

Kate A. Kohn-Parrott

President and CEO

Greater Detroit Area Health Council



In January, 2012, Kate Kohn-Parrott assumed the role of President and CEO following the retirement of Vernice Davis Anthony. Most recently, she was President and Owner—KKP Consulting, LLC. Kate, a Certified Management Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor, is a strategic Finance and Human Resources/Benefits Management Executive. She is adept at leading the transformational changes needed to steer organizations through periods of both accelerated growth and economic downturn. Kate has been instrumental in shaping health care reform at the local and state levels.

A noted health care and cost management expert, she has served as a health care consultant to the Michigan House of Representatives, where she developed a plan to reform the administration and delivery of benefits to Michigan's public employees with estimated annual savings of \$700--\$900 million. She also served as a health care and labor consultant to Eastern Michigan University, helping the University reach an on-time contract settlement with its faculty union.

Kate retired from Chrysler LLC in December 2008 with more than twenty-five years as a leader in finance, audit and benefits management. Her last assignment at Chrysler was as Director of Integrated Health Care and Disability, where she directed all facets of the company's health, wellness and absence management programs, covering 350,000 people at an annual cost of \$2.5 billion. In that role, Kate saved over \$400 million annually and led national negotiations with the UAW on health care and other benefit programs in 2007, a collaboration that reduced costs for Chrysler and saved thousands of autoworker jobs.

During her career at Chrysler, Kate was responsible for the company's activities to control the cost of approximately \$40 billion of purchased materials. In that capacity, Kate saved almost \$1.5 billion in the cost of purchased components.

Kate holds a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the University of Detroit Mercy and a bachelor's degree in business administration (accounting) from Eastern Michigan University. She holds Certificates from the Stanford University Executive Program and the Managing Business Program at Insead (France).

Kate is Chair of the Board of Visitors of the Wayne State University College of Nursing, and a member of the Human Resources Committee at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She has won numerous awards for her work in health care benefits management. Additionally, Kate served as Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC) prior to her appointment as President and CEO.