

# Wisconsin Hospital Association: Hoelter joins WHA government relations team

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**MADISON (February 26, 2018)** - The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) today announced another addition to its public policy and government relations team. Jon Hoelter will join WHA as its new director of a federal and state relations.

“Jon has over a decade of experience crafting and implementing health care policy in both Washington, D.C. and Madison, Wisconsin,” said WHA President/CEO Eric Borgerding. “He has a deep interest in health care, knows the issues and the policymaking process, and will immediately help expand our presence and impact at both the federal and state levels. The WHA team is excited to welcome him aboard.”

“I’m excited to be joining such a great organization focused on making Wisconsin a national leader in providing high-quality, accessible and affordable health care,” Hoelter said. “I’m looking forward to being part of the team that promotes these priorities for Wisconsin’s hospitals at the state and federal levels.”

Hoelter comes to WHA from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), where he has served as DHS legislative advisor since July 2015. In addition to his policy and legislative responsibilities at DHS, Hoelter served as the DHS Secretary’s designee for the Child Abuse, Neglect, and Prevention Board; Criminal Justice

Coordinating Council; Early Childhood Advisory Council; and Office of Children's Mental Health - Collective Impact.

Before joining DHS, Hoelter served as the senior policy advisor to Gov. Scott Walker, advising the Governor on issues related to Public Instruction (DPI), Health Services (DHS), Children and Families (DCF), and Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI). Hoelter chaired the Governor's Read to Lead Development Council and led the National Governors Association Health Workforce Policy Academy for Wisconsin.

Prior to joining Walker's staff in 2013, Hoelter served nearly three years in the Washington, D.C. office of Wisconsin Congressman Sean Duffy. Hoelter became senior legislative assistant, specializing in health care issues and staffing Congressman Duffy on the House Committee on the Budget. Prior to going to Washington, Hoelter served four years as a research assistant in the office of state Rep. Mary Williams.

Hoelter has a Bachelor's Degree in political science and sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He begins his new position with WHA this week.

Hoelter is the latest addition to WHA's policy and advocacy team. On February 12, WHA [announced](#) the hiring of Lisa Ellinger, vice president, public policy, and Kari Hofer, vice president, advocacy.

"Jon, Kari and Lisa add even more depth to WHA's highly talented team, and will help us continue extending our reach and growing our agenda," said Borgerding. "The impact our members have in their communities across the state goes far beyond the walls of their hospitals. WHA goes where its members are, and we will continue expanding our capabilities to craft and consistently deliver relevant, proactive policy agendas in synch with our members, focusing on the continuum of care."