



Missouri Foundation
for Health



Dr. Dwayne Proctor Incoming President and CEO Missouri Foundation for Health

Cross-Sector Collaborator. Having worked on and led several successful cross-sector initiatives in his career (Healthy Schools Program; Salud America!; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities; Communities Creating Healthy Environments; National Policy and Legal Action Network; and Voices for Healthy Kids), Dr. Proctor brings a strong commitment to fostering both public and private relationships, building on the shared goal of improving the health of all Missourians.

Proven Systems Changemaker. Dwayne has been driving change on complex health issues for nearly two decades. His past work in childhood obesity prevention, which focused on 39M underserved youth ages 3-18, included developing the evidence for state and local policy changes and industry practices to improve access to healthy affordable foods, as well as increase opportunities for physical activity utilizing a vibrant advocacy apparatus to transform systems and sustain changes. Dwayne's understanding of systems change is just what MFH needs to further advance its new mission and continue to have lasting impact.

Continual Learner. Dwayne prides himself on being a lifelong student of people, places, and facts. He recognizes the diversity of Missouri and as CEO, will continue MFH's commitment to infusing our work with the values, experiences, and perspectives of Missouri's communities. As a Salzburg Global Fellow, his cohort of leaders and scholars devote themselves to solving complex equity matters in international philanthropy. And as advisor to the National Academy of Medicine, he learns with and works alongside a distinguished group of leaders to leverage science and local expertise to lift up intersectional health equity solutions.

Health Equity Leader. Dwayne is passionate about achieving health equity in 10 years. His journey to making that happen has involved [developing a new definition](#) for health equity and the commissioning of a seminal report on community-based solutions. Dwayne's past work has focused on building partnerships with those who affect structural systems changes for people with disabilities; Indigenous people; incarcerated citizens; and other marginalized racial, gender, identity groups and people. Embodying MFH's core value of equity, Dwayne is committed to eliminating inequities within all aspects of health.

New Missourian. Dwayne is eager to relocate to the Show Me State. He feels drawn to Missouri's vibrant social culture and arts communities. He is devoted to his family, which includes two daughters, his father, sisters, brothers, and a large, loving extended family.

