

Eva Turbiner retiring following 16-year tenure

Zufall leader transformed tiny Dover clinic

Zufall Health has announced the retirement of Eva Turbiner, whose 16 years as president and chief executive officer transformed a tiny clinic into a nationally recognized health center that now serves more than 41,000 underserved patients in seven New Jersey counties.

Turbiner, whose career as a health-care executive spans more than three decades, said she will leave the organization at year's end.

"Eva's vision and expertise have turned a small, volunteer operation into a vital

and thriving organization that makes affordable, quality care accessible to tens of thousands of vulnerable people," said Michael O'Donnell, chairman of Zufall's board of directors. "We are grateful for her many years of dedicated leadership and wish her well in her retirement."

An executive recruiting firm has been hired to conduct a national search for Turbiner's successor.

"It has been the honor of my life to work here," she said. "I am so proud of the organization we are today and its recognition as a trusted advocate for the uninsured of New Jersey. I am also grateful for the support of our dedicated board of directors, our talented staff, and the many dependable partners who helped improve the health of the patients and communities we serve."

Under Turbiner's direction, Zufall has grown to 10 clinical sites across Morris, Sussex, Essex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren, and Middlesex counties. This region – covering roughly one-third of the state -- encompasses the largest service area of any of New Jersey's 23 other Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Turbiner now oversees a budget that approaches \$50 million and a workforce that exceeds 400 professionals and support staff. Recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, Zufall has become the medical home to low-income patients who receive industry-leading, quality care and award-winning, innovative services, many of which have become national models of care.

Advances under her leadership include the opening of the Zufall Wellness Center and initiatives to expand health-



care access to all underserved patients including rural and public housing residents, farm workers, and the homeless. This commitment led to the launch of mobile medical, dental, and nutrition programs and the impending opening of Zufall's first school-based health center in Franklin Township. Accomplishments also include establishing an AmeriCorps program, providing clinical pharmacy services, developing on-site training programs for new physician assistants, dentists, and dental assistants, and creating the Zufall Health Foundation.

Her tenure also included formidable challenges from storms, floods, complicated renovations, and the nearly catastrophic COVID-19 pandemic, which threatened the health center's financial survival. But under Turbiner's stewardship, the health center reinforced its position as a leading community resource by remaining open each day throughout the crisis. Along with maintaining care for its underserved patients, Zufall expanded services to provide testing and vaccination programs for patients and the community at large.

As she continues positioning the 32-year-old health center for successful, long-term growth, Turbiner remains committed to working with her successor to ensure a seamless transition.



Eva Turbiner celebrates the milestone birthday of Zufall founder Robert Zufall, MD in 2014.

Dental residency to make lasting impact at Zufall and beyond

Grant fortifies safety net and access

A planning grant from the Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) is enabling Zufall to establish a new dental program that will impact the health center, thousands of low-income patients, and the dental community for years to come.

Over the next two years, the \$500,000 HRSA Teaching Health Center planning grant will support the creation of a wholly owned, accredited dental residency program which will be located at the Hackettstown site.

Zufall is the only health center in the state to receive this funding.

"This program will be cultivating a new generation of dental school graduates who need training to grow in competence, experience, and confidence," said Sam Wakim, DMD, Zufall's chief dental officer.

Training dental residents is not new for Zufall. For the past seven years, the health center has been working with New York University Langone Dental School to provide a community-based training program for its post-graduate dental

residents in Dover.

Under the direction of Howard Rappoport, DMD, they have performed advanced, time-consuming procedures -- not part of Zufall's primary dental program -- on several thousand patients who normally would be referred to a dental school clinic.

"Working at Zufall exposes residents to an assortment of complex and sophisticated dental conditions that they would only occasionally see and learn to treat in a private dental office," said Dr. Rappoport. "It also helps develop their empathy for a patient population that faces numerous medical, economic, and social barriers to care."

As a result, some residents are inspired to either stay on or pursue positions in other community health center settings, Dr. Wakim noted with pride.



Howard Rappoport, DMD, observes dental resident Illiana Alonso, DMD, with a patient.

"By adding more dentists to the health center workforce, we're making a long-term impact on strengthening the dental safety net and providing low-income patients more access to care," he added.

Unlike the current program, the new one-year residency will include classroom instruction which requires Zufall to develop a curriculum and training plan and establish and train a faculty. Zufall will also be pursuing necessary American Dental Association and Joint Commission accreditations.

The program is expected to welcome its first class of three residents in 2025.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Navigating a hopeful future in uncertain times

As we enjoy the renewal of spring, we are grateful to be resuming more of our normal activities. Although COVID-19 rates have been rising again, we remain hopeful at Zufall that vaccinations and new treatment protocols will allow us to safely navigate this and any future surges.

To those of you who attended one of the Foundation's recent "friendraiser" events, we appreciate your interest.

These informal receptions give us a chance to introduce Zufall to new people and help raise our profile in the community. We look forward to getting better acquainted and sharing more about Zufall. In the coming months, we will be hosting additional "friendraisers", so please let us know if there's someone you'd like us to invite.

