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Health

Tamra J. Fontaine became a program associate for The Kresge Foundation's Health Program in 2008. Her responsibilities include reviewing funding proposals and managing grants from health-related organizations, tracking grant outcomes, and helping to develop the strategic direction of the Health team. Tamra also conducts research on current health practices and analyzes the effectiveness of community-health programs focused on pressing health issues and disparities in health care. In addition, she collaborates with other team members, as well as specialists in the health field, on the creation and evaluation of new grantmaking initiatives that impact the social determinants of health.

"I believe health care is a right for all, not a privilege for some," Tamra says. "At Kresge, I have a unique opportunity to support organizations working to address and reduce or eliminate health care inequities in underserved communities, so that individuals have better physical and mental health."

Previously, Tamra worked at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich., as a program assistant and specialist in Kellogg's health program from 1996 to 2008. Earlier, she was assistant risk manager at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Tamra is enrolled in a master's degree program in public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.