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The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts Appoints a New Director of Programs

WORCESTER, Mass. (March 17, 2026) – [The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts](#) today announced the appointment of Juli True Dooley as director of programs, who will play a vital role in developing and implementing the organization’s grantmaking agenda.

“Juli’s extensive experience in community health in Central Massachusetts positions her well for her new role at The Health Foundation,” said Amie Shei, president and CEO of The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. “She has a keen understanding of the region’s greatest health needs and a passion for improving access to care, which will make her an invaluable asset to our team.”

As director of programs, Dooley will oversee the organization’s grantmaking programs – including the Synergy Initiative, Activation Fund, and Board Designated grants – and work closely with community members, capacity-building partners, and peers within the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors to promote health equity through the organization’s grantmaking.

“As someone who both grew up and worked in this community, I’ve long admired the vital work of The Health Foundation and the meaningful impact it has on the health and wellbeing of people across the region,” said Dooley. “It’s an honor and privilege to now join this effort and help carry its mission forward.”

Dooley has more than a decade of experience in the nonprofit health care sector. Most recently, she served as the senior vice president of advancement and communications at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, which serves 35,000 individuals of all ages across Central and MetroWest Massachusetts. In her eight years with the Health Center, she oversaw and grew its fundraising strategy, including grants, individual giving, fundraising events, and corporate sponsorships. In addition, she led the Health Center’s marketing, communications, and community relations efforts.

Dooley earned her bachelor's degree from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. and her master's degree in business administration from Babson College. She also earned a certificate in community health and community health leadership from the Moakley Center for Public Health Management at Suffolk University. She was named one of Worcester Business Journal's 40 Under 40 in 2025.

About The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts

The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts is dedicated to improving the health of those who live or work in Central Massachusetts, with particular emphasis on vulnerable populations and unmet needs. Through its unique and impactful approach to grantmaking, The Health Foundation addresses community-identified health issues, with health defined broadly to include social determinants of health and with a focus on promoting health equity. As a health conversion foundation launched in 1999 following the sale of the not-for-profit HMO Central Massachusetts Health Care Inc., The Health Foundation's grants have totaled over \$62 million to 250 unique organizations over its history. For more information, visit www.thfcm.org.

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