Dr. Dwayne Proctor has been named president and CEO of Missouri Foundation for Health, effective May 3, 2021.

Dwayne is currently Senior Adviser to the President, Health Equity, at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, the nation’s largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health.

Dwayne succeeds Bob Hughes, who began his presidency at MFH in 2012 and served for 10 years before announcing his retirement last year.

Dwayne will be MFH’s third president since 2000, when the Foundation began hiring staff.

He is the former chairman of the board of directors for the Association of Black Foundation Executives and currently is the chairman of the board of trustees for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Foundation.

Prior to his time at RWJF, Dwayne was an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine where he taught courses on health communication and on marketing to multicultural populations.

During his Fulbright Fellowship in Senegal, West Africa, his research team investigated if HIV/AIDS risk and prevention messages encouraged safer sex behaviors and raised awareness of AIDS as a national health problem.

Dwayne received his doctoral, master’s, and bachelor’s degrees in marketing and communication science from the University of Connecticut.