

WORKSHOP III

Access to Care
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Health Coverage 101

Kit Abney Spelce, Senior Director of Eligibility, Central Health



Kit Abney Spelce is Central Health's Senior Director of Eligibility Services. The Eligibility Services department assists uninsured Travis County residents with enrolling in the Medical Access Program (MAP), Medicaid, CHIP, and the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace. Kit has an education degree from the University of Texas at Austin and served two years in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica.

From 1999-2016, Kit worked for Seton Healthcare Family, serving as the Director of Insure-a-Kid, where she led the strategy for enrolling children and pregnant women into CHIP and Medicaid and uninsured adults into the Health Insurance Marketplace. While at Seton, she also served as Interim Executive Director of Children's Optimal Health from 2006-2010, establishing it as a 501(c)3 and

developing its operating infrastructure until a permanent Executive Director was hired.

Sendero Health Plans

Wes Durkalski, CEO, Sendero Health Plans



Mr. Durkalski became CEO of Sendero Health Plans in September of 2014, after serving as COO since March of 2014. He originally joined Sendero as CFO in February 2012, and helped lead the company through the 2012 launch of its Texas STAR & CHIP products. Later he led the successful implementation of its Federal Marketplace IdealCare products. As COO, Mr. Durkalski repositioned Sendero's presence in the community, supporting closer working relationships with providers, community partners, and area residents.

Sendero is a non-profit health plan started by Central Health, the Travis County Healthcare District, to coordinate healthcare coverage for those with need in the local community.

Prior to joining Sendero Health Plans, Mr. Durkalski was the Chief Financial Officer for Amerigroup in Austin and San Antonio. During his tenure, he delivered the best performance in the state against budgets and assisted in the turnaround of the lowest performing market in the company. Earlier at Amerigroup, he developed and implemented the company's first successful company-wide provider profiling program, which utilized quality, acuity, and financial data to improve evidence-based care delivery.