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Meet Juston White Hunter Health's Newest Board Member

We are thrilled to introduce **Juston White**, the newest member of Hunter Health's Board of Directors. As a Community Impact Officer for the Kansas Health Foundation, Juston brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit work and community development, making him a perfect fit for our organization.



Juston has a strong connection to the community and Hunter Health, having grown up in Wichita, only a mile and a half from Hunter Health's main clinic site at Central & Grove. After graduating from college, Juston volunteered for a nonprofit foster care agency, which ultimately led to a career change.

"What meant the most to me was the daily fulfillment. Having a direct impact on a community, an individual family member, or child. Receiving the positive reinforcement from that was truly rewarding," he said.

When asked about joining the Board of Directors for Hunter Health, Juston replied,

"A couple of boards and a couple of initiatives I was involved in were coming to an end, and so it was just an opportunity for me to stay connected to community work outside of my profession."

As a board member, Juston hopes to see Hunter Health become an anchor institution and a pillar of the community.

"I want to see Hunter Health be recognized as a valuable resource for the community, and to be known as a place of growth and opportunity. Not just for those with a traditional perception of a medical clinic, but for the community as a whole."

Juston's dedication to community development, combined with his local roots and professional expertise, make him an invaluable addition to the Hunter Health Board of Directors. We look forward to working together to make our community a healthier and more vibrant place for all.



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Follow us. We're excited to share we recently launched our new TikTok and Instagram pages! These pages are a great way for us to connect with our community and share more about the work we do at Hunter Health.

Please visit our website at hunterhealth.org and check out everything it has to offer. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working with you in the weeks ahead to make a difference in the community.

Community Connections

Over the past month, Hunter Health has been privileged to collaborate with outstanding community partners who have supported our mission.

A special thank you goes out to **Scheels** for volunteering at our HumanKind Clinic. The team devoted their time to maintaining the clinic's grounds, improving its appearance and ambiance. We truly appreciate their dedication to community service.

Additionally, we express our gratitude to **Dondlinger Construction** for their generous donation of \$1,898 and swag items as part of their 125-year celebration. We are honored to be one of the nonprofits selected to receive a donation. Our collaboration with Dondlinger Construction includes working on projects like our new Central Clinic, and we greatly value their partnership.



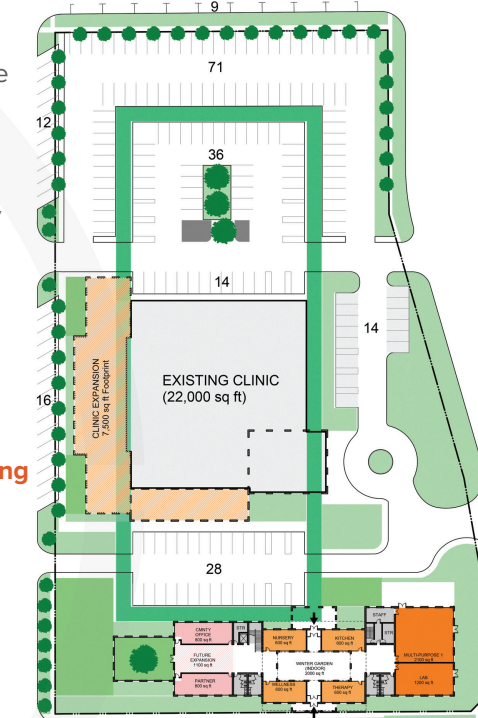
We are excited to share we are expanding our parking at Hunter Health Central Clinic!

To better serve our community and ensure convenient parking access for patients, visitors, and staff, construction will begin soon on a new parking lot situated just north of the Central Clinic. Once underway, the project is expected to be completed roughly two months from the start date.

In order to facilitate the construction process, we have identified alternative parking options for patients and staff:

- Parking permitted on the dirt lot in the southwest corner of the property
- Overflow parking will be located in the southeast corner of the property
- North Spruce Street offers additional parking options

We are grateful for your understanding and adaptability as we make strides to enhance our campus and better support our community. Keep an eye out for further updates on this exciting development!



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Meet Julia Nkanata: The Catalyst for Hunter Health's Grant Endeavors

We are excited to introduce **Julia Nkanata**, Grant Administrator at Hunter Health, who plays a vital role in managing federal, state, and private foundation grants, ensuring punctual reporting and adherence to regulations. With a solid background in grant writing and a passion for healthcare, Julia is excited to support Hunter Health's mission of providing exceptional care to our community.

"Hunter Health's emphasis on integrated care aligns with my beliefs — addressing physical, mental, and emotional needs is essential for overall wellbeing," she shares. "Grants are instrumental in helping us fulfill our mission."

Born and raised in Kenya, Julia pursued her bachelor's degree before relocating to the United States, where she obtained her master's and PhD from the University of Idaho.

"Witnessing the struggles people faced in accessing healthcare in Kenya fueled my dedication to closing the healthcare gap for underserved communities."

Julia's professional journey led her through sociology, counseling, and human services before she discovered her passion for grant writing and nonprofit healthcare.

When discussing her aspirations for Hunter Health, Julia highlights the organization's capacity for growth and development.

"I envision Hunter Health as a lasting presence, serving more people and broadening our programs," she states.

"I'm eager to be part of the solution, transforming healthcare into a right rather than a privilege."



Julia Nkanata
Grant Administrator

Julia's enthusiasm for contributing to this expansion makes her a valuable asset to the team, and we look forward to the positive impact she will have on the community. We're thrilled to have her on board.



Introducing Two PAs New to the Hunter Health Team

We are excited to welcome **Tori Barnes** and **Katelyn Picker**, two talented and dedicated Physician Assistants (PAs), to the Hunter Health family. Their diverse experiences and passion for patient care make them invaluable additions to our team.

