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Vance K. Farrow is the Industry Specialist for Health Care for the Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development. He is responsible for supporting the recruitment, retention and expansion of healthcare professionals and businesses to strengthen the sector’s infrastructure within Nevada. His additional duties include the development of recommendations for workforce training and the removal of barriers that impede growth within the sector. Mr. Farrow assists with the efforts of Nevada’s regional development authorities and works collaboratively with state and local governments, regional sector leaders, company officials, and a variety of multi-departmental stakeholder associations and groups.

Prior to his position with the GOED, Mr. Farrow served as Chief of the Bureau of Cancer and Chronic Disease with the District of Columbia Department of Health. In his role he oversaw all statewide federal and locally funded initiatives addressing breast and cervical, colorectal, lung and prostate cancer treatment, outreach and navigation, education, data and survivorship. Other programs of oversight included cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, tobacco control, traumatic brain injury, and corporate worksite wellness program development.

Before joining the District of Columbia Department of Health, Mr. Farrow held the positions of Health Services Coordinator for Detroit Head Start and Program Manager of the Michigan Neighborhood Partnership. In the position of program manager, Mr. Farrow implemented the African-American Male Health Initiative, a grant program for community-based organizations to fund chronic disease and violence prevention along with the promotion of health services in the city of Detroit, Michigan. Considered an expert in the health and human services field, Mr. Farrow holds more than 12 years of research experience.

Mr. Farrow earned a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis in microbiology and chemistry from Howard University in Washington, D.C., a master’s degree in public health from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health and also received instruction from the Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Penn. As a result of his extraordinary dedication and commitment, Mr. Farrow has been appointed by Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval to serve as a Commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, in addition to the task forces addressing Nevada Broadband and Graduate Medical Residencies.