, health care providers, people who lack affordable access to the health care system, and people without any health insurance coverage.

The Charitable Division of the New Hampshire Attorney General's office appointed the initial members of the advisory council, and the council nominates and elects succeeding members. Unlike the board of directors, there are no gubernatorial appointees to the council.

The responsibilities of the advisory council include: serving as a link between the foundation and local New Hampshire communities, working with the board each year to compile a list of board member candidates, and supporting the board's efforts to be accountable to the community. (Source: Endowment for Health Web site)

Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky

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Suite 1305
Louisville, KY 40222
Phone: 502.326.2583
Web site: www.healthyky.org

Contact:

Susan Zepeda, *Executive Director*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors
- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance
- Each foundation standing committee (except Executive Committee) is required to have both CAC and board members

Additional information:

The CAC is a 31-member body who shares a commitment to improving health care and whose role is to (a) advise the foundation board regarding overall policy direction and adherence to the mission, (b) serve as a link with the citizens of the commonwealth and (c) nominate new members to the foundation board. Under the bylaws, its membership is to be diverse, with broad consumer and community participation. (Source: Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Web site)

Foundation for Seacoast Health

100 Campus Drive
Suite One
Portsmouth, NH 03801
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Web site: www.ffsh.org

Contact:

Debra S. Grabowski, *Executive Director*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Annually

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Approves bylaw changes and trustee nominations

Additional information:

Following the sale of Portsmouth Regional Hospital in New Hampshire, the resulting foundation's grantmaking focus and priorities were determined through an intensive process of community consultation including more than 40 public forums held at locations throughout its nine-town region. Subsequently the foundation has continued to make extensive use of advisory committees in developing its program initiatives. Broadly based community committees have been convened to work on the needs of elders, women's health issues, and health promotion, and to oversee development of a central facility for youth and family services. Foundation staff write a "charge" or assignment for each committee, and the foundation underwrites the cost of consultants or other support selected by committee members. The foundation has elected to use and build community capacity rather than hiring a large professional staff. (Source: Community Catalyst)

Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City

2700 East 18th Street
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Kansas City, MO 64127
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Web site: www.healthcare4kc.org

Contact:

Steve Roling, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: At least every other month

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors
- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Conducts critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community, such as community needs assessments
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

Additional information:

The CAC consists of 24 people, all of whom serve 3-year terms. The committee consists of representatives appointed by the following appointing authorities in the following numbers: Mayor of Lexington, Missouri (1); Mayor of Belton, Missouri (1); Mayor of Harrisonville, Missouri (1); Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri (7); Mayor of Independence, Missouri (3); Mayor of Lee's Summit, Missouri (2); the Jackson County (Missouri) Executive (2); the chair of the Johnson County (Kansas) County Commission (3); the Mayor of Iola, Kansas (1); the Chief Executive of the Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County Unified Government (1); and the Missouri Attorney General (2). (Source: Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City Foundation Bylaws)

Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts

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Worcester, MA 01608
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Contact:

Janice B. Yost, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Annually

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

Additional information:

The foundation's board of directors serves as a committee of the whole in all grantmaking functions. Community representatives who are not members of the board also serve on committees.

Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation

505 Williams Avenue

Picayune, MS 39466

Phone: 601.799.5353

Web site: not available

Contact:

Ted J. Alexander, *Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Annually

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts

Maine Health Access Foundation

150 Capitol Street

Suite 4

Augusta, ME 04330

Phone: 866.848.9210

Web site: www.mehaf.org

Contact:

Wendy J. Wolfe, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Bimonthly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- CAC appointed founding board
- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Conducts critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community, such as community needs assessments

Additional information:

Maine Health Access Foundation has a 19-member statewide CAC. Committee members provide guidance and professional expertise to the foundation's operations. The founding members of the CAC were selected by the Maine Attorney General after soliciting broad public input. Candidates for the CAC are now reviewed by the foundation's board and CAC Development Committee, and nominations are approved by the board of trustees.

The CAC is charged with guiding the trustees in the conduct of a periodic needs assessment and any other issues relating to the activities of the foundation. The CAC's initial charge was to solicit appropriate nominees for the first board of trustees. CAC members may be candidates to serve on the board of trustees when a vacancy occurs. Members of the CAC actively participate as members of the foundation's committees, including the Committees on Grants, Finance, Strategic Planning, and Board and CAC Development.

Missouri Foundation for Health

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Phone: 314.345.5500
Web site: www.mffh.org

Contact:

James R. Kimmey, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Bimonthly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors.
- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

Additional information:

The CAC is made up of 13 individuals selected by the Missouri Attorney General. CAC members represent the different regions served by the foundation and are primarily responsible for nominating board of directors candidates. Ultimately, committee members are accountable to the citizens of Missouri and help ensure that statewide grantmaking programs receive regional perspective.

