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The Duke Endowment Names Health Care Associate Director

Jan. 25, 2017 – Chris Collins is joining The Duke Endowment as associate director of Health Care.

Collins has been director of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health since 2013. She previously served as the Office’s deputy director, and held a joint appointment as director of managed care with the Division of Medical Assistance. Collins has also worked as human service planner and evaluator with Buncombe County and executive director of Community Care of Western North Carolina.

Collins has extensive experience in working to address health care needs and has participated on multiple national and state task forces. Her community leadership includes serving on the boards of the NC Healthcare Quality Alliance, Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation, and Care Share Health Alliance.

She received a Bachelor of Social Work from St. Louis University and a Master of Social Work from Southern Illinois University.

“Chris brings a wealth of expertise to The Duke Endowment as well as a passion for our grantees and their work,” said Lin Hollowell, the Endowment’s Health Care director. “She understands the many challenges and opportunities in health care and has already made significant contributions to the Carolinas. We look forward to her continued leadership in her new role with us.”

The Duke Endowment’s Health Care program area focuses on work in North Carolina and South Carolina that promotes prevention, improves the quality and safety of services, and increases access to care. In 2016, the Endowment awarded more than \$34 million in new grants through the program area.

Based in Charlotte, N.C., and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has awarded more than \$3.4 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but they are separate organizations.