

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME Kate Grubbs O'Connor		POSITION TITLE Executive Director, Grant Healthcare Foundation	
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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(S)	FIELD OF STUDY
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio	BS	1991	Major: Organizational Communication Additional Studies: Human Resources and French

01/2014 – Present Grant Healthcare Foundation – Executive Director

07/1996 – 12/2013 National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, Inc., Chief Executive Officer
Previously Chief Operating Officer, Associate Executive Director and Director of Public Programs and Community Education.

05/1996 National Kidney Foundation of Colorado, Special Events Coordinator

05/1992 PNC Mortgage Corporation of America, Vernon Hills, IL,
Employee Relations Specialist

Publications: Quinn, Michael T., Gnepp, Jackie, Alexander, G. Caleb, Hollingsworth, Diane, O'Connor, Kate Grubbs, Lang, Willa, Klayman, Joshua and Meltzer, David. "Design and Evaluation of Work Site Promotions of Organ Donation: Real-World Challenges and Strategies to Address Them". *Understanding Organ Donation: Applied Behavioral Science Perspectives*. Ed. Jason T. Siegel and Eusebio M. Alvaro. West Sussex, United Kingdom: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. 164 -176.

"Development and Evaluation of a Workplace Intervention to Promote Organ Donation." Progress in Transplantation, August 2006

Professional Bio Summary

Kate Grubbs O'Connor, Executive Director

Kate Grubbs O'Connor is the current Executive Director of Grant Healthcare Foundation (GHF) located in Lake Forest, Illinois where she is responsible for understanding the non-profit health

Principal Investigator/Program Director (Last, First, Middle):

landscape within the Chicagoland area and developing and setting the strategic priorities for the foundation's funding portfolio. Prior to her joining GHF in January of 2014, Ms. O'Connor was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) where she oversaw all of the program and fundraising related activities of the organization as well as general operations, fiscal/board responsibilities and management of staff. Prior to her appointment as CEO, Ms. O'Connor served as the NKFI's Chief Operating Officer for seven years where she was responsible for the development, management and evaluation of all community disease prevention and awareness programs as well as fundraising. Ms. O'Connor was the Principal Investigator of a three-year grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which systematically evaluated social and behavioral interventions to increase organ and tissue donation in the workplace. Kate brings over 10 years of experience in the development and evaluation of community awareness programs and over 12 years experience in general program development, fundraising and non-profit management. She currently serves on the board of Weiss Memorial Hospital and co-chairs the Health Program Affinity Group under the auspices of Forefront (aka The Donor's Forum). Previously, she also held board positions on the Illinois Diabetes Caucus Foundation and was the co-chair of the Illinois Diabetes Policy Coalition. Ms. O'Connor holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Ohio University.