

The Colorado Health Foundation Announces Chief Impact Officer Transition

Amy Latham, Chief Impact Officer, Will Depart CHF in June 2024 After More Than 15 Years

DENVER – The Colorado Health Foundation (CHF) today announced the upcoming departure of its Chief Impact Officer, <u>Amy Latham</u>. Latham's last day with CHF is June 28, 2024.



In more than 15 years at CHF, Latham has held numerous roles and supported the organization's strategic objectives in communications and grantmaking, including serving as vice president of philanthropy for six years, when she oversaw CHF's funding and community engagement strategies, alongside related initiatives. Latham was named chief impact officer in 2021.

Latham has also led or significantly contributed to many other important milestones and staff growth at CHF, including:

- Transformed CHF's grantmaking team for deeper community engagement and lasting impact
- Integrated key operational approaches and systems to streamline how CHF can efficiently track and distribute funding as a private foundation
- Supported CHF's prompt responses and ongoing pivots to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including leading significant shifts in grantmaking that ensured efficient funding distribution to organizations serving Coloradans who relied daily on critical programs and services
- Led CHF through multiple strategy cycles and reflections to ensure the organization is having the greatest possible impact by addressing Colorado's most pressing community needs
- Played a key leadership and strategic role in how CHF supported implementation of the Affordable Care Act, including a deeper intersection between grantmaking, policy advocacy and strategic communications
- Evolved governance structures to integrate community and board member engagement for greater impact across multiple organizational levers of grantmaking, policy advocacy and learning and evaluation
- Led organizational development and learning approaches related to CHF's focus on centering race, including integration of the senior director of advancing equity role and an organizational learning agenda that supports the growth and development of staff in service to CHF's equity and justice commitments

"Since 2008, I have had the privilege of serving in seven different roles at the Foundation. How lucky I am to have worked for an organization that has believed in me as much as I believe in it," Latham said. "After 15 years, I am ready to start my next professional chapter. This organization, the people who work here and the incredible partners that I've gotten to know over the years will always and forever hold a special place in my heart. I look forward to the organization continuing to deepen its impact in communities throughout Colorado."

CHF President and CEO Karen McNeil-Miller created the chief impact officer role, for which she helped support and prepare Latham over time.

"I have spent my entire tenure at CHF alongside Amy as a trusted colleague and friend. Her commitment to our mission and the critical work it takes to be at the helm of an organization like ours, especially from an impact perspective, is unparalleled. Amy has brought forward an invaluable take on Colorado-based and national philanthropy, given her experience in the field and with CHF for more than 15 years. She has also been an important partner to me as the organization navigated a global pandemic and continued to create an internal staff culture and organizational approach to doing equity-centered work," said McNeil-Miller. "Amy will be dearly missed by all of us, and I have no doubt she will continue to bring forward her talent and gifts for other lucky organizations in the future."

Upon Latham's departure near the end of June 2024, CHF's current vice president of Community Investment and Impact, <u>Erin Brown</u>, will become the Foundation's chief impact officer. The position of vice president of community investment and impact will be filled through a national search being conducted by <u>NPAG</u>. To learn more about the search or share an inquiry or nomination, please contact Andrés Marcuse-Gonzalez.

About The Colorado Health Foundation

The Colorado Health Foundation is a statewide philanthropic organization that champions the overall health and well-being of every Coloradan by advocating for and investing in solutions and policies that drive health equity and racial justice. Every day, we collaborate with organizations and communities across the state to break down the many systemic inequities that stand in the way of health. Learn more at www.coloradohealth.org.

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