In order to obtain "grassroots" input regarding unmet community health care needs, the CAC conducted numerous public forums across the State of Missouri. Public forums provided an excellent opportunity for Missourians to learn more about foundation programs and to ask questions about the foundation and its grantmaking efforts. Individuals spoke about the health issues and needs faced within their community. (Source: Missouri Foundation for Health Web site)

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

37 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603.225.6641

Web site: www.nhcf.org

Contact:

Lewis Feldstein, *President*

E-mail: lf@nhcf.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Information not available

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's commitment to community-based giving led to the establishment of regions, each with their own advisory board and grantmaking priorities that meet the needs of their communities. The first region, the Piscataqua Region, was established in 1983. There are now seven regions with the latest addition, the Nashua Region, in 2002. The other regions are: Lakes Region, Manchester Region, Monadnock Region, North Country Region, and Upper Valley Region. (Source: New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Web site)

New York State Health Foundation

1412 Broadway

Suite 2304

New York, NY 10018

Phone: 212.664.7656

Web site: www.nyshealthfoundation.org

Contact:

James R. Knickman, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

E-mail: knickman@nyshealth.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides guidance on approaches to communicating the findings from foundation activities
- Informs the future direction and strategic plans of the foundation
- Participates in the review of the foundation's performance in meeting its goals
- Informs the foundation about organizations that could be productive grantees

Additional information:

The New York State Health Foundation established a CAC to garner ongoing community input on its activities. The committee reports to the foundation's president and CEO and serves to broaden community input and perspectives on the development and implementation of activities related to the foundation's strategic priorities.

To ensure regional representation, New York State Health Foundation staff has partitioned the state into 10 regions and recommended at least one representative from each region. Committee members reflect the rich diversity of New York State across ethnic and racial groups. The foundation seeks representation from both the private and public sectors, including health and social service providers, consumer and advocacy groups representing target populations and health/policy issues, public health representatives, media, and other groups that relate to the foundation's mission. (Source: New York State Health Foundation Web site)

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

1100 North Stanton Street
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El Paso, TX 79902
Phone: 915.544.7636
Web site: www.pdnhf.org

Contact:

Myrna Deckert, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

E-mail: mdeckert@pdnhf.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

Additional information:

The Paso del Norte Health Foundation has a Community/Public Relations Advisory Committee. The committee is responsible for advising on the development and implementation of a public relations and marketing plan; assisting with the promotion of the foundation's activities, initiatives, Web site, and special events; and providing recommendations to strengthen collaboration efforts with partners. The current committee members work in the field of public relations and marketing, communications, media, and a health related environment. (Source: Paso del Norte Health Foundation Web site)

QueensCare

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Los Angeles, CA 90027
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Contact:

Terry A. Bonecutter, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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No information is available about the CAC.

The REACH Healthcare Foundation

6700 Antioch Road

Suite 200

Merriam, KS 66204

Phone: 913.432.4196

Web site: www.reachhealth.org

Contact:

Brenda Sharpe, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

E-mail: brenda@reachhealth.org

Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors

Additional information:

The CAC consists of community representatives appointed by five governmental entities, in keeping with the foundation's bylaws. CAC members understand the values and cultures of the communities they represent and are responsible for nominating qualified replacements to the board of directors. (Source: The REACH Healthcare Foundation Web site)

Riverside Community Health Foundation

4445-A Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, CA 92501

Phone: 951.788.3471

Web site: www.rchf.org

Contact:

Dan Anderson, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Twice per year

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Provides input on foundation funding strategies
- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts
- Conducts critical assessments of the foundation's interaction with the community, such as community needs assessments
- Monitors and reviews the foundation's performance

SHARE Foundation

403 West Oak
Suite 100
El Dorado, AR 71730
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Contact:

Linda Stringfellow, *President and Chief Operating Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? No

CAC meeting frequency: Quarterly

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Acts as an ongoing liaison with the community, particularly with respect to identifying community needs and priorities for future foundation efforts

Additional information:

The foundation has four advisory committees.

Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans

1200 SW Executive Drive

Suite 1200

Topeka, KS 66615

Phone: 785.232.3000

Web site: www.sunflowerfoundation.org

Contact:

Billie G. Hall, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Yes

CAC meeting frequency: two to three times per year

Foundation CAC's main responsibilities:

- Serves as a nominating committee to fill vacancies on the foundation board of directors

Additional information:

Nine individuals from across Kansas are appointed by the Kansas Attorney General to serve as members of the CAC. Their role is to nominate individuals to the Attorney General for positions on the board of trustees and to serve in other advisory capacities as requested by the board. (Source: Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans Web site)

Truman Heartland Community Foundation

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Independence, MO 64050

Phone: 816.836.8189

Web site: www.thcf.org

Contact:

Paul M. Thomson, *President and Chief Executive Officer*

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Is the CAC required by the foundation's governing documents? Information not available

CAC meeting frequency: Information not available

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was formed in 1998 as a program of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation to involve young leaders in changing the future through the power of philanthropy. YAC has grown to a council of 50 student leaders. It is represented by the following area high schools and welcomes participation from other metro school districts: Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Raytown, Raytown South, Truman, and William Chrisman.

Through participation in the foundation's Community Grants Program each year, student leaders offer a voice for area youth; members review all proposals serving Kansas City's youth and teen population and then make funding recommendations to adult board leaders. Students evaluate programs ranging from domestic violence and teen homelessness to community arts programming and education. (Source: Truman Heartland Community Foundation Web site)