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## **Michigan Health Endowment Fund Continues Growth with New Senior Program Officer Hire**

**LANSING, Mich.** – The Michigan Health Endowment Fund today announced the hire of Kari Sederburg as senior program officer. Sederburg has more than 10 years of experience in advocacy, communications, policy development and administration. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund works to improve the health of Michigan children and senior residents and reduce the cost of health care. She will begin on April 11, 2016.

In her new role, Sederburg will be responsible for working on the Michigan Health Endowment Fund’s grant making initiatives with a primary focus on healthy aging. As senior program officer, she will be responsible for designing and implementing the Fund’s strategic grant programs, overseeing grant activities and developing statewide partnerships with organizations aligned with the Fund’s mission.

“We’re thrilled to have Kari join our team,” said Paul Hillegonds, executive director of Michigan Health Endowment Fund. “Her diverse knowledge and background related to health policy and focus on improving the health and well-being of older adults directly aligns with our mission.”

Sederburg comes to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) where she served as executive director for the Aging and Adult Services Agency. In her role, she served as the chief advocate for more than 2 million older Michigan adults, advising the executive and legislative branches of government on policies to help adults access supportive services needed. She also directed more than \$100 million in federal and state funding for aging programs across the state. Prior to the MDHHS, she served as director of the Office of Services of the Aging as well as the director of public policy for the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Sederburg has been and is currently involved with multiple organizations and boards, serving on the Michigan Health Council; serving as a board member on The Kitten Nursery; and is an active member of the Dean's Advisory Council in the College of Health Professions at Ferris State University. She has a Masters of Public Administration from Ohio University and a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Ferris State University.

For additional information on the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, please visit [healthendowmentfund.org](http://healthendowmentfund.org).

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