



Sandra Lawrence

Chief Administrative Officer/Executive Vice President – Children’ Mercy Hospital and Clinics

Director - Westar Energy, Inc., Women Corporate Directors of Kansas City (Chair of the Governance Committee), Hall Family Foundation, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Children’s Hospital Association
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Sandra A. J. Lawrence is Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President of The Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics (CMH) Kansas City’s exclusive, pediatric medical center and healthcare network. In this capacity she is responsible for the Hospital’s integrated care, network solutions and managed care; human resources; information systems; government relations; occupational health; and other operations. Before joining the staff of CMH, Lawrence served six years on the Hospital’s Governing Board and two years on the Hospital’s Foundation Board.

Prior to her employment with CMH, Lawrence worked at Midwest Research Institute (MRI), an independent, not-for-profit laboratory that conducts scientific, applied research and technology development in the areas of defense, energy and the life sciences. Her last role at MRI was as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President. During a prior employment period with MRI, she was Director of MRI’s Statistics and Economics Center for Regional Development. Other employment included serving as Vice President of Administration for Gateway, the computer company; and as President of Stern Brothers, a municipal, investment banking firm.

An NACD Board Leadership Fellow, Lawrence’s current board and civic commitments include serving on the board, on the Compensation Committee and as Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee of Westar Energy (NYSE WR); on the board and on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the American Shared Hospital Services (NYSE AMS); on the board, on the Investment Committee and as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Hall Family Foundation; on the board and on the Nominating and Governance Committee of the KC National Association of Corporate Directors; as trustee, as Chair of the Audit Committee and on the Investment Committee of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; as Governance Committee Chair of Women Corporate Directors; on the Finance Committee and on the Investment Committee of the Children’s Hospital Association; and as Vice Chair of the board of the Kansas Metropolitan Business & Healthcare Coalition.

Past civic activities have included serving as Chair of the board and as Treasurer, of the Kansas Bioscience Authority; as Chair of the board of, as Audit Committee Chair, as Investment Committee member and as Treasurer of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; on the Finance Committee and as Nominating Task Force Chair of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; on the board of, and as Co-Chair of the Healthcare Subcommittee of, the Mayor’s Bi-State Google Task Force; as a member of the Civic Council; as Co-Chair of the Harvard Club of Kansas City; on the board and Audit Committee, and as Organization Strategy Chair, of J.E. Dunn Industries; on the CFO Steering Committee of the Children’s Hospital Association; on the board of, and as Transportation Demand Chair and Small Business Selection Committee member of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; as a trustee of MRI; as a board member and as Treasurer of the Lyric Opera; as Honorary Gala30 Co-Chair 2014 of the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey; and on the board, and as Treasurer, of Turn the Page KC. Awards and honors have included Savoy Magazine’s Top 100 Corporate Directors of 2017, The Ingram’s 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders of Kansas City Area 2017, the Harmony Humanitarian Award, the Central Exchange Woman of the Year Award and the Outstanding Up and Comer Award.

Lawrence received a Master’s in Business Administration from Harvard Business School, concentrating in the areas of finance and real estate; a Master’s in Architecture from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, specializing in civil engineering and urban design; and an A.B. from Vassar College with a major in psychology and an emphasis in statistics.