Tori Barnes, originally from Nebraska, moved to Wichita six years ago after completing her PA studies in West Virginia and working in southern Illinois. With an undergraduate degree in Biology and a minor in Psychology from the University of Nebraska Omaha, she furthered her education with a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Alderson Broaddus University. Tori's professional journey includes



experience as a Nursing Assistant, Personal Trainer, and Fitness Instructor. She has worked in Orthopedic Surgery, specializing in Foot/Ankle Surgery, and also worked in Urgent Care.

Tori chose Hunter Health because of its **"energy, enthusiasm, and mission."** She is a strong advocate for the integrated team approach and values the emphasis on mental health alongside physical health, treating the whole patient. Tori is also impressed with Hunter Health's commitment to preventative rather than reactive medicine.

Katelyn Picker hails from Boulder, Colorado, and has a passion for practicing medicine across all age groups. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Science from Colorado State University and a Master's Degree



in Physician Assistant Studies from Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania, where she served as Cohort President. Katelyn's professional experience includes Internal Medicine and Inpatient Rehabilitation Medicine. Katelyn was drawn to Hunter Health because:

"I believe in the mission to make medical care available for our whole community."

She is enthusiastic about transitioning to outpatient medicine and eager to serve the community through her work at Hunter Health.



Join us in extending a warm welcome to Tori Barnes and Katelyn Picker, whose expertise and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community.

April is National Minority Health Month

At Hunter Health, we want to take this opportunity to highlight the significant impact our services have on the diverse communities we serve. This month, we celebrate our ongoing dedication to addressing health disparities and promoting health equity for everyone. Here's a breakdown of the patients we served by race and ethnicity in the past year:

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 129
American Indian/Alaska Native: 1,711
Black/African American: 2,569
Asian: 339
White: 7,011
More than one race: 512
Unreported/Chose not to disclose race: 3,394
In total, we served 15,665 patients (4,628 Hispanic or Latino/a, 9,687 Non-Hispanic or Latino/a, and 1,350 with unreported/chose not to disclose ethnicity)



The diversity of our patient population reflects our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that all members of our community have access to quality healthcare, regardless of their race or ethnicity. We are proud of the work we do and the positive impact our services have on the lives of our patients.

As we celebrate National Minority Health Month, we want to express our gratitude to our dedicated staff and community partners who help us make a difference every day. Together, we will continue to work towards a healthier future for all members of our diverse community.

A Spotlight on Laura Razo: Hunter Health's Urban Indian Program Coordinator

At Hunter Health, our commitment to providing culturally appropriate care to diverse communities is central to our mission. One of our dedicated team members, **Laura Razo**, has been instrumental in bridging the gap between Hunter Health and the Native American community in the Wichita area. As the Urban Indian Program Coordinator, Laura's experience and passion for her work contribute to our efforts in serving minority communities.

Laura Razo has been involved with the Native American community throughout her life, working as an educator, lawyer, and even serving as an elected tribal leader. Now, she focuses on bringing healthcare and wellness resources to Native Americans in the Wichita area.

"I have family members that are leaders in certain areas, and I watched them while I was growing up. I wanted to do what I could for the Native American community."

Laura's primary duties involve meeting with Native American members and tribe leaders in the Wichita area to inform them about Hunter Health's services, including the Indian Health Service Program, which offers free or reduced-cost medical and dental services to Native Americans. Additionally, Laura assists Native Americans in verifying their Native American status through the Native American registry.



Laura Razo
Urban Indian Program Coordinator

At Hunter Health, we are proud to have Laura Razo as part of our team, working to ensure that our services are accessible and culturally appropriate for the Native American community. We recognize the importance of serving all members of our community and will continue to strive for inclusivity and understanding in our approach to healthcare.

"It's important for Native Americans to know that we're here to support them. If they need medical or wellness assistance, they can access it for free or at a reduced cost, even if it's not covered under the Indian Health Service Program."

Giving Back and Connecting: A Recap of Hunter Health's Recent Outreach Efforts

Over the past month, our dedicated Hunter Health team has been actively engaging with the community through a series of outreach events. Here's a brief overview of the impactful work our team has accomplished recently:

Kansas Food Bank Volunteering: Our team spent a day packing heart-healthy food for those in need, fostering staff bonding and making a real difference in our community.

Annual School's Out Powwow: We celebrated Native American students' talents at the Mid-America All-Indian Museum, where the Wichita Public Schools Title VI Native American Indian Education Programs organized this vibrant event.

Open Streets ICT - WSU & Shocker Neighborhood: We participated in a day of fun, fitness, and community bonding, as the Shocker Neighborhood transformed 17th Street into a pedestrian paradise filled with activities, food trucks, and music.

Evergreen Community Center & Library Vaccination Event: We offered COVID-19 vaccines and other immunizations while sharing valuable health information with community members.

Private Event with the Cherokee Nation: Our outreach team educated attendees about Hunter Health at an event attended by over 800 Cherokee Nation citizens and tribal leaders.



Director of Marketing and Communications, Paul Estrada, Talks Medicaid Unwinding on Local Media Stations

This month, we're excited to highlight the exceptional work of our Director of Marketing and Communications, **Paul Estrada**, in amplifying our organization's presence through local radio and TV stations. Joined by Jessica Velez, our Revenue Cycle Manager, Paul has been featured on several popular radio stations, including Radio Lobo, La Raza, iHeartRadio stations, KWCH, and others, discussing the crucial subject of Medicaid renewals restarting for the first time since the pandemic.



Paul's commitment to cultivating relationships with local media not only raises Hunter Health's profile in the community, but also delivers valuable information to listeners and viewer. Stay tuned for more from Paul, as he is set to make regular appearances on these stations in the upcoming months, addressing a variety of health-related topics.