



Donna Lynne, DrPH, Chair-Elect

President of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Colorado Region
DPS Foundation board member since June 2007



Ms. Lynne is the President of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Colorado Region. KP Colorado has more than 480,000 members in the six-county Denver area and Colorado Springs, owns and operates 17 full-service medical offices and is Colorado's largest group medical practice organization.

From 1998 through April 2005, Lynne was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Group Health Incorporated, a \$2.5 billion managed care organization. During that time she also served as the President of GHI HMO, a subsidiary corporation. In the mid-1990s, she was the Executive Director of the New York Business Group on Health. Lynne also spent 20 years in various positions in New York City government, including First Deputy Commissioner, Office of Labor Relations; Director, Mayor's Office of Operations; and Senior Vice President, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

Lynne has a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire, an MPA from George Washington University, and a doctorate in Public Health from Columbia University. She also holds the designation of Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) from the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans/University of Pennsylvania Wharton School.

She received the President's Award from Women in Health Management and the Health Care Leadership Award from the New York Business Group on Health. She was a finalist for the Denver Business Journal's 2006 Outstanding Women in Business award and for the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce Athena Award in 2007, and was named by the Girls Scouts as a 2006 Woman of Distinction.

Currently, she is on the boards of the Childbirth Connection, the Colorado Concern, Colorado Economic Futures Panel, Colorado Succeeds, the Colorado Forum, the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, the Metro State Foundation and the Kempe Foundation. She is also on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Advisors of the University of Colorado at Denver Business School, and serves as a mentor through Colorado Youth at Risk. While in New York, Donna was active on several boards, including the Mayor's Workforce Investment Board, the Citizen's Budget Commission, and the New York Junior Tennis League.

Donna has been an Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Health at Columbia University since 2005, lecturing on health care quality. She has published many articles on health care issues and has presented to many groups throughout the country, including the American Public Health Association, Institute for Health Care Policy, International Federation of Employee Benefits, League of Women Voters, National Business Coalition on Health, and the New York Academy of Medicine.