The Colorado Health Foundation™

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CORE FOUNDATION VALUES

The Board sets forth the following core values of the Colorado Health Foundation, and will abide by these principles and seek partners and grantees who share the values implicit in these principles:

1. Stewardship — The Foundation is responsible for maximizing the public asset with which it has been entrusted through investments in Colorado's health and health care.

2. Accountability — The Foundation shall engage in the prudent management of the community asset with which it has been entrusted.

3. Leverage — The Foundation will return greater benefit to Colorado than the dollar value that the public asset could return alone by partnering with others, by encouraging investments in the health and health care of Coloradans, and through the contributions of its volunteers and staff.

4. Humility — The Foundation does not have the answers and will listen to the wisdom of others who know how it might better accomplish its mission.

5. Respect — The Foundation values different perspectives and will strive to understand others' points-of-view, cultures, experiences and beliefs.

6. Excellence — The Foundation will set high standards in all it does, conducting external assessments of its performance and learning from its mistakes.

7. Objectivity — The Foundation staff and volunteers will set aside personal interests, biases and agendas in their Foundation work and will strictly adhere to a rigorous conflict of interest policy.

8. Flexibility — The Foundation will be alert to the changing conditions in Colorado and will adapt its goals and objectives to effectively carry out its mission.

9. Empathy — The Foundation will honor the immediate health and health care needs of individuals, even as it pursues the longer-term changes necessary to accomplish its mission.

10. Persistence — The Foundation acknowledges that improving health and health care of Coloradans is a complicated, multi-year undertaking and will manage the public assets with which it is entrusted to allow for the sustained pursuit of its mission and goals.

11. Diversity — The Foundation pledges that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, citizenship status, age, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status.