



KAREN METZ, KNOXVILLE, TN (BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2020)

Why is Karen serving on the HNF Board?

Karen and Kevin's life changed drastically when he was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in late 2018 after seeking medical treatment for a "little cough". This diagnosis left two highly experienced medical professionals confused, uneducated and unprepared for the journey they would be forced to travel. Although they still feel inadequate, the past 18 months have given them the opportunity to meet other individuals and families facing the same battle, the same uncertainty; but fighting together by educating themselves and others about this rare form of cancer. Karen's role as wife, nurse, healthcare executive and NET advocate position her to assist in the task of awareness and education, for both healthcare providers and the community.

About Karen Metz

Throughout her 30-year healthcare career, Karen has held responsibility for leading both small and large hospitals. Karen currently owns a health consulting agency and most recently served as CEO of 479-bed Physicians Regional Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, a Master of Science Degree from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama, and an MBA from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

Karen is married to Dr. William Kevin Bailey and resides in Knoxville, Tennessee, where Dr. Bailey has practiced Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Pain Management for 30 years.