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KANSAS BUSINESS
ROUNDTABLE

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

9:00 am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Bruce Witt, Kansas Chief Advocacy Officer - Ascension Via Christi Health and KBR Board Chair



BRUCE WITT | For the past 15 years, Bruce Witt has led advocacy efforts in Kansas for Ascension Via Christi. In 2022, he became a founding member of the Kansas Business Roundtable so diverse businesses could have open dialogue around data-driven, bipartisan public policy solutions that strengthen the Kansas economy.

9:15 am

HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE IN KANSAS AFTER 10 YEARS OF THE ACA

- Sam Antonios, MD, Chief Clinical Officer - Ascension Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita
- Moderator: Scott Schneider - Schneider Law Firm, and KBR Executive Director



SAM ANTONIOS | Dr. Antonios is an internist who oversees clinical and quality operations from inpatient to outpatient and population health. He is also in his eighth year on the Advisory Board of the American College of Physician Advisors. Following medical school at KU, he earned master's degrees in information systems at Carnegie Mellon and health analytics at Duke University.

10:30 am

HOW CAN CHILDCARE BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE KANSAS WORKFORCE?

- Wendy Doyle, President & CEO, United-WE
- Moderator: Kevin Walker, EVP & Chief Policy Officer - Overland Park Chamber and KBR Board Member



WENDY DOYLE | Wendy has led United WE to invest in research, advocacy, and policy solutions to remove economic barriers for women, including conducting 30+ research studies, securing 57 policy actions, and supporting the civic appointment of 200+ women. Wendy advocates equal pay, paid family leave, affordable childcare and occupational licensing, among others.

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WORKING LUNCH: HOW PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT POLICY IMPACTS THE KANSAS ECONOMY

- Alex Orel, SVP Government Relations - Kansas Bankers Association



ALEX OREL | Since 2018, Mr. Orel has led the organization's state-level political efforts. Alex brings more than a decade of Kansas political experience, including 6+ years with another association and as legislative liaison for the Governor's Office. Alex serves on KBA's Leadership Team, manages KBA's day-to-day state-level political operations, and leads fundraising efforts and strategy for BankPAC, the industry's political action committee.

1:00 pm

ECONOMIC COSTS TO KANSAS BUSINESSES OF INCREASED HOMELESSNESS

- Ryan Baty, Chairman - Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners
- Moderator: Bruce Witt - KBR Board Chair



RYAN BATY | After just one year as a County Commissioner, Ryan Baty was selected in 2024 as Chairman. He is involved with the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition as well as efforts to address the growing problems of housing insecurity and homelessness. He recently spearheaded an effort to develop new research identifying the economic costs of homelessness to taxpayers and businesses. Ryan founded THE mattress HUB and serves as CEO.

2:00 pm

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