

Council on Medical Service (CMS)

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Specialty: Infectious Disease

Statement of Interest

Five years ago, as I started my fellowship in North Carolina, I concurrently moved back to my rural hometown of Fort Dodge, Iowa because of the lack of healthcare availability. Watching patients suffer in an underfunded and collapsing rural health environment, I ran for the Iowa State House in 2018. Although I lost by 312 votes, I learned intricately about political allocation of medical services and am a better advocate today. Now, I'm running again and in January 2023, I will be the youngest woman of color elected to any position in the state of Iowa and the only Asian woman serving in the Iowa Legislature. Prior to my candidacy, I spent years working in politics and health policy. In high school I was the first student member on the Iowa Board of Education, appointed by Secretary Tom Vilsack. I met monthly with the Governor and legislators to craft education policy. I also sat on the National State Boards of Education Health Education Policy group. In college, I worked within the Peruvian Ministry of Health to change their malaria treatment policies. In medical school I co-founded the state lobby day, annually leading students to meet with legislators to advocate for education and healthcare. In residency, I was a health policy fellow for a US Presidential Campaign and was elected National Delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention. In 2019, I was appointed by the Iowa Supreme Court to the Iowa Access to Justice Commission. My current NIH-funded research focuses on access to sexual and reproductive health care in setting of legislative changes to Medicaid. And for the last 2.5 years, I have had the privilege of representing our RFS on CMS. From advocacy to research, I will continue to bring my experiences to CMS and fight for an equitable medical system for our patients and colleagues.