

Meet **Morgan Bell** from Lawrence KABC board member since 2018



"1. I first became involved with KABC as a social work intern while getting my master's degree. I immediately fell in love with not only the work done by the agency employees, but also the strong commitment to the agency by the board of directors. I continued as a volunteer with KABC after finishing my internship, but quickly decided to serve on the board to lend my voice and passion to the cause.

2. My vision for KABC's future and long-term care in Kansas remains unchanged as I continue in my role as a social worker, as well as my role as support to friends and family navigating the complex system for care. I envision KABC expanding on the support currently provided through advocacy and careful attention to concerns of older Kansans and their families."

Morgan has almost 30 years of informal and formal involvement with older adults. As a young girl, she volunteered at the nursing facility where her maternal grandmother worked (and later lived). This and the positive experience of hospice care for her maternal grandfather led to a desire to work with older adults. It wasn't until an abysmal experience many years later with her paternal grandfather in a nursing facility that she realized "bad" nursing homes weren't just a thing of the past or an over-exaggeration in film and media.

Morgan is a lifetime Kansan, originally from Garden City. Morgan received her Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services and Gerontology degrees from Kansas State University. She received her Master of Social Work with a concentration in advocacy and administration from the University of Kansas. She worked as a palliative care case manager at Stormont Vail in Topeka. She now works as a Research Program Coordinator for Center for Public Partnerships and Research at the University of Kansas, where she primarily works on a project that provides continuing education to family support professionals. Morgan lives in Lawrence with her husband, Chris, and their goofy dog, Caboose.