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Futuro Health Announces Appointment of Priya Smith to Board of Directors

[SACRAMENTO, Calif.] – [Futuro Health](#) today announced the appointment of Priya Smith, Chief Employee Human Resources Officer for The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California, to its Board of Directors. Smith brings more than two decades of experience in healthcare leadership, workforce strategy, and organizational transformation—expertise that will support Futuro Health’s mission to improve the health and wealth of communities by growing the largest network of allied healthcare workers in the nation.



As Chief Employee Human Resources Officer for TPMG, Smith oversees the people strategy for 45,000 employees, partnering closely with physicians to foster a culture that supports exceptional care. Previously, she served as Chief Administrative Officer of Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center, guiding operations across multiple sites and supporting 600 physicians and 2,200 staff in serving more than 260,000 members throughout the region.

“Futuro Health’s mission resonates deeply with my own values — particularly its commitment to expanding opportunity and strengthening the healthcare workforce at a time when access to care depends on both,” Smith said. “I am honored to join the Board and help advance the organization’s impact in communities that need it most.”

Smith’s leadership has been widely recognized, including honors as one of Silicon Valley Business Journal’s Women of Influence and its 40 Under 40. She serves as Chair of San Jose’s Work2Future workforce development board and as Board Secretary for Second Harvest Silicon Valley, roles that underscore her long-standing dedication to strengthening the communities she serves.

“Healthcare workforce shortages are no longer just an operational challenge — they are a coverage challenge,” said Van Ton-Quinlivan, CEO of Futuro Health. “As new federal Medicaid re-certification requirements take effect, workforce training infrastructure like Futuro Health’s becomes essential to growing the local healthcare workforce and maintaining access to healthcare coverage. Priya’s appointment comes at a pivotal moment for our mission — and for the communities we serve.”

Born in India and raised in Hong Kong, Smith holds a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences from Stanford University and a master’s in public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

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About Futuro Health

Futuro Health Futuro Health addresses the critical shortage in healthcare workers through its national nonprofit mission to improve the health and well-being of communities by growing the largest network of allied health workers in the nation. We empower individuals by providing them with the credentials and qualifications for their first or next healthcare career, making education journeys into allied health careers possible. By building the talent that employers need and creating a path to opportunity that workers want, we are transforming lives and communities. Visit www.futurohealth.org.