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National Public Health Week *April 3rd - April 7th 2017*

Nomination Form

Each year the Sedgwick County Division of Health recognizes an individual who has shown a lifetime commitment to Public Health (at least 25 years of service) with the Doren Fredrickson Award during National Public Health Week.

Please submit information on a nominee below and return to me by close-of-business Friday, February 24th.

Your Name and Department:

Chris Power, Vice President for Administration, Kansas Health Foundation

Contact Information for the Nominee:

Name and Title: Steve Coen, President and CEO

Affiliated Organization: Kansas Health Foundation

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Description of the nominees' career, as related to public health:

Mr. Coen joined the Kansas Health Foundation in 1987, serving as director of public affairs, senior program officer and vice president for administration before becoming the President and CEO in 2008. In his 30 years of service to improving the health of all Kansans, Mr. Coen has leveraged the Kansas Health Foundation's \$476 million asset base to bring greater awareness to preventable health issues, influence health policy decisions at the state and local level, and provide resources to numerous organizations across the state to improve access to care and promote healthy living.

Submit nominations to Pamaline King-Burns at pamaline.king-burns@sedgwick.gov
Questions? Contact Pamaline King-Burns at 316-660-7402.

Through his leadership, the Kansas Health Foundation has invested nearly \$500 million over the years on efforts on key public health initiatives, including clean indoor air policies, increased physical activity and access to healthy food, and improving oral health care. He has encouraged public health initiatives around fetal infant mortality, supported state policies and training for physician's assistants, funded curriculum for school physical education programs, and provided grants for KDHE's health survey databases.

The Kansas Health Foundation has also supported prevention programs through county health departments all over the state, funded healthy living projects (like bike and walking trails, food policy initiatives and tobacco free campuses), and organized public health conferences for continuing education for public health professionals. Through Mr. Coen's leadership, the Foundation has partnered with universities, state agencies, county health departments, city recreation commissions and many non-profits for public health research, policy efforts and prevention initiatives for all ages.

In order to build healthier communities, Mr. Coen also created and funded an innovative program for community foundations across the state called GROW -- to strengthen the financial viability of their local resources. In the first ten years of this program, the collective assets of the community foundations involved in the program grew from \$19 million to \$77 million. This creative effort provided greater sustainability for communities all over Kansas, allowing for future reinvestment into the communities.

Mr. Coen also expanded the strategic funding areas of the Kansas Health Foundation through the formation of the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Leadership Center, two separate entities that exist to inform public policy and to build leadership capacity, strengthening the health of our communities and state.

Mr. Coen regularly demonstrates his willingness to partner on health projects, leverage resources to build capacity and to advance sound public health policy. He has also served on the boards of the Governor's Council on Fitness, the Kansas Humanities Council, Wichita Festivals, Leadership Kansas, Greater Wichita Partnership Leadership Council and Wichita Downtown Development Corporation.

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