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Maher New Health CEO

The Native American Youth and Family Center's Nichole Maher has won a new job – president and CEO of the Northwest Health Foundation.

Health foundation spokesman Chris Palmedo says Maher wowed the hiring committee, which conducted a national search for the position.

"And they believed that Nicole was the best candidate for the job." He said.

"She has a record of achieving and she also brings a lot of perspectives to the role," Palmedo said. "She represents racial and ethnic diversity, and generational diversity, frankly."

Maher takes over from Thomas Aschenbrener, who is retiring. Palmedo says she is expected to leave NAYA and start her new duties at the NHF in August.

"Nichole has a broad view of what health means and what a healthy community can look like. She also has a very impressive 11-year record of leadership success. She will be a great force for



Nichole Maher

Maher, 33, has led the NAYA Family Center for 11 years

positive change in our region," said Northwest Health Foundation Board Chair Tina Castañares, in a statement.

Maher, 33, has led the NAYA Family Center from a bootstrap social services provider with a \$200,000 annual budget to "a wrap-around community service organization offering culturally specific education programs, a fully accredited high school, financial literacy and micro enterprise development, social services, domestic violence prevention and response programs, housing, and comprehensive poverty reduction programs" with a \$10 million budget, as Palmedo detailed in a glowing announcement.

A 2007 Willamette Week article, "Done Deal," listed Maher as one of 12 Portlanders who could potentially run for mayor against Sam Adams and win.

Maher has served on the board of directors of Northwest Health Foundation, Planned Parenthood, Portland Parks and Recreation, National Urban Indian Family Coalition and the Oregon Education Investment Board.



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