If you've never visited Zufall, I encourage you to come see the impressive work that has won us national accolades

such as our recent designation as a Healthy People 2030 Champion by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As Peter Wolfson, a board member who is profiled in this issue will tell you, a visit is well worth your time. I hope you'll reach out to me at scronan@zufallhealth.org to schedule a personal tour of one of our sites.

Be Well!

Shade Cronan

Why I Give

Zufall staff's passion and leadership inspired Peter Wolfson to join our Foundation board

When attorney Peter Wolfson was hired to represent the health center in the complicated acquisition of its Morristown building, he knew nothing about Zufall Health. But by the time the transaction was completed a year later, he was so impressed with the health center and its leadership team that he wanted to do more to help advance the Zufall mission.

"I feel fortunate that I'm at a place in my career and family commitments where I have time to be of service to something so inspiring," said the Foundation's newest board member.

While getting to know Zufall, Wolfson was surprised by the magnitude of the practice which he saw first-hand while touring several sites.

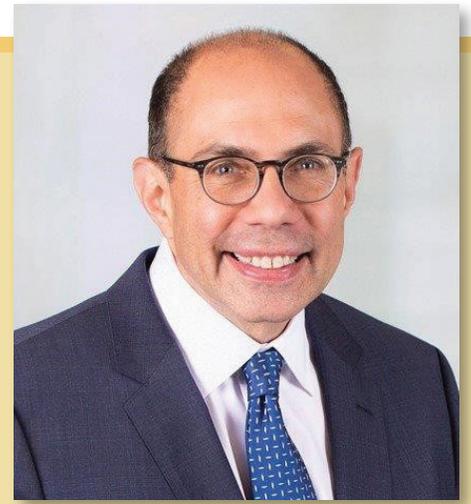
"I was struck by the number of patients served, the wide range of services, and the creativity and innovation in

the programs, patient outreach, and funding," he said. "What really left an impression was meeting staff members and seeing how accomplished and professional they are. It gives you an immediate sense of the high level of dedication and passion everyone has."

With past charitable work largely as a donor, Wolfson is now committed to actively helping grow the Foundation. He recently hosted an informal reception or "friendraiser" to introduce Zufall to potential supporters.

"I really believe in the Zufall mission and I'm looking forward to recruiting dedicated, passionate people to join us, as well as attracting new support, and helping raise the profile of the Foundation," he said.

Anyone interested in attending a "friendraiser" event or touring a Zufall



site, should contact Foundation Director Shade Cronan at scronan@zufallhealth.org.

A partner in the law firm of Day Pitney LLP, Wolfson has nearly four decades of experience as an attorney representing clients in land use and real estate development and redevelopment projects. A graduate of The Dickinson School of Law, he has been included in the lists of Best Lawyers in America and New Jersey Super Lawyers for the last several years. He and his wife, Marsha, are the proud parents of adult sons Alex and Owen.

Art gallery event hosts supporters, prospective donors

The Zufall Health Foundation recently hosted a gallery stroll and reception to thank supporters and inspire the support of prospective donors.

Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery in Bernardsville provided the perfect setting for guests to enjoy good food and conversation as well as view the beautiful collection of paintings, art glass, sculptures, and glass jewelry.

Guests also had the opportunity to hear from Douglas Bishop, MD, a family medicine physician, who spoke about the patients Zufall serves and how its numerous health and auxiliary services help improve their lives.



"It was wonderful gathering in person again and we were especially happy to welcome some new people who expressed interest in participating in and supporting Foundation activities," said Shade Cronan, Foundation director.

Foundation Director Shade Cronan with Douglas Bishop, MD, the evening's guest speaker.



Zufall art exhibits resuming in fall

Pandemic interrupted health center's popular 'Arts in Health' program

For the first time in more than two years, Zufall will be mounting a new fall art exhibit beginning on September 16th at its Dover headquarters.

"We're excited to be resuming our popular Arts in Health program that unfortunately was disrupted by the pandemic," said Eva Turbiner, Zufall's president and chief executive officer. "We've really missed seeing our walls filled with beautiful art from local professional and semi-professional artists."

The exhibit will be part of a broader cultural event presented throughout the year by the Arts & Culture Collaborative of Morris County. Member organizations are featuring exhibits, performances, and other creative endeavors around the theme of "Dance Connections".

For the Zufall show, artists who are 18 or older are being asked to explore and interpret the theme "Movement" in representational and abstract approaches. All pieces must be original work and should not include political statements, commercial advertising, and subject matter unsuitable for minors or public space display.

Zufall's Arts in Health program was established to provide an opportunity for artists to showcase their creative talents and cultural diversity on the walls of the reception and clinical areas of the health center. The art helps reduce the anxiety of patients who are not comfortable in a medical setting and also provides cultural enrichment to patients who typically may not have access to visual art experiences.

Additional details about the exhibit as well as complete submission information will soon be available at www.zufallhealth.org.



Beautiful work like "Flamenco Dancer" by artist Cathleen Bristol McCoy will be on display when the Zufall fall art exhibit opens with an evening reception for the general public on Friday September 16th.



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