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Futuro Health Welcomes Community Health and Equity Leader to Board of Directors

- John Yamamoto of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan to serve as vice chair -

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - <u>Futuro Health</u>, a nonprofit organization with a mission to increase the health and wealth of communities by growing the largest network of allied healthcare workers in the nation, is pleased to announce the appointment of John Yamamoto, Esq., as the new Vice Chair of its Board of Directors.

Over the course of the past three decades, Yamamoto has held a variety of distinguished leadership positions with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals. He succeeds David Grossman, MD, MPH, as the Vice Chair of Futuro Health's Board, following Dr. Grossman's retirement from Kaiser Permanente after a highly esteemed and accomplished healthcare career.

"I am honored to be a part of this team, cultivating the next generation of diverse professionals, who, with Futuro Health's support, will play a vital role in enhancing the quality and capacity of the nation's healthcare system," said Yamamoto. "There has never been a more critical time to identify, train, and hire skilled healthcare workers to meet the evolving needs of our patients and the communities we serve."



Yamamoto served the past 11 years as Vice President, Community Health and Government Relations, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Health Plan, Southern California, where he was responsible for overseeing government and community relations in the Southern California Region, promoting policies aligned with Kaiser Permanente's mission, model, and operations and addressing community health needs to enhance health and equity in the region.

Concurrently through 2018, Yamamoto also served as Regional Counsel to the executive team coordinating all legal services including serving as primary counsel supporting the development of the Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine. John joined Kaiser Permanente as Staff Counsel in 1992 and in 1997 became Practice Leader for the Health & Regulatory Practice Group of the National Legal Department, managing a team of lawyers and paralegals across multiple jurisdictions to support health plan and care delivery operations handling high-profile regulatory and litigation matters, internal investigations, new product developments, and crisis management issues.

"John's leadership positions in healthcare, government relations, and community health make him a valuable addition to our Board. His commitment to promoting health equity and access to care will continue to guide Futuro Health's purpose-driven nonprofit mission of growing talent for employers and connecting workers to opportunity," stated Van Ton-Quinlivan, Futuro Health CEO.

Yamamoto currently serves on the Board of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles and was elected to Kaiser Permanente's Maui Health System Board of Directors, which operates hospitals on Maui and Lanai. For ten years, Yamamoto served on the Advisory Committee Charles R. Drew University (CDU) School of Medicine and Science Board of Trustees, a private nonprofit, Historically Black Graduate Institution, designated Minority Serving Institution located in South Angeles.

John received his law degree from the University of Michigan and his Bachelor of Science in public policy and management from Carnegie-Mellon University.

The Futuro Health Board of Directors includes healthcare, higher education, civic, and labor leaders. For more information about the board, visit futurohealth.org/about/board-of-directors.

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About Futuro Health

Futuro Health is a non-profit organization focused on improving the health and wealth of communities by growing the largest network of allied healthcare workers in the nation. Futuro Health makes education journeys into allied health careers possible by growing the talent that employers need and creating a path to the opportunity that workers want.