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## **Washington Research Foundation Adds New Board Members**

***Health care executive Jacqueline Brainard and foundation veteran Sue Coliton will deepen WRF's efforts in bringing statewide innovations to the public***

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Washington Research Foundation (WRF) today announced the appointment of two new board members.

Jacqueline Brainard is the vice president of operations and a compliance officer at Seattle-based First Choice Health. Prior to that, she was a vice president for CNO Financial Group and held senior leadership positions at BCS Financial Corporation, Medica and RWM Management Co., among others. In addition to her role with WRF, Brainard is a board trustee with Childhaven and was a founding board member of the Third Party Administrators Association of America, an affiliate of the American Association of Payers, Administrators and Networks.

Brainard has a bachelor's in accounting from Minnesota State University, an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and a J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law. She completed the University of Washington Foster School of Business Executive Development Program (EDP) alongside WRF's CEO, Ron Howell.

As a partner with Luma Consulting, Sue Coliton advises foundations and other nonprofits on ways to deepen their impact in the communities they serve. Before joining Luma, Coliton spent 15 years leading philanthropic programs at the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and held management positions with national philanthropic organizations including Nonprofit Finance Fund, Gap Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Coliton serves on the boards of the Washington State Arts Commission and the Life Sciences Community Advisory Board at the University of Washington.

Coliton received a bachelor's in art history from St. Mary's College and a master's in liberal arts from Johns Hopkins University. She completed the Executive Program for Philanthropy Leaders at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

"Appointing Sue and Jacqueline to our board is a big step in ramping up our mission of supporting research and scholarship in Washington state," said WRF's CEO, Ron Howell. "I've known Jacqueline since the UW EDP program a few years ago and Sue was highly recommended to us by a former WRF board member. Sue's philanthropic expertise and Jacqueline's financial acumen will enable them to be instrumental in helping us have the largest possible impact with our gift and investment programs."

### **About Washington Research Foundation**

Washington Research Foundation was formed in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington state with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is recognized as one of the foremost technology transfer organizations in the nation and has returned nearly \$500 million to the state's research institutions through gifts and licensing disbursements.

WRF Capital, the Foundation's venture investment arm, has invested more than \$80 million in 68 local life sciences, physical sciences and information sciences startups. Proceeds support WRF's gift program.

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