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Chet P. Hewitt is the president and CEO of Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento, California. Before joining Sierra Health in August 2007, Chet was the director of the Alameda County Social Services Agency. The \$600 million agency was comprised of five departments (TANF, Adult Services, Children Services, Workforce Board and Administration) and served one of every eight Alameda County residents. Known as “The People’s Director,” his leadership resulted in the agency receiving numerous local, state and national awards for its use of technology to increase health insurance and food stamp enrollment, the development of one of the largest public sector EITC volunteer tax assistance programs in the country, and the implementation of innovative practice and policy changes that reduced the county’s foster care caseload by 40 percent.

Chet has been involved in policy development, advocacy and human service innovation for 20 years. From 1996 to 2000, he served as an associate director with the Rockefeller Foundation (RF) in New York, where he authored the foundation’s community building strategy and managed its national employment initiative developed in response to the passage of welfare reform. In 1998, he was reassigned to California to manage RF’s partnership with the California Endowment, the nation’s largest health conversion foundation, and produced California Works for Better Health, an innovative work/health initiative focused on addressing social and economic determinants of health. In 1995, the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) awarded Chet a National Children and Family Leaders Fellowship for his work on child, family and community issues. Prior to his AECF fellowship, Chet served as a program director with the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ) in San Francisco, where he authored policy briefs on racial disparities within California criminal and juvenile justice systems. During his time with CJCJ, Chet also founded the juvenile detention diversion advocacy program, a nationally recognized alternative to juvenile detention that has been replicated in several cities throughout America.

Chet serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the United Way of the California Capital Region, the Center to Promote Healthcare Access, Greater Sacramento Urban League and the City of Sacramento Youth Commission. A former foster parent, Chet is happily married to his wife, Laura, and is an active partner in raising their sons, Chet and Stephan.