

Dr. Claude Brunson Appointed to KONZA National Network's Board of Directors



TOPEKA (October 13, 2022) – KONZA National Network today announced the appointment of Claude Brunson, MD as the newest member to their Board of Directors. As the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Medical Association, Brunson brings to KONZA decades of medical expertise, strategy and leadership experience.

Before overseeing the Mississippi State Medical Association, Brunson led the External Affairs Division for the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), building strategic and collaborative partnerships with the medical community.

“We are delighted that Dr. Brunson is joining KONZA’s Board. He has been instrumental in building HIE participation with Mississippi Health Access Exchange (MHAX), which is powered by KONZA,” said Jerry Slaughter, Chair of KONZA’s Board and Senior Executive Advisor to the Kansas Medical Society. “His drive to improve interoperability combined with his expertise in cultivating partnerships will be beneficial as we continue to grow our interoperability strategy.”

“Dr. Brunson has unparalleled experience in external affairs and healthcare leadership, using his passion for medicine to improve patient lives and build healthier communities in Mississippi,” said Laura McCrary, EdD, President of KONZA and Executive Director of KHIN. “As the first member from outside of Kansas to join our Board, Dr. Brunson will bring a fresh perspective with opportunities for innovation and growth.”

“It’s an honor to join KONZA’s Board of Directors,” said Brunson. “I share KONZA’s commitment to transforming healthcare, and I look forward to helping build our national interoperability strategy.”

ABOUT KONZA NATIONAL NETWORK

KONZA supports health information exchanges in partnership with several state medical societies, which includes more than 13 million unique patients and over 10,000 providers in 10 states (KS, MO, SC, TX, MS, GA, CT, NJ, LA, CA). Available to any organization in any state in the nation, the KONZA platform utilizes a secure electronic network provided by a collaboration of healthcare organizations.

KONZA connects to other health information exchanges and to the national eHealth Exchange, directly benefiting healthcare professionals and patients with KONZA’s delivery of unequalled, streamlined intelligence. KONZA’s goal is to improve healthcare quality, coordination and efficiency through the exchange of health information at the point of care.

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