



Meyer Foundation Announces New Vice President for Program and Community

Terri D. Wright, Ph.D., MPH Brings Expertise in Advancing Racial and Social Equity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 2018 – Following a nationwide selection process, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation has announced the selection of Terri D. Wright, Ph.D., MPH, as vice president for program and community, effective February 16. The move is a key part of the Foundation’s larger effort to further invest in strategies and initiatives that create an equitable Washington region and align toward its vision of a just, connected, and inclusive region where systemic racism and its consequences no longer exist.

Wright comes to the Foundation with extensive leadership skills and experience in advancing racial and social equity, with previous appointments as the first executive director of [The Steve Fund](#), the nation’s only organization focused on supporting the mental health and emotional well-being of young people of color in higher education, and as a program director for health policy at the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) (WKKF) an independent, private foundation based in Battle Creek, Michigan.

As a key member of the Foundation’s executive leadership, Wright joins President and CEO Nicky Goren and Vice President for Finance and Operations Janice Thomas in providing oversight to the organization, and will lead program activities that focus on systemic changes to promote racial equity across the region:

“Terri’s vast experience in public health and, in particular, how the social determinants of health interact as a profound factor in peoples’ lives, is well-aligned with the Foundation’s [goal areas and priorities](#),” said Goren. “Her unique perspective coming from the Kellogg Foundation, which has led exceptional work in furthering the field’s approach to racial equity, will be invaluable as Meyer works with partners striving toward meaningful, systemic change in our region.”

Wright also served as director of the Center for Public Health Policy and the Center for School, Health and Education at the American Public Health Association (APHA) in DC where she provided leadership to the public health policy agenda, specifically around health equity, environmental health, and the integration of public health and primary care to advance on-time graduation among youth in economically vulnerable communities. Prior to APHA, Wright served as a program director for health policy for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for 12 years. There, she developed health policy programming priorities and initiatives, recommended proposals for funding, and provided leadership during the early years of the Foundation’s focus on racial equity.

She holds a master’s and a doctorate degree from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor’s degree in community and school health from the City University of New York. She is an active member of APHA and a former member of the Institute of Medicine’s Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband.

“I believe that if we are to succeed in improving the lives of our neighbors, families, and communities, we must address the very real racial and structural inequities undermining opportunities for housing, education, and jobs,” said Wright. “I am looking forward to working with the Meyer team and partnering

with community organizations working each day to advance sustainable solutions in communities across the Greater Washington region.”

About the Meyer Foundation

Established in 1944 by Eugene Meyer, an owner and publisher of The Washington Post, and his wife, the author and social activist Agnes E. Meyer, the Meyer Foundation is one of the Washington area’s oldest and largest locally-focused philanthropies. In December 2015, the Foundation adopted a new strategic plan and mission statement: to pursue and invest in solutions that build an equitable Greater Washington community in which economically vulnerable people thrive. Learn more at www.meyerfoundation.org.

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