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*An Endowment for Northern California*

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### **Sierra Health Foundation executives take on expanded roles**

**Sacramento, Calif.** – Sierra Health Foundation President and CEO Chet Hewitt recently promoted two members of his executive team.



The foundation's chief financial officer since May 2006, **Gil Alvarado** now serves as vice president of administration/CFO. In this role, he is responsible for strategic business planning and management of all foundation administrative activities, investments and finances, and provides leadership to ensure compliance with state and federal fiscal and regulatory policy. He serves on the board of the Foundation Financial Officers Group, and is involved in the local nonprofit community, serving on the board of Women's Empowerment and as a committee member of MedStart. Before joining Sierra Health, he held the position of chief financial and information officer for the Paso del Norte Health Foundation in El Paso, Texas.

Since joining Sierra Health in February 2008, **Diane Littlefield** has led the foundation's Program team as program officer and later as senior program officer. In her new role as director of program investments, she is responsible for strategic program development and management of the foundation's grantmaking portfolio, which includes policy, public education, responsive grants and special initiatives. Before joining Sierra Health as a consultant and later as a staff member, she served as director of the Center for Collaborative Planning at the Public Health Institute, and was chief of chronic disease prevention for the Monterey County Health Department.



“With the promotion of Gil Alvarado to the position of vice president of administration and CFO, and Diane Littlefield to the position of director of program investments, the foundation has significantly strengthened its executive team,” Hewitt said. “We now have the breadth and depth of organizational leadership required to continue the foundation's rich history of leadership, collaboration and service to the range of institutions and communities working to promote health and well-being within our funding region and beyond.”

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