DEREK FORFANG has been a Type 1 diabetic since age 10 and an ESRD patient since 1999 utilizing various treatment modalities including transplantation, peritoneal dialysis and in-center hemodialysis. He is the Chair of the National Forum of ESRD Network’s Kidney Patient Advisory Council (KPAC) and Member on the Forum’s Board of Directors. He is the Chair of HSAG ESRD Network #17’s Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) and Chair of the Network #17 Board of Directors. He serves as Chair of the National Kidney Foundation’s (NKF) Kidney Advocacy Committee (KAC) and on the NKF Public Policy Committee. He also leads a Fluid Management Innovation project with the Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) and Co-leads the Goal-Directed Dialysis Care Project with the University of North Carolina’s Kidney Center.

MAGGIE CAREY is Immediate Past-Chair of the Forum’s Beneficiary Advisory Council, Chair of Network 11’s Patient Advisory Committee and has served on Network 11’s Executive Committee and Medical Review Committee. She has also served as a Peer Resource Consultant Trainer. Ms. Carey is the 2nd of four family generations with polycystic kidney disease which has led to her interest in Depression in ESRD and advocating for patients who cannot do so for themselves. She will soon celebrate 21 years with a functioning kidney transplant.

LISA GARNER is a kidney transplant patient from Conway, AR and is a financial and marketing professional and Mortgage Loan Officer on the Bancorp South corporate team. Her skills include financial planning, marketing and development. Lisa is an Ambassador for the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) and active with awareness efforts for AAKP, the PKD Foundation and the Alport Syndrome Foundation. Lisa is the former Vice President of the Conway AK Health and Rehabilitation Board, former Director of Programs and Development for the American Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the former Director of Development for an Arkansas non-profit aiding those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a Member of the School Board and Marketing Committee for St. Joseph School. She is the past president and a member of the Conway Rotary Club, a member of the Conway Noon Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the FCLI Faulkner County Leadership. She has served previous appointments on AAKP’s Board of Directors since 2013 and is the Co-Chair of the AAKP Program and Development Committee.

CURTIS WARFIELD: Curtis’ journey with kidney disease started in 2005 when a routine checkup found protein in his urine. After 6 months of treatment he was given the “all clear” but was warned it could develop into something worse someday. In 2013 he was diagnosed with Stage 3 CKD disease due to FSGS and by December 2014 he started peritoneal dialysis. In June 2015 his daughter was tested to be a living donor, but was not a suitable match. His daughter’s roommate and college sorority sister decided to get tested in October of 2015, “just because” she wanted to help someone. After completing her test, she turned out to be a perfect match. On Jan 8, 2016 Curtis received a new kidney. In May of 2016 his donor graduated with her Master’s Degree in Public Health. Since being given the gift of life Curtis has become very passionate in advocating for CKD awareness and organ donation and supporting those affected by kidney disease. He has participates in the Indianapolis National Kidney Foundation Walk each year, is an active member of NKF’s Kidney Advocacy Committee and an NKF Peer mentor. He also is an Ambassador for UNOS and AAKP and volunteers for the Indiana Donor Network.