TDC Board Member Bio – Nalo Johnson, PhD

Originally from Des Moines, Dr. Nalo Johnson has spent her career as a public health professional, supporting community health efforts at both state and local levels. Prior to joining Mid-Iowa Health Foundation in November 2021 as its President & CEO, Nalo was the Division Director for Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention at the Iowa Department of Public Health where she oversaw a broad range of programming including maternal and child health, nutrition and physical activity, chronic disease prevention and management, disability and wellness, injury prevention, and oral health. A proponent of the community wealth model, Dr. Johnson brings together public, private, non-profit and philanthropic sectors to understand and adopt data-driven, community-informed solutions to impact policy and program decisions. Dr. Johnson received her PhD in American Studies from the University of Minnesota and her BA in American Studies & Political Science from Williams College in Massachusetts.