

Keweenaw Health Foundation welcomes new Board Members

The Keweenaw Health Foundation (KHF) is proud to announce the appointment of new board members to its Board of Directors. These accomplished individuals bring a wealth of expertise and a shared commitment to advancing the foundations mission and goals.

The addition of new board members marks a significant milestone for the Keweenaw Health Foundation. Each individual brings a unique set of skills, experiences, and perspectives that will undoubtedly contribute to the foundations continued success in the Keweenaw.

"We are thrilled to welcome our newest board members to the Keweenaw Health Foundation family. Their diverse expertise and passion for the community will undoubtedly propel us to new heights," said Dan Dalquist, Board Chair of the Keweenaw Health Foundation. "With their contributions, we are confident in our collective ability to make a lasting impact on the communities we serve. Together, we look forward to shaping a future where our foundation continues to be a force for positive change and innovation."

Meet the New Board Members:

- Joel Asiala, Principal–Washington Middle School

Asiala is responsible for daily operations of the Washington Middle School within the Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw Public School System. Asiala is a graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies and Physical Education, and



Joel Asiala



Ian Lewis



Master of Science in Special Education with an endorsement in Education Administration from Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MAASP). Joel coached boys' and girls' basketball for several years and served as Principal of the Horizon Alternative High School for 5 years. Prior to working at CLK Schools, Joel was a Special Education teacher at Lake Linden-Hubbell School System. He is the Co-Founder of the Superior Educator Award with the Copper Shores Community Health Foundation (formally Portage Health Foundation). He received the Alternative Principal Award of The Year Award through the state of Michigan in 2019 and is also the Co-Founder of Teach Link Educational Software Company.

- Ian Lewis, Manager–Laurium Village

Lewis is responsible for various functions of the Village including serving as the chief financial and administrative officer. As manager, Lewis works closely with the Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, Police, Fire, and the Department of Public Works. Lewis is a graduate of Gogebic Community College with an Associate's Degree in Pre-Law, Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science and a Master Degree in Public Administration. He earned his Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law in May of 2022.

- Jonathan Brueggeman, DPM, MHSA, Foot and Ankle Surgeon

Dr. Brueggeman joined Aspirus Health in 2019 as a Foot and Ankle Surgeon with over 15 years of experience. Dr. Brueggeman earned his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois. He completed his podiatric surgical residency at St. Joseph Hospital of Chicago also affiliated with the North Chicago Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Prior to Aspirus Keweenaw, he initially worked in Milwaukee as a foot and ankle surgeon and also worked closely with the wound care team at Aurora St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee for a period of 5 years. After that time, he moved to the Upper Peninsula, and he worked as a foot and ankle surgeon and helped co-direct wound care at UP Health System-Portage for 5 years. Dr. Brueggeman started at Aspirus in December of 2017. He has been a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and the Wisconsin Podiatric Medical Association and is an Associate of the American Professional Wound Care Association.

In 2019 he assumed the role of Interim Chief Medical Officer for

Aspirus Keweenaw and Aspirus Ontonagon Hospitals and the following April was officially named the Regional Medical Director for the UP Region of Aspirus. In April of 2023, he furthered his education to support his administrative role with the completion of a Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) degree through the Executive Master's program at the University of Michigan.

- Katie Schlieff, Manager-Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce

Schlieff was born and raised in Minnesota and came to the Upper Peninsula eight years ago to pursue a business opportunity with her family. Katie has a background in Marketing, Sales and Fashion Management and has an extensive 18 + years of experience with branding, marketing, purchasing, sales, and event planning and is the Manager of the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce and plays a vital role in the Chamber office, assisting visitors, chamber members, and planning events. She enjoys living in the Keweenaw, all four seasons and giving back to our community.

The diversity of backgrounds and experiences among the new board members aligns seamlessly with the Keweenaw Health Foundation's commitment to support the

quality and availability of health care and the general health and welfare of residents in and around the Keweenaw. This infusion of fresh perspectives will undoubtedly strengthen the foundation's ability to address the evolving needs of our community and achieve its overarching goals.

"I'm honored and excited to join the Keweenaw Health Foundation board. This organization has a proven track record of making meaningful contributions to the community and I'm eager to lend my skills and perspective to further advance its mission," said Dr. Jonathan Brueggeman.

Keweenaw Health Foundation is a non-profit entity that develops resource opportunities to support the healing mission of Aspirus Keweenaw and the communities it serves. This includes equipment purchases, free health screenings, educational programs and materials, and grants to local organizations to help improve the health and well-being of people in the community.

The Keweenaw Health Foundation community welcomes the new board members and looks forward to the collaborative efforts that will undoubtedly lead to continued success in fulfilling the foundation's mission.